

Sacred Heart Parish

2 Hough Street, Lebanon, NH

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00 and 9:30am

Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday 8:00am
Thursday 8:00am

Confession

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Tuesdays 4:15 - 5:15pm

Rosary

Monday 8:30am in church & 7pm on Zoom
Tuesday 5:15pm (First Tuesdays at 4:30pm)
Thursday 7:30am
First Saturdays 3:30pm

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 28, 2025



St. Helena Parish

36 Shaker Hill Road, Enfield, NH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 5:30pm

Confession

Sunday 5:00 - 5:15pm

Rosary

All Sundays in October 5:00pm

St. Mary's Mission Church

1157 US Route 4, Canaan, NH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:00am

Confession

Sunday 9:30 - 9:45am

Rosary

First and Third Sundays 9:30am

*A blessed New Year
to all!*

Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart

December 27, 2025 - January 4, 2026

*The Sanctuary Candle Burns for
A Blessed New Year for All Parishioners*

Saturday Vigil / Sunday: December 27 / 28
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

4:00pm Ellie Hogan Downing by Anne Jette
8:00am Special Graces for Ken and Maria Parker
by Michael and Emily Parker
9:30am Ronald White
by Light of the World's Lost Sheep Group

Monday: December 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am Wayne Churchill
by Maurice and Connie LeBlanc

Tuesday: December 30

5:30pm Michael Currier
by Scott and Ruth Conwell

Wednesday: December 31
***Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God***

4:00pm Chase Boone
by Maurice and Connie LeBlanc

Thursday: January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00am **NO MASS**

Saturday Vigil / Sunday: January 3 / 4
The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00pm Roger and Eddice Tremblay
by Gordon and Louise Gribble
8:00am David Levy by Alice Maleski
9:30am Michael Currier by Anne Jette

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 1 - *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

January 11 - *Fuel Fund*

OFFICE HOURS THROUGH JAN. 4

Please note that the Parish Office will be open *only* on Monday, December 29 from 9am to 1pm with phones being answered until 3pm.

Normal business hours resume
Monday, January 5.

St. Helena and St. Mary's Mission

December 28, 2025 - January 4, 2026

Sunday: December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

10:00am (St. Mary's) Pro Populo
5:30pm Celebrant's Intention

Thursday: January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:00am Pro Populo

Sunday: January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00am (St. Mary's) The Courage and Grace
Cecilia Reitnauer Needs to Leave a Harmful
Relationship by Kelly Diette
5:30pm Celebrant's Intentions



**GOD BLESS
ALEX and PHOEBE
PLUMMER**

joined in the Sacrament
of Holy Matrimony at
Sacred Heart on Friday,
December 6.

**SOLEMNITY
of MARY,
THE HOLY
MOTHER of GOD**

***A Holy Day
of Obligation***



Sacred Heart - Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00pm

Adoration 2:45 to 3:45pm

Rosary prayed 3:00pm

St. Helena

Thursday, January 1 at 8:00am

Parish and Community Notes

Mark Your CALENDAR



EVENTS at SACRED HEART through MAY 2026

DEC 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE

Following 4:00pm Mass in the Parish Hall

JAN 18 - ANNUAL BABY SHOWER BRUNCH

Following the 9:30 Mass; sponsored
by the Faith in Action Ministry
and Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus

FEB 2 - THE PRESENTATION of the LORD

Blessing of Candles with Free Community Lunch
following the 12:10pm Mass

FEB 3 - FEAST of ST. BLAISE

Blessing of Throats at 5:30pm Mass
Wine and Cheese Social following

FEB 14 - MARDI GRAS DINNER

Following 4:00pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall

FEB 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence

MAR 15 - ST. PATRICK'S LUNCH

Noon in the Parish Hall

MAR 19 - ST. JOSEPH'S DAY BREAKFAST

Free Community Breakfast in the Parish Hall
following 8:00am Mass

APR 5 - EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Following 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall

MAY 2 - DERBY DAY DINNER

Following 4:00pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall

MAY 24 - 150th ANNIVERSARY of SACRED HEART PARISH

Mass with Bishop Libasci
Festival following 9:30am Mass

MAY 25 - MEMORIAL DAY

Mass at 10am with Coffee and Donuts Gathering
at 10:30; Parade at 11 o'clock

FIRST TUESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION for VOCATIONS

Sacred Heart - January 6

4:15 to 5:15pm

Holy Mass - 5:30pm



Upcoming Pilgrimage!

Majestic Cities of Central and Eastern Europe

(Through Collette Tours)

September 20 - October 3, 2026

Please visit the group's webpage for details:
<https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1382613>

If you're interested in joining Fr. Charles
on this pilgrimage, please contact the office
or speak with Fr. Charles directly.

**2026 PARISH
CALENDARS**
can be found
in all churches.



Thank you to *Ricker Funeral Homes and
Crematory* for their faithful sponsorship
of our parish calendars.



**A STEP BACK
IN TIME
TO 1940**

NEW YEAR'S EVE
dinner and dance

Sacred Heart Church

Doors open at 5pm - Dinner served at 6 o'clock

MEAL INCLUDES

Shrimp Cocktail Appetizer

Prime Rib, Baked Potato

Green Beans Almondine

Homemade Dessert with Coffee / Tea

BYOB

Raffles, Games, Prizes

Big Band Music throughout the evening!

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

\$20 per person

\$13 per person, under 14 years of age

Tickets available after weekend Masses and in the office

SACRED HEART - 2 HOUGH ST - LEBANON, NH

603-448-1262



*Cheers
to a
New Year*

Religious Ed., Parish Ministries, & Notes



SACRED HEART

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / OCIA

Catechesis for a journey
that will last a lifetime.

RELIGIOUS ED. and OCIA

**We will meet
in the Parish Hall on Sunday,
January 4th, 11th, and 25th**

Questions? Contact our DRE, Lynn Smollin,
at lynnshheartlebanon@gmail.com.



In December we ponder Mary and the birth of Jesus, and rightly so. We might forget that in God's consistency, Joseph had his own "Annunciations" in dreams, to encourage him to accept the loving duty of committing the rest of his life to guard and support Mary and Jesus. In the crises of Joseph's foster parenthood — the midnight trek to Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt away from the wicked Herod, the sorrowful warning from Simeon, and the terror of the loss of Jesus in the Temple — Joseph might have feared failing in the duties of his diligent love. Joseph took the attitude conveyed in the book of Jeremiah, and later in Romans 9:21 — that he was clay in the Divine Potter's hand, to be shaped by God and used for His purposes. Joseph recognized that he was a fragile vessel in God's service.

Men who accept a calling to be a priest accept this reality as they embrace God's calling. Archbishop Fulton Sheen described his calling in this way: "[The calling] is so very sacred that one does not like to speak of it ... Always associated with that sense of the gift of a treasure was the frailty of the earthenware pot which was to house it. I (would) often drive it out of my mind, only to have it come back again. For the most part, the religious vocation is rather a silent but insistent whisper, yet one that demands a response; no violent shaking of bedposts or loud noises in the night. Just 'you are called to be a priest.'"

Let us pray daily for the men who, if they discern a true calling, will respond like St. Joseph.

**BIBLE STUDY
MEETS NEXT on
SUN, JANUARY 4
after 9:30 MASS**



Join us as we continue our examination
of the Apostle Paul's *Letter to the Romans*.
We'll be discussing Chapter Seven on Jan. 4th.

**Sign-up on Flocknote to make sure
you receive all notices.**



THIRD ORDER of MARY

We'll meet next Sunday, January 4,
at noon in Sacred Heart's church hall.

For more information contact Connie LeBlanc
at leblanc.constance@gmail.com.

**All men are welcome to join
us Tues, Jan. 6, at 6:10pm**

A gathering of Christ-following men
who are authentic and who desire to
discuss spiritual, social, and relational matters in a
relaxed setting.



**Our topic for January 6 will focus on the call and
formation of Jesus' disciples and how we
respond to God's invitation to become one
ourselves.** Participants are encouraged to bring
Scripture passages, discussion questions, and
personal insights. Hope to see you there!

Contact Chris Wira for additional info
at chris_wira@yahoo.com

Thank
you



A word of thanks to all who dropped off
Christmas gifts and delicious treats, and to those
who remembered me with a beautiful card. God
bless you all as we head into the new year and
celebrate our parish's 150th anniversary!

In Christ, Fr. Charles

Catechesis & Parish Notes



ST. THOMAS BECKET

Feast Day - December 29

c. 1119–1170

Patron Saint of Clergy

Thomas Becket (or Thomas of London) was born in London, to middle-class parents. His thorough liberal arts education earned him a job as clerk for Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury. In 1154, at age thirty-five, Thomas was ordained a deacon and appointed the Archdeacon of Canterbury.

In December 1154, twenty-one-year-old Henry II became King of England after a period of civil war. Needing a capable chancellor to help him reunite the kingdom, assert control, and implement reforms, Henry appointed Becket as chancellor, England's second most powerful civil authority.

As chancellor, Thomas had his fingers in administration, law, diplomacy, and finance, and represented the king in foreign and Church matters. In working together, the chancellor and the king became close friends. They rode together, hunted, and indulged in a luxurious lifestyle. Becket helped the king reassert his control over the kingdom and even portions of the Church.

Six years later, the Archbishop of Canterbury died. Desirous of exerting even more control over the English Church, King Henry wanted his close friend to become archbishop. Becket knew that as archbishop, he would have to defend the Church against King Henry. In June 1162, Becket was ordained a priest and, the next day, consecrated as a bishop, becoming Archbishop of Canterbury.

Within a year, Archbishop Thomas underwent a spiritual transformation. He shed his luxuries, devoted himself to prayer, fasted, and did penance. He angered the king by resigning as chancellor. Over the next year and a half, the two friends clashed. When the archbishop attempted to regain Church property and asserted the

Church's independence, Henry imposed arbitrary fines on Thomas and made false accusations of embezzlement.

In January 1164, King Henry issued the Constitutions of Clarendon, attempting to limit Church power. When Thomas Becket refused his consent, the king put Archbishop Thomas on trial. Becket was found guilty of contempt of royal authority and misappropriation of funds while chancellor. Becket refused to resign his archbishopric as the king commanded. He spent the next four years in exile on the European continent before Henry agreed to permit Becket to return to Canterbury.

When King Henry learned that Thomas had excommunicated three bishops, he sent four knights to apprehend Thomas. One tradition states that as the king gave his orders to the knights, he angrily said, "Will no one rid me of this meddlesome priest?" The knights confronted the archbishop in his cathedral and split open Thomas' skull as he clung to a pillar and the monks sang Vespers. His final words were, "For the name of Jesus and the protection of the church, I am ready to embrace death."

Immediately praised and venerated as a martyr, Thomas Becket was declared a saint three years after his death. Four years after Thomas Becket's death, King Henry visited the saint's tomb and did public penance for his role in Thomas' death. Saint Thomas Becket's tomb became a popular place of pilgrimage in Europe, and numerous miracles were attributed to his intercession.

Saint Thomas Becket, you lived much of your life in a worldly way, but once consecrated a bishop, you turned to a life of prayer, penance, and defense of the Church. Please pray that I will turn from all worldly attractions and will devote myself wholeheartedly to the service of God and His Church. Saint Thomas Becket, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

from mycatholic.life/saints

TO HELP KEEP PARISH EXPENSES in CHECK,

we will not be issuing year end tax statements through the mail. If you've made all your 2025 donations online, you are able to log into your OSV account and produce a tax statement for the year just ending. If you use envelopes or "loose" checks, please call the office and a statement will be prepared and emailed to you.

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KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

SACRED HEART COUNCIL 2656

Council Grand Knight, John Pomeroy
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Meets the second Monday of the month
at 6pm, Sacred Heart's Parish Hall

CANAAN / ENFIELD COUNCIL 8027

Council Grand Knight, Albert Vanasse
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Meets the third Wednesday of the month
at 7pm, St. Mary's Parish Hall in Canaan.



We extend a warm welcome to you and thank God that you are with us.

If you would like to register with either of our parishes, please do so online via our websites:

SACRED HEART: sacredheartlebanon.org

ST. HELENA / ST. MARY'S: sthstm.org

If you prefer to give us your information over the phone or in person, please contact the office during normal business hours. Thank you.



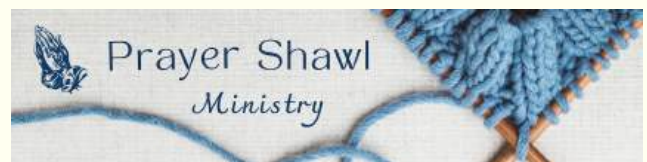
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Shawls can be found at the entrances of all churches. Please take a shawl to someone who could use a physical reminder that he or she is being prayed for.