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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



Third Sunday of Advent Gaudate Sunday

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

Monday, December 15

7:30 AM

John & Katherine Lodge

Tuesday, December 16

7:30 AM

Peter Sylvia

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 AM

D. Jane & Jack Daley

Thursday, December 18

7:30 AM

Alex Robertson

Friday, December 19

7:30 AM

Bena Fisher

Saturday, December 20

5:00 PM

Sally Hudzik

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM

H. Flint Ranney

11:00 AM

Our Parish Family

1:00 PM

Spanish Mass

Third Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudate Sunday

Gaudate comes from the Latin word for "rejoice" and is reflected in the opening words of the Mass, "Gaudete in Dómino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). It falls on the third Sunday of Advent, midway through the liturgical season, which falls between December 11 and December 17.

We are reminded of the joyful anticipation of Christ's birth (Nativity) and His second coming, a break in the penitential tone of Advent.

Celebrants wear rose (or pink) vestments instead of violet, and flowers may be used, similar to Laetare Sunday in Lent. Gaudate Sunday reflects the joy of the approaching Nativity, with special readings focusing on salvation and the nearness of the Lord.

Readings focus on rejoicing, God's mercy, and finding peace in His presence, urging believers to have no anxiety.



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

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

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38



Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

November 30: \$9,801.00

December 7: \$12,228.00

Second Collection: \$3,913.00

Winter Fuel Collection

The above totals include our Online Giving Donations

December 14: Weekly Parish Collection

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

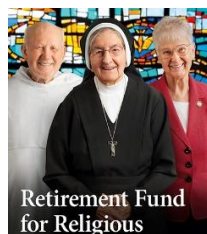
Second Collection December 13 & 14

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.



Retirement Fund
for Religious

December 21: Weekly Parish Collection

Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment Collection



Thank you!! Our St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Mary's chapter, is so grateful for the overwhelming support during Stroll. Merry Christmas to all! If you need a nice gift, our coffee mugs and wine glasses are still available thru

email at SVdPack@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT MASS

During these last few days leading up to Christmas we celebrate the Advent weekday Mass each day.

Changes to Television Mass and the Anchor

The Diocese of Fall River is announcing changes impacting two longtime communication ministries. The changes are in response to the widespread use of digital platforms, changing media habits, and increasing costs across the board.

Effective January 2026, the Diocese will discontinue its Television Mass aired weekly on WLNE-TV, Channel 6. The final TV Mass will be broadcast at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 28, 2025. The Diocese has [posted information](#) on its website fallriverdiocese.org on accessing Sunday Mass via numerous livestream options and broadcast and cable television.

Additionally, the diocesan monthly newspaper *The Anchor* will transition from a printed publication to digital formats with the launch of weekly electronic newsletter and new website in February 2026.

"This was a difficult decision to make," said Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. Both the printed *Anchor* and the Television Mass have well served the Diocese over the past 60-plus years. Times change, however, and after a careful analysis of media usage trends and costs, we think investing in other communication endeavors will help us to better connect with and engage a wider segment of our Diocesan community."

"It is my hope that our faithful people will understand the reasoning behind these transitions," Bishop da Cunha said. "We are grateful to all who have supported our TV Mass Apostolate—participating clergy, WLNE-TV Channel 6, technical personnel, donors, and especially the viewers. I ask for their patience and support as we explore new ways to reach out and celebrate our Catholic faith with more people in what is now a very busy and complex world."

Thank you to all who joined us for our Advent Cookout on December 6th. And thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered or helped in any way. We had a successful day and a wonderful time was had by all!



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

Religious Education Dates for December

12/19 Family Night/Noche Familiar



Dear Friends,

This past Wednesday, December 10, the Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Loreto, a title that draws us into the mystery of the Holy House where, according to ancient tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary received the Archangel Gabriel's greeting and gave her "yes" to God. That humble home in

Nazareth—venerated for centuries in Loreto, Italy—became the first "sanctuary" of the Word made flesh. It is also believed that this is the home where Mary and Joseph raised Jesus; the home of the Holy Family.

In the midst of Advent, when our hearts are turned toward the coming of Christ, the Feast of Our Lady of Loreto invites us to pause before that small, hidden house and reflect on the way God most often chooses to work: quietly, simply, and within the ordinariness of daily life.

Mary's home was not a palace. It was not grand or impressive. Yet within its walls, the greatest event in human history began. Advent teaches us that God delights in entering the ordinary, and the Holy House reminds us that if we make room, even the smallest space of our lives can become a place where Christ dwells.

The Church also honors Mary of Loreto as the Patroness of aviators and all who travel (fitting for this time of year). Now you might be asking why this is the case. What does a shrine in Loreto have to do with aviation? Well, it's a mystery (such a Catholic answer!) but a miraculous mystery nonetheless. No one really knows how the house, originally in Nazareth, got to Loreto in Italy. So we can only presume that God put it there somehow. Is this impossible? Nothing is impossible for God. He who is raised from the dead and gave us His Body and Blood from what was once bread and wine can do anything!

As we celebrate this feast, let us ask Our Lady of Loreto to help us build a home for Christ within our own hearts. May she teach us to say "yes" to God with the same simplicity and courage that she showed in Nazareth. And may our homes—no matter how ordinary—become places where faith, hope, and love take flesh again in this holy season.

Our Lady of Loreto, pray for us. Come Lord Jesus!

Fr. John



Thank You from the Knights

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported the "Tootsie Roll Drive" last weekend, in support of this statewide effort.

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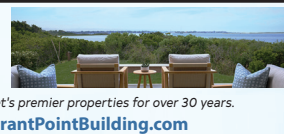
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