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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 8

5:00 PM

Carol Marks

Sunday, February 9

8:00 AM

Joanne Morin Cranston

11:00 AM

Our Parish Family

5:00 PM

Spanish Mass

Monday, February 10

7:30 AM

Mary Jane Murray

Tuesday, February 11

7:30 AM

Donna Schaeffer

Wednesday, February 12

10:00 AM

For all those who are sick.

Thursday, February 13

7:30 AM

Rita Bangs

Friday, February 14

7:30 AM

Rob Horyn

Saturday, February 15

5:00 PM

Fiorella Paradisi

Sunday, February 16

8:00 AM

Our Parish Family

11:00 AM

John G. Topham, Sr.

5:00 PM

Spanish Mass

ROSARY

The rosary will be prayed every morning, Monday through Friday, at 7:05 am before morning Mass.

World Day of the Sick 2025

The Catholic World Day of the Sick is an annual observance on February 11th that encourages prayer and support for those who are sick. It was established by Pope John Paul II in 1992. It coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which commemorates the Blessed Mother's appearances to St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858.

Its purpose is to encourage prayer and support for those who are sick, to recognize the importance of caring for the sick and those who care for them, to remind people to see the sick as Christ, and to recognize the ministry of healthcare workers and hospital chaplains.

Every three years, the celebration takes a solemn form at a Marian Shrine. Due to the Jubilee Year 2025, the Holy Father Francis has ordered that the solemn celebration, which should take place this year, be held on 11 February 2026 at the Marian Shrine of the *Virgen de Chapi*, in Arequipa, Peru.

"Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), but strengthens us in times of trials" *Pope Francis*

Prayer for World Day of the Sick:

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

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, JoAnn Hilbig, Rowena Rickard, Richard Carven, Gail Krauthoff and Marjorie Malone

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10



In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"

February 2: \$9,375.00

The above total includes our online giving donations.

February 9: Weekly Parish Collection

February 16: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment

February 23: 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.



Time To Return Last Year's Palms

Please return dried palms from last year to the basket set up in the vestibule - beginning this weekend and no later than March 2nd.

They will be burned; some ashes will be used for Ash Wednesday, which is March 5th, and any surplus will be properly disposed in the earth.

This Week at Mass

Monday, February 10: St. Scholastica, virgin (died around 543). Was the twin sister of St. Benedict, and eventually was interred in the same grave with her brother. Most of what we know about her comes from the *Dialogues* of St. Gregory the Great, who wrote, "so death did not separate the bodies of these two, whose minds had ever been united in the Lord. She is invoked against storms and is the patroness of Benedictine convents."

Tuesday, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes. According to St. Bernadette, the visionary at Lourdes in 1858, the Virgin Mary proclaimed herself "The Immaculate Conception." She is the patroness of Portugal and the Philippines. Pope John Paul II designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick, "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ, who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind." (*Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick*, May 13, 1992).

Friday, February 14: St. Cyril, monk (+869), St. Methodius, bishop (+885). They were brothers known as the "Apostles to the Slavs." They prepared the Slavic liturgical texts and served as the spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western traditions. They are patrons of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and all of Europe.



Mark your calendars and please join us! **Cursillistas from all across New England** — along with adult friends and family interested in learning about Cursillo — are invited for this joyous event on the campus of Stonehill College in North Easton. Together we will live a beautiful day in faith and energize all Cursillistas to be the spark of renewal in the Church!

Saturday, June 28, 2025

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10:00 am – 5:00 pm • Doors open at 9:00 am

The event will feature welcoming remarks and celebration of the Vigil Mass by the Bishop of Fall River, Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.V.D., D.D.

Keynote Speaker Brian Pusateri, shares a life story of faith and resilience with a profound message of God's mercy. The Convocation will include presentations by clergy and laypeople, panel discussions, music, and much more. Visitors can browse exhibits and vendor displays, and explore service opportunities with faith-based organizations. **Lunch is included with registration.** Food and snacks will be available.

For more information, please contact Nancy Smith, Director of the Holy Cross Retreat House at nsmith@holycrossusa.org or 508-238-2051.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17th. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 AM. Have a safe and happy Presidents Day Weekend.



Dear Friends,

Back in December our Diocese began an initiative called "Stronger Priests, Stronger Parishes, Stronger Church." The "roll out" was a meeting with priests as a preview of what's to come. It's a three initiative that starts this year.

The Diocese is being proactive in taking care of the priests we have; as you know, the Diocese as a whole, and the Church for that matter, does not have a enough priests to serve the entire Catholic Church — many priests are over worked and this impacts their mental, spiritual and physical health.

We are in a unique situation here on Nantucket, and one that is truly blessed. Very few parishes have two full time priests as we do here. Fr. Carlos and I are privileged to be here. We are fortunate to have Fr. Kevin Cody and the many Jesuits who assist in the Summer. But how long will this last? I am not asking this question with any inside or secret knowledge but the reality is there will come a day, in the not too distant future, when either I or Fr. Carlos will not be here full time and it will be a one priest parish; even with that reality, we will still be fortunate to have a full time priest.

So how does this initiative impact us? Well, since we are part of the Diocese of Fall River, we are called to look at how well we are doing as a parish. Fr. Carlos and I must take personal responsibility for taking care of our overall health and we need your help and prayers for this.

Yes, our parish is busy but it is far more manageable than parishes off island where there is one priest for two or three parishes — this is not healthy or sustainable. It is not good for our parishioners and it is certainly not good for the priests involved. I've done this in the past and I can tell you that it takes a toll.

For more information about this initiative please go to our Diocesan Website (fallriverdiocese.org) and read "A Time For Fortitude". I will also send this out on Flocknote and post it on our Parish Facebook Page and Website.

God bless you all!

Fr. John

St. Mary's Snow Policy

If the schools are closed, then there is no Mass. If it is a weekend, we will make the decision as early as possible. Use your judgment on travel as conditions can change rapidly.

Please stay home and stay safe!

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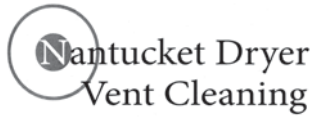
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