



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

**Epiphany of the Lord ✠ January 2, 2022**

**This Weekend's Liturgy**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 60.1-6

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Ephesians 3.2-30, 5-6

**Gospel** Matthew 2.1-12

**Weekly Mass Schedule**

**Monday** No Mass

**Tuesday** 7pm St. Augustine's

**Wednesday** 9am Stella Maris

**Thursday** 9am St. Augustine's

**Friday** 9am St. Anne's

**Saturday** 4pm Stella Maris

**Sunday** 9am St. Anne's

**Sunday** 10:30am St. Augustine's

**Contact Information**

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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](http://www.jp2pastoralunit.com/bulletins.php)

**Diocese of Charlottetown** - [www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com](http://www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com)

**Local Knights of Columbus** - [www.kofc9025.com](http://www.kofc9025.com) and like us @ [www.facebook.com/kofcrustico](https://www.facebook.com/kofcrustico)

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

**My Dearest Fellow Parishioners,**

It is with a heavy heart, I have to report we are once again in trying times. As you all know, the Omicron variant has ramped up and is spreading vastly throughout the island. As a result, public health has reduced the numbers in large gatherings with the hopes to keep us all safe. With this being said our numbers have been reduced to 50; therefore, until we get through these trying times and are advised we can increase our numbers, our weekend services will be a first come, first serve basis. We thank you for your continued support and understanding. I wish you all a very a Happy New Year and lots of peace, happiness and good health as we journey into the new year. May God continue to protect you all as we walk together in faith knowing he will support us through this troubling times... If you have any questions or concerns, by all means, please feel free to give me a call at 902-621-0638.

God Bless you all and all the best.

*Jacinta Doiron*

*Chair of John Paul II Pastoral Unit*

**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](http://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](http://www.pei-marthas.ca) Deadline for applications is January 28.

**Unit Notices**

**Mass Schedule:** St. John Paul II Pastoral Unit's mass schedule will return to normal on Tuesday, January 4.

**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 Blacquiére at 902-569-8536. Visit our website at [www.kofc9025.com](http://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.

**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!

**Last Weeks Collections & Donations**

**St. Augustine's: December 19: \$834.00**

**December 25: \$490.00**

**December 26: \$408.00**

**St. Anne's: Christmas: \$840.00**

**December 26: \$495.00**

**Stella Maris: \$620.00**

**Christmas: \$1,705.00**

**Memorial Tree: \$200.00**

**Special Collection: \$50.00**

*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, Dennis Doiron, 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

**Our Website:** Please take a moment and check out our website, [www.jp2pastoralunit.com](http://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](mailto:website@jp2pastoralunit.com).

**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](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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

## The Word This Week

### "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage"

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the Time of Manifestation, or Showing. Today is the Feast of the Manifestation, or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord. The same is true of the key word in the second reading: Revelation. Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

