



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island
3rd Sunday of Advent ☩ December 13, 2020

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel John 1.6-8, 19-28

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday No Mass
Friday No Mass
Saturday No Mass
Sunday No Mass

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Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

Local Knights of Columbus - www.kofc9025.com

Our Bulletin - www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php

Diocese of Charlottetown - www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Bulletin Announcements: Email bulletin notices to bulletins@jp2pastoralunit.com or call Francis @ 902-886-2761. Deadline for weekly bulletin is Thurs. at 4pm.

Reading for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Today we light three candles of the Advent wreath. The third candle is rose and symbolizes joy. We are filled with joy, hope and peace as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We are told in today's second reading to be patient and not to grumble with our brothers and sisters meaning everyone with whom we are in contact every day. When we are patient with ourselves, our family and friends and accept people as they are, we become a joy-filled person. The word JOY contains a secret! J - Jesus first, O - others second, Y- yourself third. Putting Jesus first, others second and yourself third is the pathway to joy.

Diocese Notices

Catechism in French: Are you or someone you know looking for Catechism in French? Le Bureau d'Éducation Chrétienne is offering an online series on Advent. Go to the Family Catechism/Catéchèse Familiale page on Facebook at the following link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/195672402160777> and click JOIN to access the weekly Power-Points and activity pages. The series is designed for grades 3 to 6 primarily but can be adapted by the parent viewing it with their child. There is also material in the activity pages for grades 7 to 12.

We are all stewards of our future. The most integral part of this future is our youth. Your Gift could provide for programs targeted towards shaping the young Catholics of tomorrow. If you would like to help bring our church into the future by providing a Gift to your Parish or Diocese now or at estate planning time please visit us at www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

Unit Notices

Helping Hands: The Knights of Columbus Council 9025, are undertaking a Program to assist seniors in the John Paul 11 Pastoral Unit with small odd jobs, for example, hanging curtains, blinds, pictures, putting up a shelf, or minor repairs. If you need help with these jobs or others, please call Eleanor Gallant 330-3134. She will refer your name and request to a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Christmas Wishes: The CWL and Knights of Columbus are seeking your help. Each Christmas we reach out to those who are alone or in need. We need your help to identify those who could use a treat this Christmas. If you know of someone please give their name to one of the following: Kathy Doiron 902-734-2053, Mary Blacquiere 902-213-2083, Bernice Doucette 902-621-0199 or Donnie Blacquiere 902-569-8536.

Bulletin Notices: I would ask anyone who submits a notice for the bulletin to please keep them as short as possible. I am sure you have noticed lately the bulletin has been full and I have actually had to leave some notices out. I really hate to pick and choose which notices make the bulletin so the shorter the notices the more I can get in. Thanks for understanding. *Francis*

Thank You: I would like to thank my family and friends for all the visits and phone calls and especially all the food brought to my home, Also the drivers. God Bless you all. *Edna*

Thank You: Our Family would like to express our thanks to everyone at St. Augustine's Church and it's sister churches during Kelly Power's cancer journey. Kelly believed that God had a plan for her and whatever that plan was she was ok with even if it meant leaving her family. Kelly came from a small community in Newfoundland and loved the feeling of belonging she experienced as part of the Parish. The prayers and support our Family received, has helped us to get through this difficult time as we learn to adapt to a life without Kelly. A very sincere thank you from all of us. *John, Emily, and Patrick.*

Last Week's Collections & Donations
St. Augustine's: \$689.00
St. Anne's: \$1248.00
Stella Maris: \$655.00
Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!
Please consider including your Parish in your will.

OUR PRAYER LIST
 Brian, Evan, Grace, John, Laura, Theresa, Alfred Barriaylt, Pope (Pius) Doiron, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Tyrel Doucette, Gary Ellis, Albert Gallant, Edmond Gallant, Stella Gallant, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 13), Darlene MacGregor, Monique MacLeod, Carolyn Nantes, Baby Cole Peters, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith
 To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact
Marion Murphy 902-621-0725
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God leads every soul by a unique path.
St. John of the Cross

Christmas Mass Schedule Updates: Thank you parishioners for responding to our request of pre-registration for the various masses offered Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. As a result, Fr. Raj has graciously agreed to add another mass on Christmas Eve to accommodate all who have reached out thus far. Also, Stella Maris has informed us they have just received approval for their operational plan thus opening up more spaces for their 2 scheduled masses. With this being said, please take note below of our New updated schedule with available spaces:

December 24: 4pm Stella Maris (Few Spots Left);
6pm Stella Maris (Few Spots Left);
7:15 pm St. Anne's (Few Spots Left);
8:30 pm St. Anne's (Few Spots Left);
10pm St. Augustine (FULL);

December 25: 10:30am St. Augustine (Spots Left);

January 1 : 10:30am St. Augustine.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and understanding as we work together to ensure we provide an opportunity for all to share this most wonderful celebration the 'Birth of our Beloved Jesus' our "Savior". St. Augustine Ann-Marie Vessey 902-964-3442; Stella Maris Lorraine Lemay 902-360-2060; St. Anne's Jacinta Doiron 902-621-0638. We are also very pleased to share with you that Francis Wieggers has offered to Live stream both masses held in St. Anne's on Christmas Eve. We certainly appreciate him offering his time and equipment allowing those who are unable to be physically present with us to partake in the service in the comfort of their own homes. Stay tuned as we are working on offering this every Sunday going forward. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fr. Raj, myself or any Pastoral Council Member. Respectfully submitted by *Jacinta Doiron, Chair Unit Pastoral Council*.

Bursary Applications: You will find applications for they PEI Catholic girl's bursary at the back of each church. If interested please fill out and send in by January 31, 2021. Any questions please call Mary Blacquiere at 213-3083

St. Anne's Notices

WIFI Available: St. Anne's Church is now wifi accessible. Please feel free to use our network while at our church.

Sunday Envelopes for 2021 are now available. You may pick them up at the entrance which you usually use to go for Mass. Please put your name on them for the first few weeks. Any questions, see Kathy Doiron after Mass.

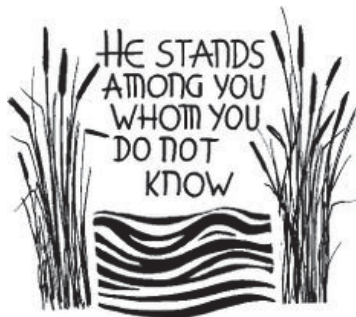
Community Notices

Thinking of putting your Christmas tree up and want to get a fresh local tree and support a local charity at the same time? Come to the VanLeeuwen hobby farm at 19938 Highway 2, Hunter River. The price is simply a donation for a local charity. We like to raise funds for local charities through our Christmas trees. We have done this for Farmers Helping Farmers in the past but if people would rather have their donation go to Knights of Columbus foodbank, we would be happy to keep track of those donations too. My cell phone is 902-394-2370 if you want to call ahead of time to be sure we are around. Colorado blue spruce and balsam fir are available in different shapes and sizes - up to 12 feet even. Also some Norway spruce. We have a saw and can cut it for you. We also have some smaller trees in pots in the ground if you want a live tree, but only if the ground has not frozen hard. We do not deliver so bring your truck, van, trailer or roof rack and some rope or bungee cords to bring your beautiful tree home.

Subtle Yoga with Paula. Mindful Yoga on the Mat. Stella Maris Hall, North Rustico. No classes Dec. 22 & 29. Classes begin again Jan. 5, Tues 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm. . Beginners welcome, no experience necessary. Please bring a mat, a towel, blanket, water. Come give it a try, meet some friends and have fun! For more information contact Paula: 782-234-5845

"There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me."

So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as a witness to speak for the light, by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the anointed one (Messiah in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: God has called you, and he will not fail you. This is why, on this 'Gaudete' Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.



Keeping in Contact...

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the unit. We thank God that you are with us. If we may assist you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket.

- New parishioner.
- I am home bound and would like someone to visit me.
- I am going to be in hospital, please call on me.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____