



SS. Isidore and Maria Parish

GLASTONBURY, CONNECTICUT

November 27, 2022

Inspiration for the Week

by Rev. Mark Suslenko

Whether it is the surgeon operating or the pilot directing a flight, one expects them to be alert. When we entrust our lives to someone, we presume they will attend to these tasks with the utmost care and vigilance. If we have this expectation of others, why would we not have it of ourselves? Our lives are precious vessels on an eternal journey. We can only stay afloat and on the course because of God's love and mercy. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. God's Word transforms all that it touches, even a lukewarm heart. Let us seek God's grace this Advent season so we can walk more fully in His light. Then, finding ourselves more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful, we will be eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when He comes. Why would we not want to be ready, awake, and attentive for the One we have waited for so long?



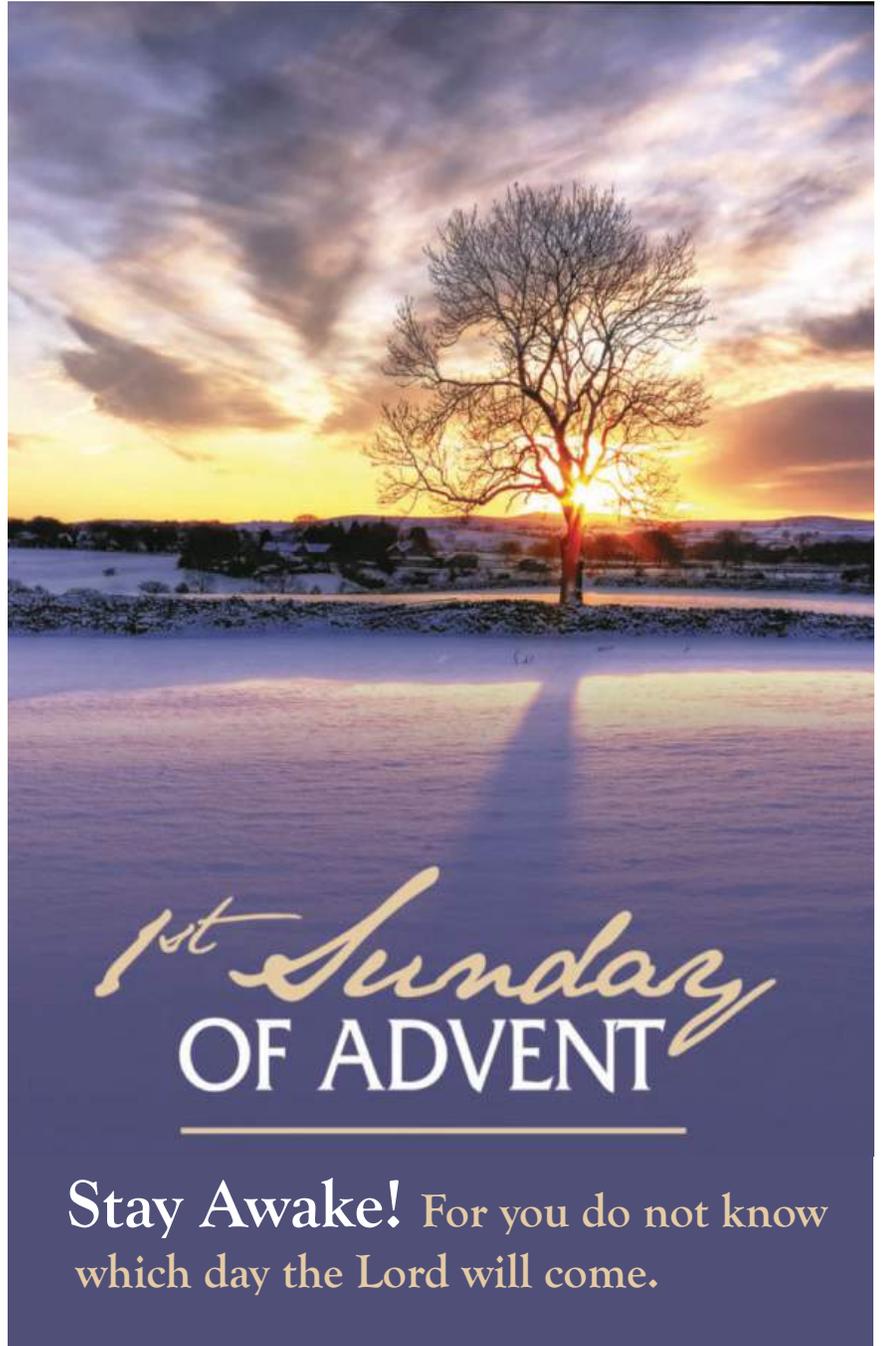
We are asking for monetary donations supporting people in need at the following agencies:

St. Joseph Residence, The Herbert T. Clark House, Gilmore Manor, The House of Bread, My Sister's Place, St. Elizabeth House and ImmaCare Homeless Shelter. Donation envelopes are available at the entrance/exit of the church. Please return your donation envelope in the offertory kiosks at the church entrance, or mail your donation to the Parish Office noting the Advent Giving Program, by **Sunday, Dec 4**, making checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Thank you for your generosity.



A Coffee And . . .

Faith Formation families from Grade 10 invite the parish community to stop by "Coffee And..." this Sun. (Nov. 27) immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 10:30 a.m.) in the church library (downstairs). All are welcome! Please come to meet fellow parishioners and connect with old friends.



"O Mother of our Advent, be with us and see to it that He will remain with us in this difficult Advent of the struggles for truth and hope, for justice and peace: He, alone, Emmanuel."

~ St. John Paul II



Collections and Parish Finance

We are grateful for your generous support of our Sacrificial Giving Program.



Report for the week of 11/13/2022:

Weekly collection: \$ 8,769.35
Online Giving: \$ 2,260.00
Total: \$ 11,029.85

Annual Parish Collection: \$ 91,818.00

Annual Chancery Assessment for 2022: \$94,171.00

For a more detailed report please visit our website under the **ABOUT** tab. The monthly accountability reports can be found in the Financial Accountability folder.

Check donations should be payable to: **Saints Isidore and Maria**. For online giving, go to our website and click on the **DONATE** tab. Thank you.



2022 Parish Collection Continues

The 2022 Parish Annual Collection remains open for your donation.

A letter from Father Mark about this collection has been sent to homes of all parishioners. Make your donation by scanning this

QR code or by sending your check to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury, CT 06033. Please make checks payable to SS. Isidore and Maria Parish. Thank you for your kind consideration.



Photo/Video Gallery: David Kauffman - God is Love

More than 120 people turned out on Fri. Nov. 18 at St. Paul Church for an evening of music and reflection with nationally recognized Catholic musician, composer, and recording artist David Kauffman. Enjoy video

excerpts and photos from the concert at ["isidoreandmaria.org/kauffman2022"](https://www.isidoreandmaria.org/kauffman2022)



Faith Formation Sessions for the week of Nov. 27

Monday, November 28:

Grades 7 & 8 - South Wing (5 p.m.- 6 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 29:

Grades 7 & 8 - South Wing (6 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

Children in grades 7&8 have the option of attending either the Monday session or the Tuesday session.



Dec. 12: A Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites the community to take part in a Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Mon., Dec. 12 at 6:15 p.m.

This evening of traditional prayer and music is being held at St. Paul Church, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury, and coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to take time from the busy holiday season and prepare our minds and hearts for Christmas.

No registration is required. If you have additional questions, please call the parish office at 860-633-9419.



Dec. 11: Music for Christmas with the New England Chamber Choir

On Sun., Dec. 11 at 4 p.m., SS. Isidore and Maria Parish welcomes the New England Chamber Choir (NECC) and Instrumental Ensemble under the direction of Richard Wm. Donohue to St. Paul Church for a program of "Music for Christmas."

Masks are required. A free-will offering will be collected.

CCHD - Helping People Help Themselves



Our special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development continues through Nov. 27. Please remember that this collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>.

Thank You to our sponsors

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Our Sponsor Spotlight this week is:
Glastonbury Hills Country Club

Holiday Bulletin Announcement Deadlines

Notices for Dec. 11, and Dec. 18 must be received by **Nov. 23, 2022.**

Notices for Dec. 25 must be received by **Dec. 9, 2022.**



We can embrace and relish each moment of our lives as a sacred sacrament or nonchalantly and robotically attend to what life presents. We have our feet in two worlds. One is holy and sacred,

and the other is profane and secular. Which one has the greater claim on us? To what do we devote most of our energy? We can easily be consumed with the particular demands and essentials of daily life: family, work, obligations, and the like, and we don't notice anything more than what is right before us. We become masters at "doing" and neglect our need to "savor." Jesus reminds his friends that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away."

While certain things require our daily attention, we cannot become so consumed with them that we fail to see the larger picture of what is coming. For Christians, Advent is the time to pause, reflect, and savor. It is a time to see life as a sacrament of the moment and not just an investment in secular interests, pleasures, and personal obligations. It is easy to get distracted, lazy, preoccupied, and tired. Apathy can quickly wreak havoc on the most dedicated of souls. Whatever we can do this Advent season to be more attentive, focused, alert, and watchful will serve us well. It will make us eager and well-prepared to meet our Lord when he comes. He will undoubtedly come. Who made me? What is my purpose? What will happen to me when I die? These are pivotal questions that, in life's busyness, we hardly find time to ask and answer. They define who we are, and the answers we provide serve as guideposts and anchors in the seas of our lives. Advent is the perfect time to make friends with our souls. It is a time to perk ourselves up, open our eyes, ears, and hearts and seek God's presence in the simple moments of our lives. God is with us. Ask God to grant you a deeper appreciation for His presence and the gift of attentiveness.

~ Rev. Mark Suslenko



ImmaCare Inc.

ImmaCare Christmas Collection

For the Christmas season, we would like to make a very large donation of items to ImmaCare's **Outreach Program**, which provides meals to unhoused persons living on the street. Let's fill their van to the brim for our next pick-up on **Thurs., Dec. 2**. Please visit the parish website for a list of items that are needed: isidoreandmaria.org/immacare.

Drop off points are available at both St. Paul Church and St. Augustine Church. Thank you all for your efforts in assisting those in need during this Christmas season! In addition, if you have any questions, please contact **Marisa Howard** - howarrs@cox.net or 860.633.0408.



**Oct. 14, 2023:
A Day of Recollection
with Father Mark**

Registration begins on Mon. Nov. 28 to join Father Mark's Day of Recollection on

Sat., Oct. 14, 2023, taking place at Enders Island, the scenic Catholic retreat house in Mystic, CT. Mass will be celebrated, and Father Mark will give several inspiring talks based on the wisdom of well-known Catholic spiritual masters. While we are there as a community, this is an opportunity for personal reflection and private prayer. There will be no group sharing. The cost is \$75, including bus transportation, snacks, hot lunch, and use of the Enders Island facility. *Registration is limited to 60 people.* To register, visit isidoreandmaria.org/endersisland2023, or call 860-633-9419.

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Sat., Dec. 24

- 4 p.m. Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass *(with live stream)*
- 6 p.m. Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass *(with live stream and post-Mass communion opportunities)*
- *10 p.m. Nativity of the Lord *(with live stream)*

***9:30 p.m.** Please join us before the Christmas Eve Mass for a Christmas Concert and Carol sing-along presented by our SS Isidore and Maria Gallery Choir and guests.

Christmas Day: Sun., Dec. 25

10 a.m. *(no live stream)*

Please note: There is no morning Mass on Mon. 12/26.

Sat., Dec. 31

- 4 p.m. Vigil Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God *(with live stream)*

Sun., Jan 1

- 8 a.m. Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God *(with Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. vigil)*
- 9:30 a.m. Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God *(with Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. vigil)*
- 11:15 a.m. Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God *(with live stream)*



Liturgical Schedule and Intentions

November 27, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, Nov. 26 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Frances and Nicholas DeGemmis <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
Sunday, Nov. 27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Dios Dada (3rd Anniv.) Danny Coyle Henry Schecher <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family Kevin Coyle His Wife
Monday, Nov. 28 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	Ryan McRee	Elaine Henry
Tuesday, Nov. 29 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m. 7 p.m.	Angelo and Minnie Barresi Rosary (St. Augustine Church)	Fran Juda
Wednesday, Nov. 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	7:30 a.m.	John Dzialo	Dzialo Family
Thursday, Dec. 1 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	7:30 a.m.	No Mass	
First Friday, Dec. 2 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	12:15 p.m. After Mass until 2 p.m.	Marjorie and Frederick Barber Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Family
Saturday, Dec. 3 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	2:30 p.m. 4 p.m.	Reconciliation (Confession) Nina Pagughi and Laura Sapia <i>Live Stream at 4 p.m.</i>	Family
Sunday, Dec. 4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	*8 a.m. *9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	D. Joon Yoo Catherine Barrera (8th Anniv.) Parishioners of SS Isidore and Maria <i>Live Stream at 11:15 a.m.</i>	Family Abramoske Family

“Let us
Rejoice
in the
house
of the
Lord”

(Ps 122)



*Rebroadcast of 4 p.m. Vigil Mass



Tim Blomstrom
Susan Bowhall
Bob Caisse
Diane Varni Caisse
Sandra Cavanna
Thomas Cavanna
Kathy Cerne
Ashley Chapman
Donna Chapman
Keith Chapman

Gerald Delany
Patricia Feeney
Richard Giguere
Ernesto Guardia
Dan Hebert
Keith Henson
Julia Krawiec
Lucienne Marinelli
Gilbert Morin
Roger Morin

Gil Morin
Jack Murphy
Clara O'Brien
Jacob Rivera
Jaxson Rivera
Lilly Sinnamon
Frank Schultz
Doreen Thurz
John Thurz
Roger Yost

To add a prayer intention, please contact our parish office and their name will be listed for ONE month. We cannot publish names of friends. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are offering a Mass Intention and you and your loved ones would like to bring up the gifts, please see the greeters prior to the start of Mass. One of them will be happy to assist you.

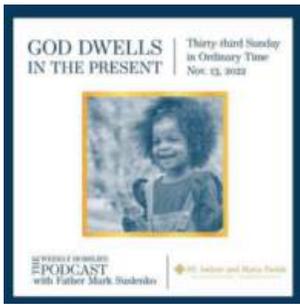
Altar Flower Offerings

Nov. 26, 2022 - Dec. 3, 2022

In loving memory of

Anthony Pagliughi requested by the Cassarelli Family





PODCAST:
God Dwells in the Present

As human beings, we often become obsessed with - and can easily become controlled by - the concept of time. Do we have enough? Do we need more? How am I going to complete what needs doing today? The minutiae

of yesterday and today, coupled with worries about tomorrow, can cause us to wonder where God - the author of time - exists in the midst of our lives.

Father Mark reflects on the human perception of time and precisely where God can be experienced in our lives each and every day - if we take the time to stop, look, and listen. Find Father Mark's latest podcast at: isidore.doreandmaria.org/podcasts



I Am Here: Mikayla's Story

"I never again complained about going to church on Sunday." ~ Mikayla Kolbe

People like you share their personal stories of transformation by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Visit iamhere.org to share your personal story of transformation through the Eucharist.

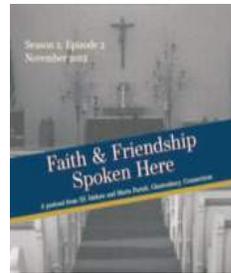
Dec. 5: Grief and the Holidays workshop

Have you recently lost a loved one? Are you wondering how you'll navigate the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's without that special someone, especially for the first time?

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish invites you to join us for a virtual workshop on "Grief and the Holidays." It is being held as a Zoom presentation on Mon., Dec. 5 at 7 p.m, featuring certified grief counselor Laura Zeppieri from Facets Counseling. In this workshop, you'll have an opportunity to consider:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for navigating social events
- And more

Participation is free. All are welcome. RSVPs are required, To RSVP, call the parish office at 860-633-9419, or contact@isidoreandmaria.org



PODCAST:
Faith and Friendship Spoken Here - The Gift of Prayer

Season Two, Episode Two of our "Faith and Friendship Spoken Here" podcast talks about the gift of prayer, including the realization that we can talk to God as a friend. Join hosts Laura and Michelle and listen at isidoreandmaria.org/podcasts.

The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord. ~ *Henri Nouwen*

WEEKLY PRAYER

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUN	11/27/22	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
MON	11/28/22	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11
TUE	11/29/22	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24
WED	11/30/22	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
THR	12/1/22	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRI	12/2/22	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
SAT	12/3/22	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUN	12/4/22	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-1

Pray for Those Who Are Serving

God, keep special watch over these men and women serving in the Navy, National Guard, Army, Marine Corps., Air Force, Coast Guard and keep them safe:

Tammy Breiner	Samuel David Hovanec
Oliver Cary	Peter Kamianowski
Charles Edward	Samuel MacDonald
Celia Fajardo	Alexis Maher
Brandon Farrell	Michael Scott Mullin
Chris Gibb	John W. Murphy
Michael Hitzer	Jack M. Zaremba

Do you know someone who is currently on active duty with the U. S. Armed Forces for whom our community prayers would bring comfort, please email the person's name, rank and military branch to: contact@isidoreandmaria.org, or call the parish office at 860-633-9419.



Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world. (Lk 21:34-36).

Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

This Day in History — Black Friday



Black Friday is a colloquial term for the Friday after Thanksgiving in the United States. It traditionally marks the start of the Christmas shopping season in the United States. Many stores offer highly

promoted sales at discounted prices and often open early, sometimes as early as midnight[2] or even on Thanksgiving. Some stores' sales continue to Monday ("Cyber Monday") or for a week ("Cyber Week").



Hey Oliver, wake up! We are going shopping for Dad's Christmas present. Hurry up! The lines at the fish market have started already!



Harry & Oliver's Corner

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Friday_\(shopping\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Friday_(shopping))

SS. Isidore and Maria Parish Directory

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Weekend Masses

St. Paul Church
Sat. Vigil: 4 p.m.
Sun.: 8 a.m.
Sun.: 9:30 a.m.
Sun.: 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass

St. Paul Church
Mon., Tues., Wed.: 7:30 a.m.
Fri.: 12:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions at St. Paul Church
Sat. 2:30 p.m.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Fri. following the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass (approximately 12:45 p.m.) at St. Paul Church. It concludes at 2 p.m.

Rosary

Pray the Rosary each Tues. evening at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine Church.

Live streaming of weekend Masses

St. Paul Church
Sat. at 4 p.m. and Sun. at 11:15 a.m., with rebroadcasts of the 4 p.m. Vigil streamed at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please visit our Facebook page, YouTube channel or the parish website to worship remotely.

How to Report an Incident of Sexual Abuse to the Archdiocese of Hartford

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
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