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MASS SCHEDULE †

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday7:30 am

WEEKENDS

Winter

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday.....8:00 & 11:00 am

Spanish Mass Sunday..... 6:00 pm

Summer

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday..... 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am

Siasconet Union Chapel..... 8:45 am

Spanish Mass 6:00 pm

PARISH INFORMATION

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday9:00 am - Noon &
1:00 - 3:00 pm



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Parish Office for information on Baptisms, and to register for Parents' Preparation Class before the birth of your child.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please refer to our parish website for guidelines. www.stmarysnantucket.org

Ministry to the Sick: Please inform us of any sick relatives that they might be placed on our schedule for receiving Eucharist.

Christian Initiation (RCIA): The process by which we welcome new adult members into our faith community. Please call the Parish Office.

St. Vincent De Paul: Outreach to the needy, call the Parish Office for info.

Knights of Columbus: Meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 6PM (not July & August), at Fr. Griffin Hall, 15 Cherry Street. Contact Erik at 508-221-8705.



Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

Saturday, December 14

5:00 PM Jamie Topham

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Cornelius & Palma Johnson

& Elizabeth & Charles Polachi

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Monday, December 16

7:30 AM Peter Sylvia

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 AM Peter Gurley

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 AM For the Intentions of the Lester Children

Thursday, December 19

7:30 AM Grace Deacy

Friday, December 20

7:30 AM Helene Blair

Saturday, December 21

5:00 PM Flint & Charron "Corky" Ranney

Sunday, December 22

8:00 AM Carol Marks & the Marks Family

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

6:00 PM Spanish Mass



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th:

Mass at 5:00pm

The manger will be blessed. Caroling beginning at 4:30pm.

Spanish Mass at 7:00pm

Mass at Midnight

Caroling beginning at 11:30pm.

Christmas Day, December 25th

Mass at 9:00am

No other morning Masses

Gaudete Sunday ~ December 15.

It is the third Sunday of Advent and is a day of rejoicing. The name comes from the Latin words of the introit antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always".

The theme of Gaudete Sunday is to rejoice in the Lord and to express joy at the approaching Christmas celebration.

On Gaudete Sunday, the celebrant of the Mass wears rose-colored vestments instead of the deeper violet vestments typically used in Advent.

The Nocturn lessons from the Prophecy of Isaiah describe the Lord's coming and the blessings that will result from it. The Gospel includes the words of St. John Baptist, who warns that the Lamb of God is already present.

The tone of Gaudete Sunday is lighter than the traditional Advent observance.

The spirit of Gaudete Sunday is to suspend penitential exercises in order to symbolize joy and gladness in the promised Redemption.

Advent Prayer Service~December 17

Come and join us in Church, Tuesday evening December 17th at 6:00 pm, for an Advent Taizé Prayer Service. This will involve music and Advent Reflections. Taizé Chant is quite beautiful and simple and easy to enter into as a form of prayer. All are welcome!

Book of Prayer provided in the Lobby of the church for you to write your intentions for anyone to be remembered in prayer.

Please Note: Names will stay in the bulletin for 2 months, unless you call to have them re-moved. They are only listed if permission is given. Please pray for all who serve our country and are in harm's way.

SICK: Pray for: Pamela Marchant, Marge Mock, Charles Howard, Xavier Andrade, Shirley Souza, Fernando Gutierrez, Felix Soares, Perry Roderick, Bella Ikova, Dick Phelan, Theresa Andersen, Ritch S. Leone, Shannon Haynes, Paul R. Driscoll, Jr., Jonathan Perez, Steve Thompson, Tom McSparron, Jeannette Lipka, Daley McCallum, Claudio Clavijo, Ellen Conway, Doyle Marchant, Barbara Boehm, Lily Kraljevec, Linda Sullivan, Patricia Cennamo, Patty Snyder, Frank Malaro, Louise Hubbard, Cicely Ilg, Harry Cooper, Jacqueline Killen Weyand, Mark Albright, Jane Carty, Frank Balester, Laura Patiño, Ray Senecal, Julie Malone, Patsy Cody Lyons, Joy McGrath, Fred Mascola, Rosemarie Simmone, Richard Brannigan II, Bec Balock, Elizabeth Mock, Jenny Boley, Kathy Seraphim, Icylin Lewis, Linda Boles, Kate McGrath, Ashley McLeod, Sally & Ed Hudzik, Jacqueline Santacroce,, Owen Santacroce, Barbara Pekenia, Patti Geyer, Sheila Fleishman, JoAnn Hilbig, Rowena Rickard and Richard Carven

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45



Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship. "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

November 24: \$8,105.00

Second Collection: \$1,730.00

Campaign for Human Development

Thanksgiving November 26: \$826.00

Nantucket Food, Fuel & Rental Assistance Program.

December 1: \$12,383.00

Second Collection: \$3,729.00

Fuel Collection

All of the above totals include our online giving donations.

December 8: Weekly Parish Collection

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Not available at press time.

December 9: Immaculate Conception Collection

Charitable works for St. Vincent DePaul Conference

Not available at press time.

December 15: Weekly Parish Collection

Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment Collection

December 22: Weekly Parish Collection

December 25: Christmas Collection

December 29: Weekly Parish Collection

Advent
The Advent Wreath
The Third Week of Advent

Candle Name: The Shepherd's Candle

The Second Week of Advent Represents: Joy

Candle Color: Pink

This third candle is pink and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day. This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus. How is Jesus inviting you to experience greater joy this Advent?

**light the pink candle*

Read from Scripture: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:20)

Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 3: *"Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen."*

Reflect: On a scale from 1-10, how would you rate your joy this Advent? How might God be inviting you to open yourself up to the joy of the season?

(from Dynamic Catholic)



Sacrament of Baptism
Dennise Alejandra Escobar

received the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Mary's last weekend. We ask for your prayers for this newest member of our parish family and for her parents and godparents.



You're Invited to Open the Jubilee Year with Bishop da Cunha

On Sunday, December 29, in union with bishops throughout the world, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., will celebrate a special Mass

to open the local diocesan observance of the Jubilee Year 2025 in the Catholic Church. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River, and the faithful from the Diocese of Fall River are invited and encouraged to take part. The Mass will follow the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve by Pope Francis to officially begin the Jubilee Year for the Universal Church. A Jubilee is a special year of prayer, reconciliation, and spiritual renewal, ordinarily taking place every 25 years. Jubilee 2025 will have as its theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," seeking to inspire hope around the world. Look for forthcoming information on additional opportunities to become a 'Pilgrim of Hope' through your own participation in Jubilee Year observances.

Parish Office has Moved

We have moved to a temporary location while the renovations continue at 6 Orange Street. We have relocated to a trailer in the parking lot of 15 Cherry Street Fr. Griffin Hall. Thank you.

Fr. John and the staff of St. Mary's



Dear Friends,

This weekend is Gaudete Sunday! We are meant to rejoice, so let's get to it!

Last weekend's 50th Nantucket Christmas Stroll, which is ordinarily a time of rejoicing, was a bit more interesting and challenging than previous years. Who could have predicted the power going out in part of downtown? It certainly came as a surprise, and not a welcome one. So

many of our local businesses suffered because of this. But, in typical Nantucket fashion, people stepped up!

I heard about businesses taking the names of their regular customers, who didn't have cash on them, so they could pay them later. I heard about a restaurant owner, who faced with serious financial loss, say "it's only money. At least everyone is safe." I have also heard about people buying up thousands of dollars of gift cards at these restaurants to help make up for some of the loss. People just wanted to help one another in the midst of a challenging situation. This is in addition to all the good things that happen on this island on a daily basis; the hungry are fed and those who lack shelter are offered a warm place and a hot meal.

In the midst of difficulty there was, and always is, good news! I thought of this given all of the bad news we hear, all the time. It can become very discouraging. But we need to not only pay attention to the good news, we should also be sources of good news! Doesn't it just make you smile and give you hope when you hear about good things happening?

Advent is a season of hope; Jesus is our ultimate hope. Since we are his disciples we must be conduits of his hope. Be the reason someone has hope; be the source of good news -- this is part of being a disciple. Rejoice and cause someone else to rejoice as well!

God bless you all!



This "God Rocks" rock is in one of the gardens at the church. It is very appropriate for this Advent Season.

Fr. John

Stroll Weekend Cookout Thank You!!

We would like to express a huge thank you to all of the Knights and the Coast Guard who helped with our Cookout fundraiser for our renovations projects. We were not prepared for the amount of people that ended up being fed by St. Mary's. The Knights had gas grills set up and we were able to take credit cards off line, so we were incredibly busy the entire day. The Knights were able to send out for more food and kept grilling and serving until all of the food was gone. And the volunteers stayed past the time that they had committed to so that we could get anyone fed who came through our line. It was an amazing day and we were grateful to be able to keep providing a place for strollers to sit down and have a bite to eat. Thank you and kudos to our Knights of Columbus!!!

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