

STELLA MARIS & ST. MARGARET'S PARISHES
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Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord
Dec. 24 -25, 2024

Today's Readings: Christmas Eve Today's Readings: Christmas Day
1st Reading Isaiah 62:1-5 Isaiah 62:11-12
2nd Reading Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 Luke 2:15-20

Please Note: Weekday Masses are celebrated in Stella Maris Parish Centre Chapel unless otherwise announced.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 5 pm, Stella Maris Church Christmas Eve Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 7 pm, St. Margaret's Church Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 10 am, Stella Maris Church Christmas Day Mass
Thursday, Dec. 26th, 12 noon, Chapel Special Intention

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, Dec. 28th, 5 pm, Chapel Catherine (Tootsie) MacIntyre & John Wiswell
Sunday, Dec. 29th, 9:30 am, St. Margaret's Church Parishioners
Sunday, Dec. 29th, 11 am, Chapel Parishioners

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 11 -11:45 am before the weekday Masses in Chapel.
Marian Cenacle: Mondays, 11 am in Chapel
Holy Hour: Saturdays, 10:30 am in Chapel

Lectors: Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th
Sat., Dec. 24th, 5 pm Eddie MacEachern
Sun., Dec. 24th, 7 pm Delores Chapin
Sun., Dec. 25th, 10 am Brian MacDonald

Lectors: Dec. 28th & Dec. 29th
Sat., Dec. 28th, 5 pm Angus L. Campbell
Sun., Dec. 29th, 9:30 am Bernadette MacLeod
Sun., Dec. 29th, 11 am Karen Hirtle

Gift Bearers: Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th Advent Candle
Sat., Dec. 24th, 5 pm Christa & Joey Shaw & Family Clifton & Marilyn Sangster
Sun., Dec. 24th, 7 pm Neil Joe Gillis & Stanley MacEachern Lindsay Ryan
Sun., Dec. 25th, 10 am Jesslyn Mullins & Cole MacLean

Gift Bearers: Dec. 28th & Dec. 29th
Sat., Dec. 28th, 5 pm No Gift Bearers
Sun., Dec. 29th, 9:30 am Lauchena MacLeod & Marvin Sowchuk
Sun., Dec. 29th, 11 am No Gift Bearers

Sunday Offerings: Thank you!

Dec. 8th & 9th

Stella Maris: \$1,279.00 St. Margaret's: \$978.40

Building Fund Stella Maris: \$50 St. Margaret's: \$95.00

Stella Maris Heating Fund: \$20.00 Veteran's Memorial Fund: To Date: \$1,3104.30 + Go Fund Me

*Please Note: Anyone making a donation by cheque, please check to assure it is signed and date is correct.

Prayer Line - Please Note: Calls to the Prayer Line are to be made between 10 am - 6 pm. at 902-258-2328. Otherwise please leave a message with your request and it will be passed along to the group. Thank you

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON 2024

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Dec. 24th, 5 p.m. - Stella Maris Church; 7 p.m. - St Margaret's Church

Wednesday, Dec. 25th, 10 a.m. - Stella Maris Church

Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 5 p.m. - Stella Maris Church; 7 p.m. - St Margaret's Church

Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 10 a.m. - Stella Maris Church

*Please Note: Stella Maris Church will be heated for the Christmas Season Masses scheduled above.

Stella Maris Parish Office Christmas Season Schedule

Parish Office will be opened on the following days during the Christmas Season:

Monday, Dec. 23rd, 9am – 12 noon, Friday, Dec. 27th, 9 am – 4 pm

Monday, Dec. 30th, 9am – 12 noon, Friday, Jan. 3rd, 9 am – 4 pm

Please note: Copies of Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick 's Christmas letter are available at the back of the churches.

My dear people of God, Shalom!

The Star of Hope has brought us the joy of Christmas. We praise and thank our God for so loving us to the point of giving us His only begotten Son as the light of salvation (cf. John 3:16). May we be led by this light for the fullness of divine joy and peace to our parishes and to the whole world.

On this festive season, I would like to express my gratitude to you all, dear parishioners. In a special way, I thank all who have wholeheartedly dedicated their time, talents and finances in the life and work of the parish. Special thanks to our Deacons Barry and Duncan, Kathleen, John and Ian for their valued service. In these words of gratitude, I remember all the volunteers in various groups of our two parishes: committees, quilting ladies, prayer line, Sangster couple for catechesis....

On a more personal note, all who make my mission agreeable. I thank you for all your gifts, cards, food, prayers, kindness and friendship.

May the joy of Christmas be always with you,

Fr. Daniel

HAVE A JOYOUS & BLESSED Christmas!