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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

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beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his
heart to her, has an unfailing prize.*

(Prv 31:1-2)

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (11/14)

4:00pm **IC** *James T. Leonard, Maureen Heaton, Mary Lefebvre, James Lefebvre, Albert Tosone, John Boress, Tricia Kelly* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Live-Stream** (Fr. Harrison)

Sunday (11/15)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

9:00am **IC** *Judith Anderson, Paul F. Doyle* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

9:30am **St. Ann** *John Pallone* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC** *George H. (Buzzie) Lawler III* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Monday (11/16)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (11/17)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (11/18)

9:00am **IC** *Maureen Heaton* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (11/19)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Morin)

Friday (11/20)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (11/21)

4:00pm **IC** *Betty Dennis, Elizabeth Dennis, Sandy Lambert* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **Live Stream** *Michael Hines* (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (11/22)

8:00am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

9:30am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Luis Pantoya, Cornelia "Connie" Berard, and all the faithful departed.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

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Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

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From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's Gospel passage is often referred to as the "The Parable of the Talents." Now a "talent" was a measure of money, worth somewhere around 10,000 days' wages. So, looking at the minimum wage and before any taxes would be taken out, let's call it a cool million dollars in today's money. That's quite a stack of cash, no matter what century you are living in! As we listen to this story, we see the industrious servants being praised as they were able to double their allotted portions and the third, uncreative servant chastised and cast-out for failing to at least return the money with interest. This reading of the Gospel gels with our own modern values of entrepreneurship and free trade. Good for them, we cheer, as the first two servants make fistfuls of money! Maybe we feel bad for the third servant who was not as creative or adventurous, but there is a little voice deep down inside that nags at us saying, "He at least could have tried to do something, couldn't have he?" That the third servant is thrown outside where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth seems a fitting punishment. After all, a million bucks buried in the dirt wasn't earning any interest. What a shameful, lost opportunity, we might think....

So, was Jesus really praising free market capitalism? Did he really want His disciples to be investors and stock brokers? What is going on here?

We think nothing today of promoting the idea of creating wealth and growing our investments. This is the way it is done. The more creative we are, the greater the reward is. Through careful, shrewd investing over time, we compound interest, we build wealth, we grow rich. All of this is seen as good and normal. It is solid financial planning for the future.

Not so in Jesus' time! For the hearers of Matthew's Gospel, money and wealth were fixed commodities. In other words, there was only a certain amount of it in the world, and it has already been distributed. If you were to gain more of it somehow, it meant that someone else had lost it, perhaps through dishonest means. Thus, gaining wealth was seen as suspicious and shameful. One ought to be satisfied with what they have, not seeking to gain more at someone

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Confessions



We are offering face-to-face, individual Confessions by appointment only. These will take place with one of our priests and will be held outside in the fresh air. The weather must be amenable for the appointment; both priest and penitent **must wear a face mask** and practice proper social-distancing during the Confession.

For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, please contact our Collaborative Office at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Daily Masses

We are now offering Daily Masses Monday–Friday at 9:00 a.m. at IC, Newburyport. No advanced signup required.

We are still in need of more volunteers to help with Daily Mass for St. Ann and Nativity on Mondays and Fridays respectively. Until we gather more volunteers to help with these churches, we cannot offer Daily Mass there. If you are able to help with any of these HR Masses, please contact Sue Noyes susanjnoyes@gmail.com to learn more.

Register to Attend Mass

To register to attend an in-person Mass celebrated in our Collaborative, go to the “Attend a Mass” section on our website: www.hriccatholic.org to link to the signup page. At this time **a reservation is required to attend** a live Mass for capacity limits and contact tracing purposes.

Call the offices at (978) 462-2724 for IC or (978) 346-8604 for HR if you have questions or need assistance making a reservation.

Questions of the Week



Adult: In what ways have you used the gifts God has given you for the building of the kingdom?

Child: Name some of the talents that God has given to you. How do you use these gifts in helping others?

Adoration



Thursdays in November (excluding Thanksgiving Day) Adoration/Benediction will be offered at IC at both 1:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. All are welcome. No experience necessary; just “Come and Be.” (In the absence of a priest or deacon, there will be no Benediction.)

Archdiocese Web Site

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else’s expense. There was honor in being content with what one had, with one’s position and station in life. To reach for more was repulsive...and even sinful. So looking at this story from this perspective, which of the three servants acted honorably? The one who buried the money and returned it to the ruthless master without “mis-using” it. Remember, even putting the money out for a loan and getting it back with interest risked being seen as usury. The honorable path here was not to do anything with the money but to return it to its proper owner and have nothing to do with the other’s questionable methods.

In the Scriptures, Jesus is always portrayed as acting honorably. And here is where the twist comes in! While on the surface, Jesus seems to be championing the dishonorable actions of making money off of others (much to the initial horror of his followers) Jesus’ true honor comes not from his handling of earthly things according to earthly customs, but rather the real honor comes from God His Father. Jesus always acts honorably by being about His Father’s business. True honor lies in doing God’s Will. True honor and lasting wealth is found in seeking the things of God, even if those things are not understood or valued by others.

Thus, in this story, although the master is portrayed as a demanding person, harvesting where he did not plant and gathering where he did not scatter, the lesson that Jesus is offering for us is that real wealth (honor) comes doing the master’s will. Particularly when we don’t understand it, and even if we find it distasteful. God will not be contained by our mere human understanding of what God “ought” to be doing or where God “should” be acting. God will be demanding from time to time, at least from our perspective. What is being praised in the first two servants was their loyalty to totally orienting their lives and actions to be in accord with that of their master.

And although the third servant appeared to act honorably according to earthly virtue, he failed miserably in making his heart one with his master and ultimately found himself in disdain of everything his master stood for. Our heroes are not necessarily God’s heroes. The only real, true, lasting virtue is to make our hearts completely docile to God’s Will and conform our hearts’ desire to His. There and only there will we find life, happiness, and peace.

In the words of the familiar song,

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu Alleluia*

May these autumnal days yield rich blessings for us all from the Lord.

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Scripture Readings

November 15–22, 2020

Praying with the Scriptures can help us to develop a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. What do they reveal about our vocation as Christians and as a Church community to become ever more intentional disciples of Christ? Please access the HRIC webpage to learn about Lectio Divina as a way of praying the Scriptures. Go to www.HRICcatholic.org and click on HRIC Pastoral Plan and then click on Lectio Divina.

- Sunday, Nov. 15: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30
- Monday, Nov. 16: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
- Tuesday, Nov. 17: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
- Wednesday, Nov. 18: Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
- Thursday, Nov. 19: Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
- Friday, Nov. 20: Revelations 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
- Saturday, Nov. 21: Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40
- Sunday, Nov. 22: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

(The free App “**Laudate**” allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)



Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God’s presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God’s words as we continue by reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina.

For the next 30 minutes we listen to God’s words, ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now, and contemplate God’s message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God.

For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

The Pelican Intervention Fund



The Pelican Intervention Fund is dedicated to supporting men and women on their journey from addiction to recovery. The Pelican Intervention Fund offers hope for sustained recovery for adults who live in the communities of Amesbury, Byfield, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac,

Newbury, West Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury. If you have any questions contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Word On Fire Engage

Our Collaborative parishes have access to the premium digital video content from Word on Fire, a service known as ENGAGE. Everyone in our Collaborative will benefit from this year-long subscription through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

The films and video presentations that make up ENGAGE feature Bishop Robert Barron, “one of the Church’s greatest messengers” and the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) For many of our older parishioners, a comparison to Bishop Fulton Sheen helps to underscore the giftedness of Bishop Barron as an effective communicator of the Gospel and our Catholic faith.

You and everyone in our Collaborative now have free access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron’s films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

To access the resources of Word on Fire’s ENGAGE, please register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting **HRIC** to **84576**. Once you register, you will have access to ENGAGE.

We are excited to bring ENGAGE to your attention. Along with **FORMED** (formed.org), we now have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

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Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Dan Bedard
Priscilla Brown
Brett Burkinshaw
Joe Messina

Vincent Oberhofer
Ruth Sullivan
Ron Sylvester
Michael Tucker

2020-2021 CORI

If you are a volunteer you must fill out a **C**riminal **O**ffender **R**ecord **I**nformation Form every year.

The Archdiocese of Boston requires all clergy, all parish staff (full and part-time), and all volunteers (18 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly, or the disabled will undergo an annual CORI check.

No matter what you volunteer to do, if your duties are carried out on parish property, or under the parish name, you must be CORI-ed every year.

Please see your Ministry Leader, a Deacon, or a Priest for a CORI form. It must be completed and your identity verified, then placed in the collection box, or mail it to the CORI Coordinators: Deacon Paul Dow and Maureen Dow to:

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Virtual Rosary

Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.



Invitation to Participate in the Collaborative Pastoral Council Meetings

In 2019 a Pastoral Council was formed in our Collaborative to assist the Pastor in his responsibilities as the leader of the Collaborative. They serve in a consultative role and there are members from both of our parishes. They have been meeting virtually on Zoom since mid-March and are now meeting once a month, alternating between a Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings on Zoom which gives you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 17** at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in listening in, please send an email to Jim Williamson at jimwilliamson35@gmail.com and he will send you the Zoom link before the meeting. In addition, if you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council you can reach out to Jim or contact any Council member.

Collaborative Pastoral Council

Members of the Pastoral Council 2020

Father Tim Harrison, Chair
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Mary Bragg, Secretary

Chris Eagan
Amy Friend
Aaron Giard

Kathy Betz
Beth Brennan
Sue Coppinger
Steve DiCamillo
Deacon Paul Dow

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Watch Mass on Facebook

To watch our Saturday live-stream Masses:

1. Go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/>) at the appointed time. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can still watch the live stream from your computer, smartphone, or tablet from the above link.
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Are you feeling isolated and alone during the pandemic?



Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteers would love to give you a call to chat or send you a note. We know that this is a difficult period for everyone, particularly to those who live alone. Let us help brighten your day! If you would be interested in receiving a call or note, please call the HRIC offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 and leave your name, address and phone number and we will reach out to you.

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HR Sandwich Program



Since we are still unable to bring food to the Good Shepherd Center at this time. Please be aware that Lazarus House is looking for \$25.00 Market Basket gift cards to share with the Project Bethlehem families. If you are interested, please mail the cards to Lazarus House Ministries, c/o Monique Morimoto, PO Box 408, Lawrence MA 01842.

Looking for Volunteers

We are in need of **greeters, cleaning volunteers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers** for the churches for the fast-approaching Christmas season.

If you would like to assist HR please contact Sue Noyes susanjnoyes@gmail.com to learn more.



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HR Prayer Shawl



Thank you for taking the time to pass on the names of our parish family members who could use some comfort from a prayer shawl. We delivered 10 shawls and/or lap blankets in the month of October! Keep the requests coming! It can be for anyone, anywhere—there is no cost, it is free.

We would like to drop off prayer shawls or lap blankets to anyone you know who needs comfort in our Holy Redeemer Parish family. So, if you know of anyone, please give their name to Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our parish website. **Registration forms are also available.** As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Information regarding First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Prep. can be found on the Collaborative website at hricatholic.org. Please reach out to the Faith Formation office with any questions you might have.

For those families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last spring, but has yet to receive the sacrament, arrangements can still be made for your family. We would be happy to help you with this.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for further information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

Confirmation

We wish to thank Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making the two most recent Confirmation services held within our Collaborative Parishes special for all those involved in spite of the necessary COVID restrictions.

The last weeks of October had eight young men and women receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Immaculate Conception Parish with another thirty young adults confirmed at the Church of the Nativity.

We ask everyone to please keep these newly confirmed in their prayers as they continue on their faith journey

Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 have begun. Information regarding these sessions can be found on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org along with registration forms. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

HR St. Vincent de Paul



During these difficult times, we have seen increased requests for food cards, as well as help with rent and utilities. Please consider donating to assist those in need. Donations can also be put in the poor boxes at both churches. Thank you for remembering those who need our support during COVID.

Please write the check to "HR Saint Vincent de Paul" to help expedite our banking. **If mailing your donations, please send them to**

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HR PARISH

Holy Redeemer Christmas Giving 2020

As with all things this year, our gift giving will be different. Thank you to all who are able to help this year.

We will be doing **Emmaus House** online with gifts going directly to the shelter. More information will be available in next week's bulletin.

Here is a list of needed items:

Pregnancy Care: disposable diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6), hooded towels & washcloths, baby & receiving blankets, baby wipes & diaper rash cream, blanket sleepers & onesies sizes NB–24 mos., new outfits size 0–24 mos., baby wash & lotion, & baby food (stages 1,2,3). Please call Dottie Carr (978-363-2909) to arrange for drop off.

St. Vincent de Paul is asking for monetary donations, which may be left in the metal boxes at the doors of the churches. Please make checks out to HR St. Vincent de Paul.

Merrimac Holiday Helpers is looking for children's pajamas for boys & girls ages 0–18, with the greatest need for elementary-aged children. These need to be received by **December 5**. Drop off information will be in next week.

Fostering Care (new this year in W. Newbury) seeks to help children in foster care and their foster families by providing basic necessities and personal care items. Help by putting together a backpack for a child. Only new-with-tags items please. All items should be packed into a new backpack. Label the bag as to gender, size, and season either with a note tucked in the pocket, a piece of tape, or tie a note to the top handle. There is a drop box at The Big Scoop at Long Hill Farm, West Newbury. Items needed:

Infant–size 3:

Clothing: pajamas, 2 pairs of socks, diapers

Toiletries: baby wipes, tear-free body wash, fluoride-free toothpaste and toothbrush, baby hairbrush or comb

Other Items: baby bottle, pacifier, crib- or lap-size blanket, small stuffed animal, board book

Sizes 4–9:

Clothing: Pajamas, 2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of underwear

Toiletries: body wash or soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrush, hairbrush or comb

Other Items: blanket, small stuffed animal, small activity such as a coloring book, puzzle, Legos, etc., age-appropriate book

Sizes 10–18:

Same as above with the addition of deodorant and feminine hygiene products.

Gift cards to CVS, Target, Walmart, and Amazon are always welcome. Whenever possible, we include gift cards in the teen backpacks.

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Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. **Effective December 1**, prices will increase. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, hricatholic.org and click the "Links" tab or the Online Giving link on our homepage, then click on "Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Any questions? Contact Linda Temple, IC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

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The Immaculate Conception, Society of St. Vincent DePaul **needs your help:**



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Unfortunately, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Immaculate Conception Conference, has had to **cancel two of its major fundraising events** (the Walk for the Poor and the New England Tenors Holiday Concert) due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In lieu of these two events we are reaching out to our parish family and benefactors asking that you consider **donating to SVdP**. Any amount you can contribute will help us to continue helping the needy in our area.

We have recently launched our new website: www.svdpnewburyport.org where you can make your donation online and we are also sending letters to all previous donors asking for your help at this time.

We continue to serve our weekly meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at 4:30 p. m. at the entrance to the parish center. All are welcome!

If you know someone living in Newbury/Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are still ready to assist.

If you choose to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to "**SVdP of Newburyport**." You may drop it into the collection box at Mass, or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 or use our **Newly established** website and donate online at www.svdpnewburyport.org.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless each of you!

IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and Registration Forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Program information for those students entering Grades K–8 can be found on our [parish website](http://www.hriccatholic.org). **Registration forms are also available.** As always, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 ext. 7405) or email agiard@newburyportcatholic.org) should you have any questions.

Confirmation

We wish to thank Most Reverend Robert Hennessey for making the two most recent Confirmation services held within our Collaborative Parishes special for all those involved in spite of the necessary COVID restrictions.

The last weeks of October had eight young men and women receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Immaculate Conception Parish with another thirty young adults confirmed at the Church of the Nativity.

We ask everyone to please keep these newly confirmed in their prayers as they continue on their faith journey

Confirmation prep classes for both Grades 9 and 10 have begun. Information regarding these sessions can be found on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org along with registration forms. Should you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office.

Baptism Dates to Remember

Please call the Collaborative Offices (978-462-2724) for further information regarding the celebration of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Information regarding First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Prep. can be found on the collaborative website at hriccatholic.org. Please reach out to the Faith Formation office with any questions you might have.

For those families whose child was prepared for First Eucharist last spring, but has yet to receive the sacrament, arrangements can still be made for your family. We would be happy to help you with this.

Can You Help?



We are in need of additional **Greeters and Cleaning volunteers** in the church for the fast approaching holiday season.

If you can assist IC in continuing to be able to have "in-person Masses" please contact Kathie Williamson at kathie108a@gmail.com or 978-992-6450.

Greeters need to arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass time to check people in and perhaps take temperatures (if we are still in the Red Zone).

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