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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

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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



Second Sunday of Advent

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
Spanish Mass

1:00 PM

Monday, December 8

7:30 AM Paul, Michael & Mary Clarke

5:30 PM Janet Coffin

7:00 PM Spanish Mass

Tuesday, December 9

7:30 AM Deacon Charles Boucher

Wednesday, December 10

7:30 AM Jean Duarte

Thursday, December 11

7:30 AM For the Intentions of Jayne Collins

Friday, December 12

7:30 AM Molly Brown

Saturday, December 13

5:00 PM Joan Fisher

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM Kathleen Webster Bresette

11:00 AM Our Parish Family

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



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.

Mass times:

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



Sacrament of Baptism

Gabriel Alexander Pineda Chacon

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



Religious Education Dates

for December

12/19 Family Night/Noche Familiar

12/21- Sacramental grades/ Grados sacramentales
Grade 2 - **9:00 AM** Grade 9 - **10:00 AM**



We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

November 23: \$7,810.00
Second Collection: \$2,448.00

Campaign for Human Development

The above totals include our Online Giving Donations

November 30: Weekly Parish Collection

Not Available at Press Time

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

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



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.

Thank you to Elle Foley



We are so grateful to Elle Foley, a talented local artist and parishioner, for giving us the beautiful original painting in the foyer of the Church. As you notice it as you enter or leave, please say a prayer for Elle in gratitude for her generosity and talent. But also, take note of how our Church exists in the "busy-

ness" of town. We belong here; we are the presence of Jesus in the midst of our own little part of the world. Thank you Elle!

This Week at Mass

Monday, December 8: Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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 was 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.

Tuesday, December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin ("talking eagle"). In 1531 Our Lady appeared four times to this native convert at Tepeyac, near Mexico City. A member of the Chichimeca people, he was perhaps a leader of his sown people and may have been involved in the area's textile industry. Known for his holiness, he devoted himself, tradition says, to the pilgrims who came to see the miraculous image of Mary imprinted on his cloak. Pope John Paul II canonized him July 31, 2002.

Friday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Today's feast recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac from Dec. 9 to 12, 1531 to the native convert, Juan Diego. She was declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII and this celebration was raised to the rank of feast for all the countries of the Americas by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on March 25, 1999. The Aztec equivalent of Guadalupe means "she will crush the serpent of stone."

Dear Friends,



John the Baptist is our guide for this Second Sunday of Advent. He seems to be an odd guide as his call is not one of "come, sit, enjoy some Christmas Cookies I baked for you." His call is not one of celebration but a call to repentance, a call to austerity and a call to conversion.

This invitation seems like it belongs in Lent rather than Advent. But let's remember that Advent has a penitential quality to it as well. As John cried out in the wilderness to "make a way for the Lord" so he calls to us to prepare a way for the Lord in the wilderness of daily life; in the wilderness of our own lives.

What needs to be made level? What needs to be removed? What behaviors, attitudes, agendas or ideas need to be examined and possibly extracted from our lives?

While Advent is a busy time for each of us we need to take the time to examine our lives and make a place for the Lord. Admittedly, with all the busy-ness that occurs in this season, / we can miss the opportunity for silent reflection. But John calls us to something different; something radically different in this overly consumeristic culture that makes Christmas one long commercial for more and more and more.

We should long for more but not more of what this world offers. We should long for more of what God is offering. Last weekend I mentioned a quote from Mother Angelica, founder of EWTN, in my homily. This quote is a great theme for Advent. "What are you going to do for Him for Christmas? It's His birthday, you know. I never saw anybody who had a birthday and was ignored by so many people."

May our repentance in this season help us to pay attention to Jesus as we prepare to celebrate His birth. God bless you all!

Fr. John



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



This Weekend ~ Campaign for Special People with Intellectual or Physical Disabilities

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after all Masses this weekend, December 6 & 7, in support of this statewide effort. Please enjoy a Tootsie Roll as a token of appreciation!

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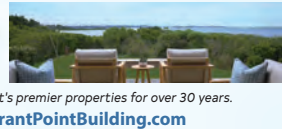
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