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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.stmarysnatnucket.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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 23

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Jeff Cappel

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

5:00 PM For all those we remember/honor

7:00 PM through our Christmas Flowers

12:00 AM Spanish Christmas Eve Mass

Our Parish Family

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00 AM For all those we remember/honor

through our Christmas Flowers

Thursday, December 26

7:30 AM Mr. & Mrs. James Nolan

Friday, December 27

7:30 AM Jeanne Roche

Saturday, December 28

5:00 PM Fr. John Duggan

Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM Our Parish Family

11:00 AM Erin Marshall

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

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, 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Monday, January 1 is the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord and the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, and it is a **holy day of obligation**.

Spanish Mass will be on Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE

We will not have a 7:30 am Mass on January 1, but we will have a 10:00 am Mass that day.



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.



The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love

to others as well.

December 8:	\$8,313.00
Second Collection:	\$3,940.00
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	

December 9:	\$1,825.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	
Charitable works for St. Vincent DePaul Conference	

December 15:	\$6,797.00
Second Collection:	\$2,341.00
Diocesan Assessment Collection	
All of the above totals include our OnLine Giving donations.	

December 22:	Weekly Parish Collection
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December 25:	Christmas Collection
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December 29:	Weekly Parish Collection
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Bishop's Christmas Letter



Please see our website:

<https://stmarysnantucket.org> for Bishop da Cunha's Christmas letter. Or there are copies at the back of the church.

Advent
The Advent Wreath
The Fourth Week of Advent

Candle Name: The Angel's Candle

The Second Week of Advent Represents: Love

Candle Color: Purple

During this final week of Advent, we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. This is the last week to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Are you ready?

***light the purple candle**

Read from Scripture: "And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Pray the Advent Wreath Prayer for Week 3: "Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen."

Reflect: What concerns, joys, worries, and prayers do you want to bring to Jesus this Christmas?

(from Dynamic Catholic)

This Week at Mass

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season (General Norms, 31). The Christmas season extends from Evening Prayer I of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12, 2025.

Thursday, December 26: St. Stephen, the first martyr (+ around 35). He was one of the seven deacons of the Acts of the Apostles and the first disciple to be martyred.

Friday, December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (+ around 100). He was the son of Zebedee and the brother of James, the "disciple Jesus loved." He authored three letters, the book of Revelations, and the most spiritual of the gospels. He is symbolized by the eagle (cf. Ez. 1) and is the patron of Asiatic Turkey.



priests are essential to help us remain strong. To help meet



We work and pray together for a successful future for the Diocese of Fall River. The promotion of vocations, the formation of future priests, and the support and ongoing care for all our these needs, the ***Serving the Shepherds Fund*** was created to care for our seminarians, our active priests, and our retired priests in the diocese. Our own, Fr. Marcel Bouchard, former pastor is serving on the board for the newly created Serving the Shepherds. Thank you Fr. Marcel. To learn more please visit:

<https://www.catholicfoundationsema.org/shepherds>

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 at Fr. Griffin Hall. Thank you.

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



Dear Friends,

In a few days we will begin our celebration of Christmas, but we are not there yet. We should enjoy these last few days of Advent.

The Gospel this weekend shows St. Elizabeth, pregnant with John The Baptist, welcoming Mary who is pregnant with Jesus. There is such warmth, joy and hope in their

exchange. Elizabeth and John greet Mary and Jesus with "extreme hospitality". I am sure that Mary was tired after her journey from Nazareth. She also was probably relieved to experience Elizabeth's understanding of her situation - a situation still unknown by Joseph.

This hospitality is essential to the Christian life. We are called to be a people of radical, even extreme, hospitality. The world is filled with people who do not feel welcome anywhere. If we cannot make room for them then we are doing something wrong.

In a few days there will be many people coming into our Church who are not ordinarily here. We can respond to them with welcome, or not. It's up to us. If we do not welcome them, why would they want to come back? Christmas is one of those occasions for us to welcome people with open hearts and open pews! We can emulate Elizabeth and John as they welcomed Mary and Jesus. In welcoming the stranger or the occasional visitor to our parish we are doing exactly what they did, welcoming Jesus.

God bless you all!

Fr. John



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all from Fr. John and the parish staff.

Please note that our office will close on Monday, December 23rd at noon for the Christmas Holiday.

From the Office of Safe Environment

Substance abuse is a growing problem that can start as early as grade school. Warning signs can be sudden changes in behavior or moods, significant changes in eating or sleeping habits, and increased secrecy and hostility. If you believe that your child may be involved with drugs or alcohol, contact the school's social worker and/or your child's physician. Early detection and treatment are crucial to long-term physical and emotional health.

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