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MASS SCHEDULE †

WEEKDAYS

Monday - Friday 7:30 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 - Friday 9:00 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 18	
5:00 PM	Fred Mascola
Sunday, January 19	
8:00 AM	William Medeiros
11:00 AM	Our Parish Family
5:00 PM	Spanish Mass
Monday, January 20	
7:30 AM	For Racial Harmony
Tuesday, January 21	
7:30 AM	Deacon Mike Murray
Wednesday, January 22	
10:00 AM	For Unborn Children & The Dignity of Life
Thursday, January 23	
7:30 AM	Alex Robertson
Friday, January 24	
7:30 AM	Peter Polachi
Saturday, January 25	
5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday, January 26	
8:00 AM	Tom Cahill
11:00 AM	John & Katherine Lodge
6:00 PM	Spanish Mass



Knights of Columbus Winter Breakfast

This Sunday, January 19th from 9:15am to 1:30pm the Knights will be serving up a combination of breakfast and lunch favorites.

The menu includes: Eggs Benedict, Chocolate Chip Pancakes and more plus a variety of lunch items. Lots of great eats! Adults: \$17.00 and Kids: \$8.00

Please join us in the Parish Center for some delicious food and wonderful comradery and help raise funds for the Council's General Fund at the same time. Tickets available at the door.

International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has [a history of over 100 years](#), in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*) The 2025 Catholic Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from January 18–25. The theme for the week is "Do you believe this?" The theme for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was approved by the Catholic Church's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches, in collaboration with the ecumenical monastic community of Bose in Italy. It is a week-long period of prayer for Christian unity, is a response to Jesus' prayer and is a time for Christians to gather and pray together for unity. Further promotional and preparatory materials for the annual WPCU can be found through the [World Council of Churches](#) and the [Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute](#) websites including:

- Suggestions for observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Scripture readings, commentaries and questions for reflection
- Historical and contextual information

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, Sheila Fleishman, JoAnn Hilbig, Rowena Rickard, Richard Carven and Gail Krauthoff

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good, But the generosity of God knows no limits --- the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

January 12: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment
Not available at press time.

January 19: Weekly Parish Collection

January 26: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Church in Latin America

February 2: Weekly Parish Collection

St. Mary's is so grateful for our thoughtful and generous parishioners who support our faith community with their time, talent and treasure. We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial commitment to our Parish!



Bishop da Cunha's Blog

Read Bishop da Cunha's blog at:

www.fallriverdiocese.org/bishops-blog/

This Week at Mass

Tuesday, January 21: St. Agnes, virgin, Martyr (+beginning of the fourth century).

Wednesday, January 22: Day of Prayer and Penance. Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life see below

Thursday, January 23: St. Marianne Cope, a religious of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, NY (+ 1918). She was known for her charitable works and virtuous deeds. For thirty-five years she cared for the lepers on the island of Moloka'i. She was canonized on October 21, 2012

Friday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor of the Church (+ 1622). As the Bishop of Geneva he sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings. He was the co-founder with St. Jane Frances de Chantal of the Visitation Order. He is the patron of writers, journalists, and the deaf.

Day of Prayer and Penance

January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* which legalized abortion. "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. (General Instruction on the Roman Missal, #373).



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Thank you to all who contributed to help our church look beautiful and festive for Christmas. A list of the

names of those remembered or honored by these donations is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and also on our website.



For the Jewish people, a Jubilee year was held every 49 years and extra year in between 7 cycles of 7 years (cf. Leviticus 25:813). It was intended to be a time to reestablish a proper relationship with God, with one

another, and with all of creation. It involved forgiving debts, returning misappropriated land, and a fallow period for the fields. The Catholic Church has celebrated Jubilee years, usually every 25 years, since the 1300s.

Pope Francis inaugurated Jubilee Year 2025 on Christmas Eve with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," seeking to inspire hope around the world. Last Sunday, our Bishop, Edgar da Cunha, celebrated a special Mass to open the local diocesan observance of the Jubilee. Bishop Edgar has designated 4 pilgrimage sites for the faithful to visit to participate in the Jubilee including:

The Cathedral of St. Mary, Fall River

Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, Attleboro

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, New Bedford

St. Francis Xavier, Hyannis

The Jubilee year will run through January 6, 2026.

St. Mary's Snow Policy

If the schools are closed, then there is no Mass.

Please stay home and stay safe!



Dear Friends,

On Sunday afternoon I am leaving to begin my annual retreat. For the past few years two of my priest friends, Fr. Bill Labbe (Diocese of Portland Maine),

Fr. Brian Clary (Archdiocese of Boston) and I, go to St. Joseph

Retreat House in Milton for a week long retreat. I will be returning Friday evening.

It is mostly silent retreat; we will have Mass together each day, pray the liturgy of the hours together and share a holy hour together in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We also choose a spiritual book to discuss. This year we are reading "Poverty of Spirit" by Fr. Johannes Metz. Each day we will have about a half hour to 45-minute conversation about the book and its implications for us as priests.

I am so grateful for this time of retreat and to share it with these two priests who are more than my friends; over the past 35 years (back to very early seminary days) they have become, in a real way, my brothers. While each one of us is different, we share a common love of the priesthood and the people we are called to serve. Their presence in my life is a great blessing. I also vacation with these two guys, so they need extra prayers for putting up with me! But if you are ever wondering what keeps me going when times are challenging, these two men are key answers to that question. Over the past almost 27 years as a priest they have supported me and challenged me. I pray that you all have friends like this in your life.

Please keep us in your prayers and we will certainly be praying for you.

God bless you all!

Fr. John

**Martin
Luther
King
Day**



Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

On Monday, January 20, with the people of our country, we remember the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. and his work to end racial discrimination.

Our office will be closed that Monday.

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday weekend as we honor this great man and his work.

Christmas Decorations at the Cemetery

If you haven't already done it, please spend some time at the Cemetery removing any and all Christmas decorations.

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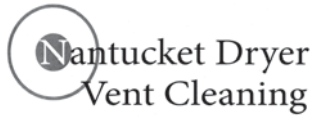
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