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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.....1:00 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.....1:00 pm

PARISH INFORMATION

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday.....9:00 am - Noon &
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Friday.....9:00 am - Noon



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.

Faith Formation: First Eucharistic: two-year program, starting in First Grade

Confirmation: two-year program, starting in Eighth Grade

Grades 3 to 7: specific program for each grade

CGDRE@stmarysnantucket.org

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 (OCIA): 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.

Email: kofc2612@gmail.com



First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29

5:00 PM

Our Parish Family

Sunday, November 30

8:00 AM

Carol Marks

11:00 AM

Veronica Dragon

1:00 PM

Spanish Mass

Monday, December 1

7:30 AM

Keith Creamer

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 AM

Deacon Michael & Carol Murray

Wednesday, December 3

7:30 AM

Thomas B. Healey

Thursday, December 4

7:30 AM

Raul Leal

Friday, December 5

7:30 AM

Deceased Members of the Ball Family

Saturday, December 6

5:00 PM

Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 7

8:00 AM

Kathleen Bresette

11:00 AM

Philip Sullivan and the Deceased Members
of the Sullivan and McLean Families

1:00 PM

Spanish Mass

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, Daley McCallum, Claudio Clavijo, Ellen Conway, Doyle Marchant, Barbara Boehm, Lily Kraljevec, Linda Sullivan, Patricia Cennamo, Patty Snyder, Frank Malaro, Louise Hubbard, , Mark Albright, Jane Carty, Ray Senecal, Julie Malone, Patsy Cody Lyons, Joy McGrath, Rosemarie Simmone, Bec Balock, Elizabeth Mock, Jenny Boley, Kathy Seraphim, Icylin Lewis, Linda Boles, Kate McGrath, Ashley McLeod, Ed Hudzik, Barbara Pekenia, Rowena Rickard, Richard Carven, Gail Krauthoff, Marjorie Malone, Patricia Powers, Clay Cassidy, Beth Tornovich, Caren Oberg, Rhys Volans, Frank Balester, Ovidio Patino, Suzanne Dockerty, Seth Meyer, Barbara Wodynski, Ophelia Palka, Myrna Bocage, Ron Bocage, Kathleen Cassidy, and Lili Baker

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8, 2025

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. This feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne" originated in the 7th century and established as a solemnity for the entire Church in 1708. We celebrate the fact that in preparation for her role as the mother of God, Mary was kept free from the stain of sin from the first moment of her conception. Under this title Mary is the patroness of the U.S., Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mass times:

7:30 am and 5:30 pm Spanish Mass at 7:00 pm



The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

November 23: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Campaign for Human Development
Not Available at Press Time

November 30: Weekly Parish Collection

December 7: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Winter Fuel Collection

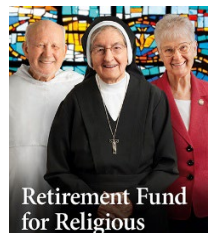
December 14: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious



Sacrament of Baptism

Axel Anderson Kryder

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



Second Collection December 13 & 14 Retirement Fund for Religious Help Care for Religious Elders

Many senior religious worked for years for little to no pay, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry.

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Congratulations to:
MARK CUTONE
St. Mary's Marian Medal Recipient for 2025

Thank you Mark for all that you quietly do in service and devotion to St. Mary's. We sincerely appreciate it.

Mark will receive the Marian Medal here at St. Mary's at a later date.

This Week at Mass

Wednesday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier, priest (+1552). One of the founding Jesuits, he preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. With St. Theresa of the Child Jesus he is co-patron of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the foreign missions.

Thursday, December 4: St. John Damascene, priest (+749). Became a monk and later a priest at the monastery of St. Sabas, near Jerusalem. He was the first in the East to formulate a comprehensive synthesis of Christian dogma. He defended the veneration of images, composed hymns, and preached many homilies in honor of the Blessed Virgin.



The season of Advent is a time of expectation, when we prepare our home and our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. The word Advent is derived

from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming".

Advent is a season of hope, a time to nurture peace and experience joy in anticipation for the love that is made incarnate with the birth of Jesus.

Keep this purpose ever in mind as you make your plans to prepare for Christmas. Everything will make sense or become senseless in relation to this purpose. If baking cookies helps you achieve this purpose, bake away. Sitting quietly on a park bench, taking long walks in quiet places, visiting your church each day, reading, singing, serving others...whatever it is that helps you achieve the purpose of Advent, give yourself to those activities.

Wake up each day with this purpose in your heart and on your mind. Purpose has a way of transforming the way we live our lives. Allow the purpose of Advent to transform you.

From Dynamic Catholic: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>

**CHURCH
COOKOUT**



DECEMBER 6TH
St. Mary's Advent Kickoff Cookout
Stroll Weekend

Saturday, December 6th, the Knights will once again be grilling to raise money for St. Mary's. We thank them profusely. Join us for delicious food and great company and help a worthy cause at the same time. The menu is always diverse and worth a walk to Cambridge Street! We will

have the street blocked off and tables set up. So plan to join your St. Mary's Community between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm for some Christmas good cheer.

St. Mary's Chic Bling Jewelry will once again be available. Be sure to check out what Emilia and Diana have to offer this go round.

Volunteers We are looking for St. Mary's volunteers to help during the day in many different capacities, from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. If you are available to help at any time during these hours, please get in touch by calling the parish office at 508-228-0100 or emailing stmarys@stmarysnantucket.org Thank you.



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Advent—the season when the Church cheerfully whispers, "Wait, slow down," while the rest of the world shouts, "Move faster! Buy faster!" If you're already feeling behind, don't worry: Advent was made for people like you and me.

This weekend Jesus tells us to stay awake. That's good news, because most of us have been running on caffeine and adrenaline since Thanksgiving. But He's not talking about avoiding naps—He's talking about keeping our hearts alert so we don't miss His quiet arrival in our lives.

As we light the first purple candle, consider a simple Advent game plan: one small prayer a day, one, or two (or several) acts of kindness a week, and at least one moment where you resist yelling at family, friends, store clerks, customer service or fellow drivers! These are baby steps toward holiness.

A great Advent practice which I recommend is beginning on December 1st, reading once chapter per day of the Gospel of Luke. When you arrive at Chapter 24 on Christmas Eve you will find that you're reading about the Resurrection of Jesus! This is entire point of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh.

May this season bring hope, patience, and the peace that only Jesus can give.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. John



Religious Education Dates for December

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 5TH WILL BE RESCHEDULED

12/07- Sacramental grades/ Grados sacramentales
Grade 2- 9:00 AM Grade 9 - 10:00 AM

From the Office of Safe Environment

Want to keep your child extra safe? Create a code word for you and your child to be used in a variety of ways. It can be a signal that your child needs to talk to you immediately; it can be the password a trusted adult needs to pick up your child in an emergency, or it can be a code to signal to you that the child is in danger. Practice handling these situations just as you would have family fire drills. Safety is too important to leave to chance!

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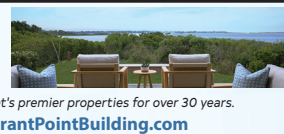
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