

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent ✠ December 17, 2023**

**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 9am** St. Anne's

**Monday 7pm** St. Monica Chapel/St. Augustine's—2<sup>nd</sup> rite of reconciliation

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

**Wednesday 9:30am** villa Marguerite

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

**Friday** No Mass

**Saturday 4pm** Stella Maris for Harvey C. Gallant

**Sunday 9am** St. Anne's for the people

**Sunday 10:30am** St. Augustine's for Glen Ford

**Sunday (Christmas Eve) 6pm** Stella Maris

**Sunday (Christmas Eve) 8pm** St. Anne's

**Sunday (Christmas Eve) 10pm** St. Augustine's

If there is a funeral at the parish where daily mass is offered, then mass at that parish will be cancelled on that day.

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**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.

**Last Weeks Collections & Donations**

**St. Augustine's: \$948.35**

**Stella Maris: \$835.00**

**St. Anne's: \$652.00**

*Thank You for Your Donations to Our Parishes!  
Please consider including your Parish in your will.*

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Vera Collister, Blake Culleton, Audrey Gallant, James (Lynn) Gallant, James Gallant Jr, Freda Peters, Dane Simpson, Suzie Smith

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

**Marion Murphy** 902-621-0725

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The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure.

*St. Francis of Assisi*

**Stella Maris Ministries**

December 16 Lector: Joan Gallant

December 23 Lector: Karen Lavoie

December 24 Lector: Vern Buote

December 30 Lector: Eileen Gauthier

December 31 Lector: Joan Doiron

January 6 Lector: Paul Blacquiere

January 13 Lector: Ronnie Blacquiere

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Estelle Bourgeois

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Vern Buote

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Margaret Goulding

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Louis Gallant

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Carol Probert

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Joan Doiron

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Pineau and Eric Blacquiere

**St. Anne's Ministries**

**December**

Lector: Monica Simpson

Ushers: Tim and Joanne Callahan

Offertory

December 17 Phyllis Reid

Eucharistic Minister: Heather Doiron

**The mass times for Christmas/New Years:**

Saturday December 23 – 4:00 pm Stella Maris

Sunday December 24 – 9:00 am St. Anne's

Sunday December 24 – 10:30 am St. Augustine's

Christmas Eve December 24 – 6:00 pm Stella Maris

Christmas Eve December 24 – 8:00 pm St. Anne's

Christmas Eve December 24 – 10:00 pm St. Augustine's

Christmas Day December 25 – 10:00am St. Anne's

New Years Day January 1 – 10:30am St. Augustine's

**Diocese Notices**

**La Crèche Vivante:** In wanting to bring beauty to the Christmas season, l'Équipe Réveil presents the beautiful community project of the Living Manger – La Crèche Vivante, which will take place at the Village Musical Acadien on Thursday, December 21 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). This is a Francophone event but is open to all, and will include an activity for children, hot chocolate, cookies, a beautiful gift bag to take home, and the star of the evening, a play with live music about the real Christmas story – A Living Manger! Cost: Free, but donations appreciated!

**A Global Christmas Celebration:** Carols from around the world form the centrepiece of the upcoming concert entitled "A Global Christmas Celebration". Over a dozen international carols, many sung in their native tongue, serve to acknowledge the many cultures that grace our Island. Also on the program is "Fantasia Noel", a reimagining of classic carols updated for a new generation. Leo Marchildon directs 55 singers and a 30 piece orchestra in this gift to the city of Charlottetown which has now become a seasonal tradition. St. Dunstan's Basilica on Friday December 22 at 7 pm. Admission is by free will offering.

**Christmas Tea :** Martin and Earla at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre invite you to join them in celebrating an old-fashioned Christmas Tea of thanksgiving on Sunday December 17 from 1 until 4 pm. This is a time for you to thank HIM for all your blessings!

### Unit Notices

**Christmas Food Hampers:** During this festive season, everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy a special Christmas meal. The Community Foodbank located in Stella Maris Church is again preparing Christmas food hampers for individuals and families. Anyone who is experiencing difficulty in making ends meet and would benefit from a hamper should contact the Food Pantry, Also if anyone is aware of an individual or family who is in need should contact Andre Lavoie at (902)963-2380 and provide a name so they can be contacted and included in this year's Christmas Food Hamper project.

**Sister Cecile:** Your donation to help Patience's family in Cameroon, one more time, is greatly appreciated. We raised \$2920.00. Sister Cecile and the family are extremely grateful for your contributions and, as sister commented "Only God can truly thank you". Merry Christmas.

### St. Augustine's Notices

**Christmas Carol Sing:** St. Augustine's Parish will host an evening of Christmas Carols and Nativity presentation on December 17 at 7pm. This will be an evening where all are encouraged to sing and participate. Good will offerings will be accepted at the door and funds raised will be given to a charity as an outreach project.

**Christmas is just around the corner!** We will have choir practice each Sunday at 9:15 until Christmas. You don't need to know how to read music, you just need to enjoy singing for if you sing, you pray twice! I invite you to join us, young and old as we would love to have you lend your voice. Also if you play a musical instrument, please come and join too. Any questions, please call Phyllis Arsenault at 902-394-3862 or Janet Cox 902-314-8086

**Envelopes:** 2024 Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

### Stella Maris' Notices

**Memorial Tree:** As in previous years, we are putting up a Memorial tree at Stella Maris Church during Advent. Any one who wishes to honour a loved one by a donation to our church May do so by giving the donation and name of the loved one to Sister Phyllis who will put the name on a candle and add it to the Memorial tree. Let us remember and pray for our loved one particularly all during Advent and the Christmas season.

**Email Addresses:** In order to be able to easily reach all parishioners in case of an emergency, we would appreciate your filling out the form located on the tables at the back of the Church. This form includes your name, email address and telephone number. If you do not have an email address, please write down your name and telephone number.

**Are you on our phone tree?** From time to time important information, such as mass time cancellations or changes, is communicated to Stella Maris parishioners through a phone call from one of our phone tree volunteers. If you have never received such a call and wish to be included in our phone tree, please call Lorraine Lemay 360-2060.

**2024 Envelopes:** New Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Envelope Numbers have changed for a few people so please pay attention when collecting them. If you have not received a set of envelopes in the past and wish to receive them please contact Peter Gallant (902-963-2460)

### St. Anne's Notices

**Live Streaming Mass Online:** You can find it at [https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live\\_videos](https://www.facebook.com/stannespei/live_videos)

**Sunday collection envelopes** for 2024 are now available. Please pick yours up at the entrance you use for Sunday Mass. If you do not presently use envelopes but would like to start using them, see Inez Doiron at church or call her at 902-626-7032.

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

### Community Notices

**Star of the Sea Seniors Club, North Rustico:** Card Parties (7pm Tues); Stitch Group (9:30Wed); Mat & Chair Yoga, call Paula 782-234-5845; Rentals, call Paula 782-234-5845. Tickets available for ongoing Lottery. Coffee Break every Tuesday, 10am-11am, All welcome. Thanks to all for your support.

**Cribbage** Every Thursday at Cymbria Lions club at 7pm.

**Coffeeshouse:** Every Wednesday from 1 to 3 pm, the Rustico Bay Seniors Centre will host a Coffeeshouse (or Tea) Social. Bring any portable craft projects, or come and enjoy whatever games are onsite. This is a relaxed opportunity to gather. Call Jill, at 902-388-6107 with any questions.

**Introduction to Social Dancing:** Peter and Jill McDougall will be offering "Introduction to Social Dancing" classes starting on Monday January 8 at the Rustico Bay Seniors Club. Cost is \$10/pp for 4x one hour classes. The 7-8pm class is already full but they've now added an 8-9pm session. All ages are welcome - no partner required!

**Rustico Bay Club New Year's Dance** is Sunday, December 31 at 9:00 to 12:15 with "Haché". A delicious lunch will be served at break. Bar service. 19 and over. Tickets are \$25.00 each by calling Bernice at 902-621-0199. Located at 2104 Church Road in Rustico.

**Christmas Carol Concert:** Central Queens United Church is pleased to host a Christmas Carol Concert on Sunday., Dec. 17 at 7pm. This concert will be presented by Central Queens Musical Friends with featured performers Sarah Weeks, Brad and Annika Trivers, Wade and Braiden Campbell, Ellen Davis, Wina Reardon, Marsha Weeks and Rev. Greg Davis. Admission will be a free-will offering.

**Celebrating 50 Years!** Join us to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Claude and Della Buote on Saturday, December 30, from 2pm - 4pm at the Cymbria Lions Club. Refreshments will be served. Best wishes only please.

### Memorial Mass Request

Dear Father:

Please have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of: \_\_\_\_\_

At \_\_\_\_\_ church. Preferred date: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_ (please reserve well in advance)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this stub along with your offering in an envelope and place it in the Sunday collection or give it to the priest. (The customary stipend for masses is \$10)