



The Saint John-Paul II Pastoral Unit
Stella Maris, St. Anne's & St. Augustine's Parishes, Prince Edward Island

The Holy Family ✠ December 26, 2021

This Weekend's Liturgy

1st Reading 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28

2nd Reading 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24

Gospel Luke 2.41-52

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday No Mass

Friday No Mass

Saturday 10:30am St. Augustine's (New Years Day)

Sunday 9am St. Anne's

Sunday 10:30am St. Augustine's

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Mass Requests: Contact Fr. Raj for all Mass requests

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Raj for Baptismal Preparation.

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

Diocese of Charlottetown - www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com

Local Knights of Columbus - www.kofc9025.com and like us @ www.facebook.com/kofcrustico

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

St. Augustine's Lectors

December 29 Della Cormier Smith

St. Anne's Ministries

December—Lector: Michael King, Eucharistic Minister: Savio Dias

Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life.
St. Leo the Great

Prayers of the faithful

For Pope Francis, Fr. Brian MacDougall - Diocesan Administrator, Fr. Raj, all priests, religious, seminarians and lay leaders as they work to show support for families who may have challenging times. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the families of our health care workers, politicians, health advisors as they cope with having a loved one under considerable stress, *We pray to the Lord.*

For those who feel they don't belong anywhere, may this parish community be open to welcoming new members and treat them as family. *We pray to the Lord.*

For families dealing with anger, hurt, misunderstandings so much that they don't talk to one another. May there be peace in every heart and home. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all who are dealing with health challenges including Jake Doucette, Joe Peters, Mike Gauthier, Catherine Anderson. May they find strength and comfort knowing we are praying for them. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all who have died. May they be welcomed into God's loving embrace. *We pray to the Lord.*

Diocesan Notices

PEI Catholic Girls' Bursary Application: The PEI Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites Catholic girls and women attending colleges and universities to apply for the PEI Catholic Girls Bursary by the deadline of January 31. Applications are available at the back of the church, parish office or online at www.cwlpei.ca.

Seeking a Martha Earth Justice Ministry Coordinator (part-time position) for the Sisters of St. Martha: details of the job posting with desired qualifications are posted on the diocesan website and on the Martha Website www.pei-marthas.ca Deadline for applications is January 28.

Did you know that the Diocese, through the generosity of our parishioners, has been able to donate over \$60,000 in the past two years in support of great community groups like Blooming House, Bedford MacDonald House, and the Food Bank? In addition, we have recently donated \$11,500 to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth in support of their efforts to construct temporary shelters for the homeless. The Diocese thanks you for your continued support! As you may know, the need for support is greater for many people this year. If you are able, please consider giving to local charities and efforts to support people in need at this time.

Last Weeks Collections & Donations

St. Augustine's: \$

St. Anne's: December 12: \$680.00

December 19: \$1050.00

Cemetery Fund: \$470.00

Stella Maris: \$1227.00

Cemetery Fund: \$100.00

*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, Trinity, Mikayla Blacquiére, Steve Callaghan, Doug Collister, Roy Doiron, Beatrice Doucette, Edie Doucette, Albert Gallant, Gayelene Gallant, James Darren Gallant, Pauline Gallant, Nicky Garland, Vic Greenwood, Paul LeBlanc, Naomi (age 14), Darlene MacGregor, Monique MacLeod, Brad McBride, Carolyn Nantes, Desi Nantes, Bernadette Nelson, Terry Perry, Joe Peters, Bernice Sheehan, Dane Simpson, Susie Smith, Shelley Thomas

To have a name added or removed from the prayer line please contact

Marion Murphy 902-621-0725

Angela Gallant 902-393-0960

Rose Gallant 902-963-3516

Fr. Raj Santiago 902-916-1074

Unit Notices

KofC Food Pantry: The hours of operation for the food pantry at Stella Maris Church are Monday and Friday: 10am to 12 noon and Wednesday: 3pm to 5pm. Food items can be dropped off during operating hours or also at the North Rustico Home Hardware during store hours. If you require assistance outside of these hours, please contact Donnie Blacquiere at 902-569-8536. Visit our website at www.kofc9025.com for more information.

Helping Hands: The Knights of Columbus Council 9025, are undertaking a Program to assist seniors in the John Paul II 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 Genny Gallant 902-360-2067. She will refer your name and request to a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Our Website: Please take a moment and check out our website, www.jp2pastoralunit.com. We are looking for suggestions to make the website more useful for our parishioners. If you have any ideas/content for the site or if you'd like to help take care of the site please contact us at website@jp2pastoralunit.com.

From the desk of Rose Gallant: I will be away from Dec. 13 to Jan. 7. If you wish to request prayers for the prayer line, please contact Faye Fyfe at 902-963-2144. Thank you. Have a safe and Merry Christmas!

Pastoral Associate Program: A new pastoral associate program will begin on January 21. If anyone has an interest, call Father Raj or Marion (902-621-0725) by January 3. This is a 2 year program, 1 weekend a month for 2 years, summers are off. The program prepares the candidates for various ministries.

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.

Live Streaming Mass Online: You can find it at https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos

Stella Maris' Notices

Stella Maris Parish Centre: For anyone wishing to use Stella Maris Parish Centre for small gatherings. Information on availability and function restrictions, as per health regulations, are available by contacting Paul Blacquiere @ 902 963-2505 or e-mail paul.blacquiere@pei.sympatico.ca

Stella Maris Church will no longer be open on a daily basis. It will be open for Mass & scheduled events as well as during Food Bank hours (Monday & Friday 10 am to noon & Wednesday 3 pm to 5 pm)

2022 Envelopes: New envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Envelope numbers from 90 to 100 have been eliminated and these parishioners have been assigned new numbers. If you have not received a set of envelopes in the past and wish to receive them, please contact Peter Gallant (963-2460) or Norman Gallant (963-2416).

St. Augustine's Notices

St. Augustine's parish now accepts online donations at www.donatetostaugustines.ca. You can select 3 fund options from the drop down menu. A tax receipt will be issued automatically. Thank you for your support.

Community Notices

Michele's Chair & Balance classes will be at the North Rustico Lions Club. The classes will run on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2pm. This program is designed for older adults just beginning to get into fitness & for those with mobility challenges resulting from such conditions as Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Osteoporosis, Cerebral Palsy, Parkinson's, etc.. Fee is by donation. For more info Michele Gallant at 902-626-9799 or magallant58@gmail.com.

Crib at Cymbria Lions Club is cancelled until further notice. Watch for restart date.

"Coffe Break": No Card Parties or Coffee Break until Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Rustico Bay Club: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. Card games will resume, Monday January 10 at 7pm. 50/50 and \$100.00 in prizes. Yoga with Leone Curtis will resume, Monday January 10, at 9:30am. \$5.00/ class. Help with technology will resume Saturday, January 15 at 9:00 am.

Rustico Bay New Year's Eve Ceilidh and Dance has been cancelled due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases. To make arrangements for refund, contact Bernice Doucette at 902-621-0199.

Christmas Message From Father Raj

Dear Brothers and Sisters, What a year this has been. There is no doubt we all have been challenged by COVID19, Some could not make it to be with the loved ones, some of our parishioners are unable to participate our church liturgies as a community, some of our church members are suffering from life threatening diseases and for some lost their loved once. However, that didn't prevent our families from having some truly exciting events to remember with joy as we all come to the end of 2021. Indeed we are grateful to the Merciful Lord for protecting all of us especially as we have been experiencing a safe heaven in our Beautiful island. And all the more let us thank the Lord for all that happened in our lives as well as our family member's lives. As we are the people of hope and faith, let us keep up our optimistic positive attitude and go further even in this atmosphere of the new variants which is a great concern and to be worried about and so on. I am very positive that our PEI Government and its officers will control very effectively with our cooperation. Let us pray for each other, especially for those who are sick and need our prayers for any of their needs. And hoping the new year 2022 will bring lots of changes to many of us.

So I have all the reason to wish you all and your family members a Merry Christmas as well as a Joy and Peace filled New Year 2022.

Fr. Raj