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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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 22

7:30 AM

Edward Creamer

Tuesday, December 23

7:30 AM

Kris Creamer

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ~ Christmas

Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

5:00 PM

For all those honored and remembered with our Christmas flowers

7:00 PM

Spanish Mass

Midnight Mass

Our Parish Family

Thursday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

9:00 AM

For all those honored and remembered with our Christmas flowers

Friday, December 26

7:30 AM

No Intention

Saturday, December 27

5:00 PM

Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM

Joan & Paul Clarke

11:00 AM

Joan Velsmid

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, , Seth Meyer, Barbara Wodynski, Ophelia Palka, Myrna Bocage, Ron Bocage, Kathleen Cassidy, and Lili Baker

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8



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



When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

December 14: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
Not available at press time.

December 21: Weekly Parish Collection
Second Collection: Diocesan Assessment Collection

December 25: Christmas Collection

December 28: Weekly Parish Collection



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Thank you to those who donated so generously; our church will be very beautiful for the Christmas season. The names of those living and deceased that you asked to be honored/remembered will be listed at a later date.

Please Note

Additional Confession Schedule for Christmas
Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23
11:00 am to Noon
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm



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



Please see our website:

<https://stmarysnantucket.org> for Bishop da Cunha's Christmas letter. There are also copies in English and in Spanish on the board in the vestibule. Or there are copies at the

back of the church.

Cookout Thank You

We would like to express a huge thank you to all of the Knights and the Coast Guard who helped with our Cookout fundraiser.

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!

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31

Spanish Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Parish Mass at 10:00 AM

to make it more convenient to attend.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

St. Mary's Snow Policy

If the schools are closed, then there is no Mass. Please stay home and stay safe!

Parish Office Closing Update

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and the new year. We will close the office at noon on December 23rd and we will reopen on January 2nd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Merry Christmas

The parish staff joins me in praying that this Christmas season finds you abounding in love, rejoicing in hope, and secure in God's peace, as we celebrate the feast of the Lord's birth.

Fr. John



Dear Friends,

It's close! Can you feel it? Are you ready? Christmas is just a few days away and most of us are just not ready. I think in these last few days we can learn a lesson from children and Ahaz in the first reading from Isaiah this weekend.

I am sure you've noticed children during these days leading to Christmas. They are trying to be good because Santa is watching; he's still checking that list! But children also know how to ask for what they want at Christmas. Many of the things for which they ask might be unrealistic, but to them there is this hope that if they simply ask Santa the right way they will get what they really, really, really want and think they need! I remember asking for the Millennium Falcon (Han Solo's ship in the Star Wars Saga) back in the early 80's. I got it; one of the best gifts ever!

The Lord Himself is telling King Ahaz to ask for a sign. But he refuses; he wearies God by not asking. Just a quick background on Ahaz; he was an unbelieving king who didn't trust that God would deliver him from his enemies. God wanted Ahaz to know that He would come through for him; this is why Ahaz's lack of asking wearies God. God knows what we want and need better than we do. In opening our hearts to Him and asking, our desires are purified. This helps us understand, ever more deeply who God is and what He wants not just from us, but for us. He wants us to know that He always comes through for us in very unexpected ways - like promising Ahaz, and the people of Israel that "a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and she will name him Emmanuel", which means God with us.

So, my friends, ask. Ask deeply and ask for the impossible; take the time over these next few days to ask something of God and see what happens.

God bless you all!

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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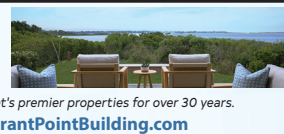
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