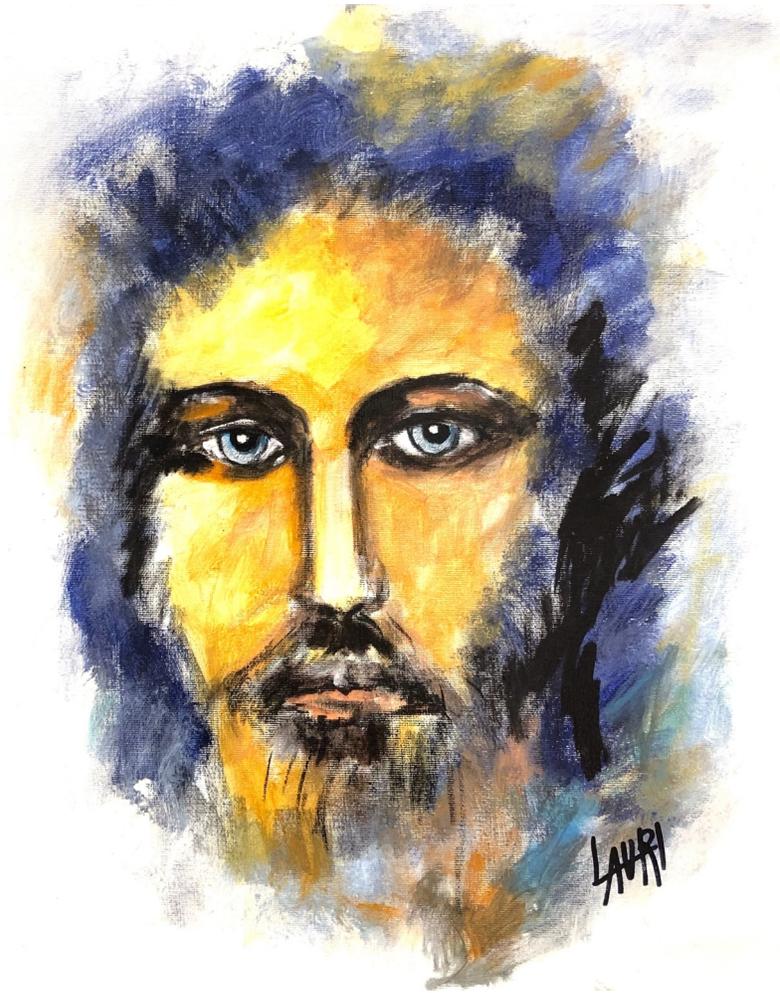


# The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

---

Live the Gospel. Share God's Love. Rebuild the Church.  
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe · November 24, 2019



## CHRIST'S KINGDOM OF LOVE

BY POPE FRANCIS

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE — PAGE 3

---

The Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport  
United in Prayer, Fellowship, and Service

74 Pleasant Street · Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930  
Phone: 978-281-4820 · Email: [office@ccgronline.com](mailto:office@ccgronline.com) · Website: [ccgronline.com](http://ccgronline.com)  
Cover Art: "Christ" by Sabrina Lauri

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

### Advent & Christmas Concert

AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRADITION  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 2:00PM - SAINT ANN CHURCH

All parishioners, friends, and guests of Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish are invited to join Tom Misuraca, Lucy Pallazola, Patricia Natti, and our Adult & Youth Music Ministries for our Fifteenth Annual Advent & Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8th at 2:00pm in Saint Ann Church. As always, this year's musical selections have been carefully chosen to help prepare our hearts to celebrate more faithfully the Holy Season of Advent and the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas. For more information about this beautiful holiday tradition in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Tom Misuraca, Associate Minister of Music, at 978-281-4820 or [tmisuraca@ccgronline.com](mailto:tmisuraca@ccgronline.com). Please join us as we share the gift of sacred music during the upcoming holiday season! Spread the good news! Bring your families and friends! All are invited! All are welcome!

### Advent Mission & Retreat Punching Holes in the Darkness

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH THROUGH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH  
BEGINS WITH MASS AT 7:00PM - OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE CHURCH

Especially at this time of year, darkness is all around us. The sun sets early. Nights are long. Too many days seem bleak and gloomy. And in the world around us, darkness abounds. Divisions are deep. Too many people suffer. Too many people seem ambivalent and cynical. Too many people seem hunkered down, hoping beyond hope that the darkness will pass away all by itself.

Father Jim and Cliff recently read a little book called "Punching Holes in the Darkness" by Robert Benson, a Christian author and retreat leader. He writes: "Where there is darkness, we are to raise our fists and punch holes in it – as hard as we can, as often as we can. The size of the hole does not matter, the fact of it is what counts more than everything." Benson means that each one of us, inspired by the Holy Spirit, can transcend darkness and bring the Light of Christ into our world with every thought, word, and deed. By punching holes in the darkness, we bring brightness back into our world and our good works will shine like stars!

In this spirit, all parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us for our "Advent Mission & Retreat: Punching Holes in the Darkness" from Wednesday, December 11th through Friday, December 13th beginning with Mass at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. Each evening will also feature a reflection, followed by comments, questions, and faith sharing. Although we will not read all of Robert Benson's book, copies will be available for purchase. For more information, please contact Cliff Garvey at 978-281-4820 or [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com). Please join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend! All are invited! All are welcome!

## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

# Christ's Kingdom of Love

BY POPE FRANCIS

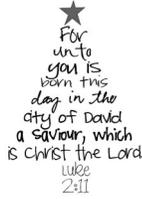
Dear Brothers and Sisters! Greetings! The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which we celebrate today, is placed at the end of the liturgical year and recalls that the life of creation does not proceed by chance. Rather, it proceeds to a final end: the final manifestation of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all history and the Lord of all creation. The conclusion of history will be his eternal sign. The scriptures tell us about the Kingdom of Christ and the Kingship of Christ; recounting the humiliating situation in which Jesus finds himself after being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane: bound, insulted, accused, and led before the authorities in Jerusalem. Jesus is presented to the Roman Procurator as someone seeking political power, seeking to become the King of the Jews. Pilate carries out his investigation with a dramatic interrogation. Pilate asks him twice if he is a king. At first, Jesus answers that his kingdom is not of this world. Then Jesus affirms: "You say that I am a king (John 18:37)."

It is evident from his life that Jesus does not have political ambitions. We recall that after the multiplication of the loaves, the people, excited by the miracle, want to proclaim him their king, overturn the Roman power, and reestablish the Kingdom of Israel. For Jesus, however, the kingdom is something else – certainly not brought about by revolt, violence, and force of arms. Therefore, Jesus retreats to the hillside in order to pray by himself. In answering Pilate, Jesus prompts him to notice that the disciples do not fight to defend him. He says: "If my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I might not be handed over to the Jews (John 18:36)."

Jesus wants to make it clearly understood that above political power is another power; a greater power which is not obtained by human means. Jesus comes to earth to exercise this power, which is love and bearing witness to the truth. It is about divine truth that in the end is the essential message of the Gospel: "God is love (1 John 4:8)." Jesus wants to establish in this world his kingdom of love, justice, and peace. This is the kingdom of which Jesus is king and which extends to the end of time. History teaches us that kingdoms founded on the power of arms and lies are fragile and collapse sooner or later. But the Kingdom of God is founded on love and rooted in hearts. It confers on us peace, freedom, and fullness of life. We all want peace. We all want freedom. We all want fullness of life. But how does this new kingdom come about? Let the love of God, the Kingdom of God, and the love of Jesus take root in your heart! Then you will have all peace, freedom, and fullness of life!

On this day, Jesus asks us to let him become our king; a king that with his word, example, and sacrificial life on the cross has saved us from death. This king leads the way for the lost. He gives new light to lives marked by doubt, fear, and everyday trials. We must not forget that the Kingdom of Jesus is not of this world! He can give new meaning to our lives (sometimes harshly tried by our mistakes and sins) on the condition that we do not follow the logic of this world and its "kings." May the Virgin Mary help us to welcome Jesus as King of our lives and to share his Kingdom by giving witness to the truth which is always love (Angelus Address; 11-25-18)!

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



### YOUTH FAITH FORMATION SPECIAL EVENT ADVENT FAITH & FAMILY MASS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 4:00PM

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 9:14)." In response to the Lord's call, all children, parents, grandparents, godparents, and guardians, are invited to join Father Jim for our Fifth Annual Advent Faith & Family Mass on Saturday, November 30th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. During Mass, Father Jim will offer a special homily about the Christmas Tree and a special blessing for all of God's children and their families. In addition, every child will receive a small gift.

Please save the following dates for our upcoming Faith & Family Masses: Saturday, December 28th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church; Sunday, March 1st at 11:45am in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church; and Saturday, May 9th at 4:00pm in Saint Ann Church. For more information about our Advent Faith & Family Mass and our youth faith formation programs in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Betsy Works at 978-281-4820 or [bworks@ccgonline.com](mailto:bworks@ccgonline.com). Let us affirm once again that Mass is our class! Jesus is our teacher! Every child is a precious gift from God! And every family is welcome to join us for Mass! Spread the word! Bring a friend! Bring your family! All are invited! All are welcome! Always!

### ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PRAYER

Join us: [ccgonline.com/prayer](http://ccgonline.com/prayer)

Each day, all are invited to join us for a few moments of prayer and reflection at [ccgonline.com/prayer](http://ccgonline.com/prayer). Our website features links to the Saint of the Day, Sharing the Word, and Sunday Soundbites, which are 90 second reflections based on the daily Mass readings and the lives of the saints. Our website also includes an easy-to-use link for praying the Liturgy of the Hours on your phone, tablet, or personal computer.

In addition, please join us every weekend for Bringing Home the Word, a weekly newsletter that offers suggestions for prayer and reflection for families. Each issue includes words of wisdom from Pope Francis, along with reflections on the scriptures, spirituality, and important issues of the day. Every Saturday, a new edition is posted on our homepage! Join us: [ccgonline.com](http://ccgonline.com)!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH ANNUAL TURKEY GIVEAWAY Monday, November 25th at 7:00pm

All are invited to join Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish for its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway on Monday, November 25th at 7:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. This year, we will have turkeys for raffle, along with our famous homemade sweetbread, cider, vegetables, and all the trimmings for a delicious holiday feast! In addition, we will have a 50-50 Raffle! Pizza and soft drinks will be available, too! So, please join us for this fun and exciting holiday tradition! For more information, please contact Father Jim at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgonline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgonline.com). Please join us! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE November 27th & November 28th

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us as we gather as God's family for the celebration of Holy Mass in commemoration of the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday according to the following schedule:

Thanksgiving Eve  
Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm  
Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 28th at 8:00am  
Saint Joachim Church

For more information, please see Father Jim or contact him at 978-281-4820 or [frjim@ccgonline.com](mailto:frjim@ccgonline.com). We pray that you and your family will join us in giving praise and thanks for God's abundant blessings on our community! Please join us! Spread the good news! All are invited! All are welcome! Happy Thanksgiving!

### MADONNA DEL ROSARIO SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Saturday, November 30th at Noon

All are invited to join the Madonna del Rosario Society for their Annual Christmas Celebration on Saturday, November 30th at the Gloucester House Restaurant (located at 63 Rogers Street in Gloucester). The celebration will begin with a brief meeting at 12:00pm, followed by lunch, dessert, and a friendly game of bingo. Tickets are \$15.00 for members; \$30.00 for guests. For more information about tickets or the good work of the Madonna del Rosario Society in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, please contact Grace at 978-281-1907 or Marie at 978-283-7820. Please join us! Spread the word! Bring a friend! New members are always welcome!

## PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES Help Us Share the Gift of Christmas!

This year, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will once again sponsor the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport's Christmas Giving Trees and share the Gifts of Christmas with local families in need. During the weekend of November 30th & December 1st, the Giving Trees will be at the entrances of our three churches. Each tree will be decorated with stars that include a special Christmas wish. If you can fulfill the wish, please take a star!

Every donated gift should be new, unused, unwrapped, and placed under the tree or delivered to our parish office by Tuesday, December 10th. The Giving Trees will remain in our churches through Sunday, December 8th. For more information, please contact Barbara Frontiero at [barbara.frontiero@gortons.com](mailto:barbara.frontiero@gortons.com) or leave a message at 978-281-4820. Thank you in advance for your generous support! May God bless us, everyone!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Help Us Help Others!

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is an international organization dedicated to responding to any request from any person or family in need. Here on Cape Ann, we work from Holy Family Parish and Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish to serve the poor and needy. Our Clothes Closet is open on Saturdays from 10:00am until 1:00pm. And our Food Pantry is stocked with non-perishable foods. Donation baskets are located at the entrances of our churches. The Food Pantry needs these items:

Assorted Canned Soups  
Beef Stew · Chef Boyardee  
Canned Tuna · Chicken & Tuna Helper  
Chips, Cookies, Crackers, and Snacks  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Pasta & Sauce · Ramen Noodles · Rice-a-Roni  
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Donation envelopes are located at the entrances of our churches. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to us. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm in Our Lady's Hall. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society warmly welcomes new members and volunteers! For more information, please contact Harry Miller at 978-281-2701 or Barbara Frontiero at [barbara.frontiero@gortons.com](mailto:barbara.frontiero@gortons.com). If you or your family needs our assistance, please contact us at 978-281-8672. Thank you for your generous support!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### MONTHLY MINI-RETREAT SATURDAY MORNING with SAINT FRANCIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH AT 8:00AM

Founded in 2007 by Father Jim and Cliff Garvey after their first pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome, the Assisi Project is a Fellowship of Franciscans in Spirit with friends and followers in the United States, Canada, Africa, and Europe. Our mission is to help adults of all ages more faithfully live the Gospel of Christ and grow closer to the God's Holy Church through the inspiration and intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Assisi Project meets on the last Saturday of every month in Our Lady of Good Voyage Church for Mass, formation, fellowship, and faith sharing. Our next "Saturday Morning with Saint Francis" is scheduled for November 30th beginning at 8:00am. This month, we will continue our discussion and study of Father Murray Bodo's beautiful book of spiritual reflections, "Surrounded by Love: Seven Teachings from Saint Francis of Assisi."

All parishioners, friends, and guests of the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport are invited to join us this month and every month! You don't need to travel with us to be part of the Assisi Project! For more information about the Assisi Project and its good work in our parishes, please contact Cliff at [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820; or visit our website: [assisiproject.com](http://assisiproject.com). Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Clare of Assisi, pray for us! Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us! Our Lady of Angels, pray for us! Please join us! Spread the word! All are invited! All are welcome!

### THE ASSISI PROJECT Need Prayers?

Members of the Assisi Project range in age from 17 to 94; and we live in Holy Family Parish, Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish, throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, all across the United States, and also in Canada, Brazil, Italy, Spain, and Angola. Part of our work together is our prayer together. So, we pray each and every day for all who ask for our prayers all around the world. If you would like the Assisi Project to pray for you, your family, your special intention, or the soul of a deceased friend or loved one, please see Father Jim before or after any Mass; or contact Cliff at [cgarvey@ccgronline.com](mailto:cgarvey@ccgronline.com) or 978-281-4820. May the Lord give you peace!

## OUR MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 1, 2019

<b>Saturday, November 23</b>	<b>Vigil · Christ the King</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	William & Unis Smith
6:00pm · OLGV	Robert & Dorothy Benham
<b>Sunday, November 24</b>	<b>Solemnity of Christ the King</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Teresa & Andrew Murphy
8:15am · Saint Ann	Charles Ciaramitaro
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Phyllis Toppan & Family
11:45am · OLGV	Carole Sears
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Special Intention
	<b>34th Week in Ordinary Time</b>
Monday, November 25 8:00am · OLGV	Communion Service
Tuesday, November 26 8:00am · Saint Joachim	Lee Ann Porper
Wednesday, November 27 8:00am · OLGV	Special Intention
Thursday, November 28 8:00am · Saint Joachim	John Carrancho
Friday, November 29 8:00am · OLGV	Lee Ann Porper
Saturday, November 30 8:00am · OLGV	Intentions of the Assisi Project
<b>Saturday, November 30</b>	<b>Vigil · First Sunday of Advent</b>
4:00pm · Saint Ann	Rosalia & Enzo Giambanco
6:00pm · OLGV	Anthony Piraino
<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
7:00am · OLGV	Norman Dulong, Jr.
8:15am · Saint Ann	Adam McCalla
10:00am · Saint Joachim	Domenico Viviano
11:45am · OLGV	Maria Madalena Silva
5:00pm · Saint Ann	Healing of God's Family

## OUR WEEKLY GIFTS

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH

#### Weekend of November 16th & November 17th

Weekly Offerings	\$6,094.00
Electronic Offerings	\$878.00
Total Offerings	\$6,972.00
Second Collection	N/A

Thank you for your generous support  
of Holy Family Parish!

### OUR LADY OF GOOD VOYAGE PARISH

#### Weekend of November 16th & November 17th

Weekly Offerings	\$2,486.00
Electronic Offerings	\$80.00
Total Offerings	N/A
Second Collection	\$2,566.00

Thank you for your generous support  
of Our Lady of Good Voyage Parish!

### SANCTUARY GIFTS

At each of the churches in the Catholic Community of Gloucester & Rockport, sanctuary flowers, sanctuary candles, and altar gifts (hosts & wine) can be donated for a special intention or in memory of a departed loved one. The requested donation for flowers is \$250. The requested donation for altar gifts is \$175. The requested donation for a sanctuary candle is \$25. This week, donations were offered for the following intentions:

In Memory of Alannah Marie Trickett  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Ann Church

In Memory of Lee Ann Porper  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Joachim Church

In Memory of Anthony Giambanco  
Sanctuary Candle · Saint Anthony Chapel

In Memory of Benedetto Favazza  
Sanctuary Candle · Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

For more information about donating sanctuary candles, flowers, or gifts in memory of a deceased family member, friend, or loved one, please contact our parish office at [office@ccgrronline.com](mailto:office@ccgrronline.com) or 978-281-4820. Thank you!

COMING SOON!

### OUR LADY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 7th · 9:00am – 2:00pm

Our Lady's Hall

All are invited! All are welcome!