

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Established 1920



December 28, 2025

St Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 28, 9:15 a.m.

**Feast of the Holy Family,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

For the soul (†) of Roger Sheehan
requested by the Sheehan family

Wednesday, December 31, 5:30 p.m.

**Vigil Mass for the
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation**

For the soul (†) of Rev. George Majka
requested by St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, January 4, 9:15 a.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord

For the souls (†) of
Czeslawa & Franciszek Dlugosziewicz
requested by their daughters

**Today's 2nd Collection is for
Church Maintenance**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025	73 Souls
Offertory	\$1,149.00
Priest's Retirement	\$326.36
Christmas Flowers	\$85.00
Votive Candles	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
12-14-25 TOTAL AT MASS	\$1,580.36
PARISH GIVING ONLINE	
Offertory	\$183.57
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$99.23
TOTAL ONLINE	\$282.80
TOTAL AT MASS & ONLINE	\$1,863.16



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal:
Future of Our Faith II,
Jesus, I trust in You



Thanks to the generosity of 24 parish families and the refund of \$1,000 raised over our 2024 goal, we have now raised \$5,806.00 with a pledge of an additional \$20 for a total of **\$5,826.00**. This represents **64%** of our goal.

Because this year's goal of **\$9,116.00** has not been raised, the balance of **\$3,290.00** was paid from Parish savings.

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

January 4: No 2nd Collection

January 11: Fuel

January 18: No 2nd Collection

January 25: Church Maintenance

GRAND ANNUAL FUND

October 2025 - 2026 \$2,620.00

We thank the donors who have contributed to this year's Fund since October 1, 2024.

PLEASE MAKE SURE

all checks are correctly written.

Check the date, the amount of the check (both words and numerals) and that it is signed.

Thank you!

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation**



St. Joseph Church
Wednesday, December 31
(New Year's Eve)
5:30pm

St. Mary Church
Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
9:00 am

The Sanctuary Lamp burns 24/7 near the tabernacle in all Catholic Churches in honor of the True Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is lit today in memory of **Joseph Januszewski** requested by his family.



Mass and Sanctuary Lamp Intentions are available for 2026

and may be scheduled in the Church Hall after Sunday Mass.

Mass stipend for Priest: \$10

Suggested donation for Candle Intentions: \$10.00.



We Thank Everyone
who contributed to our
Christmas Flower Fund.

Feast Days and Memorials

Dec 28: Feast of the Holy Family

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

NOTE:

The Feast of the Holy Innocents, traditionally celebrated on December 28, remembers the infants who were killed at the order of King Herod. In his attempt to find and destroy Jesus, he instead ended the lives of thousands of infant boys. By their deaths, these Innocents saved Jesus from death. Although the Feast is not on the Church calendar this year, prayers are asked for young children who have perished by abortion, starvation, and war.

Dec. 29: St Thomas Becket, Bishop, 1118-1170, Martyr

As Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Becket defended the freedoms and rights of the Church, and was killed on the orders of Henry II. He was canonized only three years after his death and is considered the most famous martyr of the Middle Ages.

Dec. 31: St. Sylvester I, Pope, Late 3rd Century–335

Patron of animals, harvests, and stone masons

Saint Sylvester I was the first pope to rule Rome during the Church's liberty, which was guaranteed by the Edict of Milan in 313. He was the first pope to serve with the legal support of the emperor, and served for 21 years, from 314 until his death in 335. He is believed to have been born in Rome to Christian parents, and was ordained a priest in Rome. Medieval legends say that Sylvester miraculously cured Emperor Constantine of leprosy and influenced Constantine's conversion to Christianity. New Year's Eve is called "Sylvester" in many countries in honor of this saint's feast day.

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

The word "Solemnity" is used for days in the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar that are of the highest rank - higher than feast days or memorials. A Solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine.

January 2: St Basil the Great, 330-379 and

St. Gregory Nazienzen, 325-389, Doctors of the Church

Patrons of hospital administrators

These saints were two of the giants of the early Church who were influential in the development of the theology of that time. They were well educated statesmen, men of great personal holiness, and among the great speakers of Christianity.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 28, 2025 - Jan. 3, 2026

Sunday: Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3: 12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Monday 1Jn 2: 3-1; 1 Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2: 22-35

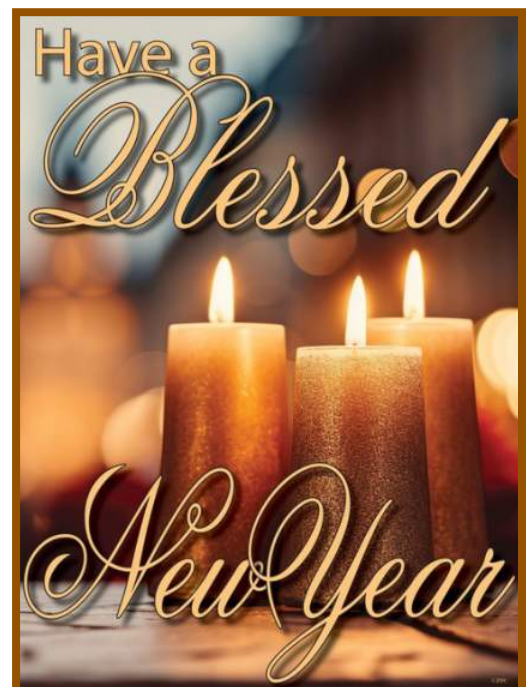
Tuesday 1Jn 2: 12-17; Ps 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2: 36-40

Wednesday: 1Jn 2 :18-21; Ps 96 :1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1: 1-18

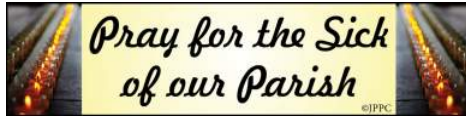
Thursday: Nm 6: 22-2; 7 Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

Friday: 1Jn 2: 22-28; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1: 19-28

Saturday 1Jn 2: 29-3:6; Ps 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1: 29-34



Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting
Monday January 5th 7:00 pm
St. Joseph's Parish Hall



Fr. John Loughnane	Samuel Januszewski
Mark Baril	Tina Lange
Ashley Booher	Carol Logan
Brooke	The Lord family
Jean Brown	Matt
John Casey	Michael
Elissa Coburn	Karen Ouellette
April Colle	Linda Patch
Chris Currier	Brenda Ruest
Eva Jane Demers	Janet Ruest
Jean Drena	Nancy Ruest
Emma	Paul Ruest
Frank Fahey	Sonya Sheehan
Betty Gierko	Joan Silver
Carol Girard	Bob St. Aubin
Isabella Gowell	Darlene St. Aubin
Gianna Gregorutti	Barbara Trask
Stephen Grogan	Janice Vilgats
Betty Hayward	Daniel Walsh
Deborah Hemingway	Joshua White
Christine Hunter	Lawrence Woodward
Annette Lambert Huntington	

To add a name to our Prayer List, please ask the person's permission first, then call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454 or email stjosephsclaremont@gmail.com

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marta Brigida Gaska, beloved sister of Alicja Millette.



Roman Catholic Homebound Ministry



Homebound visits:

2nd Monday of every month

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit from Father Sebastian, call Steve Denis at 603-558-5209..

Father is assisted by one of the Lay Ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

The Traveling Statue of Mary Program

is a program of the New Hampshire State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Parishioners of St. Joseph and St Mary Churches are encouraged to welcome the statue into their home for a week or two and gather family, friends or neighbors to pray the rosary together. Pamphlets and blessed rosaries are provided.

Call Steve Denis at 603-558-5209

Diocesan Vocation Awareness

“He gave power to become children of God.”

If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office.

(603) 663-0196 smartel@rcbm.org

New Hampshire MARCH for LIFE

January 10, 2026

9 AM - MEMORIAL SERVICE
77 Old Turnpike Road, Concord, NH

10 AM - MASS
Christ the King Church (72 South Main Street, Concord)

12 PM - RALLY & MARCH
State House (107 N Main St, Concord, NH 03301)

1 PM - RECEPTION
Christ the King Parish Hall

Hosted by:
New Hampshire Right to Life

For all event details, scan the code.

will see you there!

MarchForLife.org/NewHampshire

NH Right to Life
March for Life

9 AM - Service @ Concord landfill (77 Old Turnpike Road)

10 AM - Pro-Life Catholic Mass @ Christ The King Church (72 S. Main Street)

11 AM - Walk up to State Capital Building (107 N. Main Street)

11:30 AM - Assemble in front of State Capital Building steps

12 Noon - Peaceful rally with Pro-Life speakers:
State Senator Regina Birdsall,
Jessica Power - Students For Life of America
Jacinta Swope - Students For Life of Thomas More College
Dick Kiernan - Knights of Columbus & NH Alliance

12:30 PM - March down Main Street sidewalk led by KOC Honor Guard back to Christ The King Church parish hall.

1:00 PM - Soup/hot beverages followed by speakers in parish hall, especially:

Jessica Keating - Vita Institute and Program Director for Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity

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**Hymns for
the Feast of the Holy Family**

Entrance Hymn: No. 219
"Angel's, from the
Realms of Glory"

Gloria No. 161 (Latin)

Offertory Hymn: No. 417
"Sing of Mary, Meek and Lowly"

Communion: Choir

Recessional Hymn: No.203
"Joy to the World"



CHOIR REHEARSAL

Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026
1:00pm

All are welcome to Join!

**MASS READINGS
ABC/493**

Memorial Acclamation
"We proclaim
your death, O Lord, and
profess your resurrection
until you come again."

CONFESSIONS

St. Mary Church
Friday 9:30 am
Saturday
3:00 to 3:45 pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Novus annus!
Latin

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!
Polish

Bonne Année!
French

Buon anno!
Italian

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!
Spanish

Feliz Ano Novo
Portuguese

athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh!
Irish

Hyvää uutta vuotta!
Finnish

Eftikhisméno to néo étos!
Greek

Šťastný nový rok!
Czech

Un An Nou Fericit!
Romanian

Frohes Neues Jahr!
German

Akemashite omedetō!
Japanese

Xīnnián kuàilè!
Chinese

saehae bog manh-i bad-euseyo!
Korean

S nóvym godom!
Russian

Godt nytår!
Danish

Gott nytt år!
Swedish/Norwegian

Sretna Nova godina!
Croatian

blwyddyn newydd dda !
Welsh

Shubh Naya Saal
India

boldog új évét
Hungarian

Selamat Tahun Baru!
Indonesian

Manigong Bagong Taon!
Filipino

heri ya mwaka mpya
Swahili

Kia hari te tau hou!
Maori

Wewelis ni wikwam!
Abenaki

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!
Hawaiian

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

The Jan 4 bulletin has already gone to the printer.

**Please send information by
5pm Tues. Jan. 6. for Jan 11.**
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or call Sharon Wood at 603-542-6454

Current and past bulletins may be seen online at
[https://www.jpcc.net/onlinebulletins/
9021template.pdf](https://www.jpcc.net/onlinebulletins/9021template.pdf)



Winter Weather Cancellations

If it becomes necessary to cancel the Wednesday afternoon Mass, choir rehearsal, or other church events because of the weather, we will again post the cancellation on the WMUR-TV notification system. Please check their website or on-air broadcast for our listing.

If you use email and would like to be placed on the Parish email list to receive timely updates to our church schedule, please send us an email.
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SAFETY AND SECURITY

Please remember to lock your car doors when attending any event in the church. Once Mass begins on Sunday morning, the side door of the church facing the rectory will be locked. The front door will remain unlocked for any late arrivals. An usher will be inside the church to assist you.

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pray for us!




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