



**NEWSLETTER**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023**  
**Emmanuel Church**  
**West Roxbury, MA 02132**



Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

A quick reminder that we are collecting donations for the Christmas flowers that decorate the altar and the church from Christmas Eve through New Years. When you donate, you can also honor those living or who have passed away, by providing their names to be printed in the Christmas Bulletin. You can place your donation and your list in the offertory plate during the service or mail it to the parish.

For those attending services in person, you will see an example of last year's bulletin on a table at the rear of the church.

This week also begins four weeks of Advent Contemplative Services offered by Fr. Jon on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you. Terri and Ken, Co-Wardens

## December Calendar of Services/Events, Mission items, Reminders, and Prayers



### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7:00 PM
ADVENT I	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7:00 PM
ADVENT II	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 AM
VISIT FROM SANTA WITH FURRY FRIENDS!	11:30 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:00 PM
ADVENT III	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
ADVENT IV	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM



### HELP US HELP OUR NEIGHBORS Campaign

We continue to collect donations to Emmanuel Church for Rose's Bounty Food Pantry operating from the Stratford Street Church located just up the street on the same block as us. Our goal is to match a diocesan grant given to us for \$500. Any questions, please reach out to Gail Halpin-Evans ([ghe9876@aol.com](mailto:ghe9876@aol.com)) if you have questions. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Church with a memo that is intended as a Rose's Bounty contribution.

### WATCH EMMANUEL VIA YOUTUBE

Missed the in-person service? No problem. You can catch the service, usually posted by Tuesday evening via our website, <https://emmanuelwr.org/> or you can go directly to the Emmanuel YouTube site, [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB\\_XbZ8h9jIdhA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jIdhA) (Morning Prayer Services are not videotaped nor posted.)

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### PRAY FOR and SUPPORT UKRAINE



The war continues. We prayer for Ukraine and its people. Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles.

Please consider donating to one of these curated and trusted organizations raising money for Ukraine. <https://www.helpsaveukraine.org/> **СЛІДКА УКРАЇНИ!**

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*We pray for those who are homebound or ill:* For all those who have asked for our prayers, especially Alfred, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Michael Curry and Christina.

We also pray for those who have died, especially Laura.

Please email us the names of those who need special prayers [info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org). Only first names will be used.

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