

DATE	MASS TIMES	FEAST DAY
Sunday, Aug 11	9:00 AM St Paul, 10:00 AM SJB, 11:00 AM St Michael	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday, Aug 12	No Mass	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
Tuesday, Aug 13	9:00 AM SJB, 7:00 PM St Michael	Saints Pontian and Hippolytus
Wednesday, Aug 14	7:00 PM SJB, 7:00 PM St Michael	Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Thursday, Aug 15	9:00 AM SJB, 9:00 AM St Michael	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, Aug 16	9:00 AM SJB, 9:00 AM St Paul	Saint Stephen of Hungary
Saturday, Aug 17	4:00 PM SJB, 4:00 PM Michael, 6:00 PM St Peter	Weekday

A new Mass Schedule starting after Labour Day

The Transition Liturgy Committee with parishioners from our four churches working together as one has proposed changes to make sure our Mass times don't overlap. These have been approved, and will provide parishioners with as many options as possible to worship. In order to make this happen each church has had to change their schedule, so all of us are making sacrifices for the new parish. We know this could affect your routine so you might want to cut this out and put it on the fridge (it is also available on our website) starting the weekend of **September 7th**.

Monday:	7:00 pm (St. John the Baptist)	Friday:	9:00 am (St. Paul's)
Tuesday:	6:15 pm (St. Paul's)	Saturday:	4:00 pm (St. John the Baptist)
	7:00 pm (St. Michael's)		5:00 pm (St. Peter's)
Wednesday:	6:15 pm (St. Michael's)		6:00 pm (St. Michael's)
	7:00 pm (St. John the Baptist)	Sunday:	9:00 am (St. Paul's)
Thursday:	8:30 am (St. John the Baptist)		10:00 am (St. John the Baptist)
	9:00 am (St. Michael's)		11:00 am (St. Michael's)

Financial Corner

August 4, 2019	Sunday Envelopes	PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit)	Loose	Total
Saint John the Baptist	49 Env \$ 969.00	59 PAD \$ 1345.58	\$ 124.90	\$ 2439.48
Saint Michael's	67 Env \$ 2169.00	25 PAD \$ 597.00	\$ 988.00	\$ 3754.00
Saint Peter & Saint Paul	54 Env \$ 1290.00	14 PAD \$ 286.00	\$ 117.30	\$ 1693.30

Thank you for your continued generosity

Welcome to Stella Maris Parish

...a growing community of missionary disciples led by the power of the Holy Spirit, is a beacon of Hope and Love committed to witnessing and sharing God's mercy and presence!

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 11th, 2019



“You must keep yourself ready”

Weekly Reflection

Today Paul reminds us that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Sometimes it seems like the deck is stacked against us in life, or that the obstacles ahead are insurmountable, but our faith gives us the assurance that if we toil to build the kingdom in earnest during our journey as “foreigners” on earth, we do not toil in vain. Likewise, rebuilding our parish to be a community of missionary disciples may seem daunting, but if we go out with the conviction that we are focussed on the mission given to us by Jesus Christ, we won't toil in vain. GA

Our Mission: Go and make disciples!

Stella Maris Catholic Community Contact Information

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Have an event you would like to see in our bulletin? Email: stellamarishalifax@gmail.com

A word from Fr. Jose Thomas

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of the grace He has given you in Christ Jesus” (1 Cor 1: 3-4)

Paul’s greeting to the Church in Corinth sets up the tone as we begin our ministry. Also, I want to express my heart felt gratitude for your words of welcome, prayers and support for the last few days. My hope and prayer is that all of us are going to be blessed, formed and equipped as disciples by our ministry and presence.

St. Augustine on the anniversary of his ordination said, “Where I’m terrified by what I am for you, I am given comfort by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you, after all, I am a Christian.” I promise you the people of God that I will be always mindful of these words of wisdom from St. Augustine that, for you I am a priest, with you, after all I am a Christian.”

Fr. David and I are moved into St. John the Baptist’s rectory. This is going to be used strictly as priest’s residence and our offices are going to be located at St. Michael’s. This living arrangement will give us a bit of privacy and personal space as priests.

If there is anyone wanting to have a conversation with me, I will be humbled to listen to you and see what we could do in accordance with the mandate and guidelines given by the Archdiocese. Please do e-mail me at josephthomas15@gmail.com or by calling the office. God Bless!

Office Closures

The parish offices will be amalgamating into a single office for Stella Maris parish as of August **15th**. **St. Michaels office will be closed next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in order to facilitate the move.** The address of the new office is: Stella Maris Parish, 14 St Michael’s Ave, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3P 1M5 (Phone: (902) 477-3530).

IMPORTANT NOTE

Many of our email addresses have changed. Please see the changes above in our contact information to ensure that we receive all your requests.

Bulletins - Our regular bulletin schedule will resume on **September 8th**.

New Mass Card Process



Effective **August 12th**, Mass Cards will no longer be available for purchase at the parish offices. Mass Cards can be purchased at the back of all four churches. Envelopes will be available for you to record the name of your loved one and can be dropped in the collection basket. The cost is \$11 for a card and \$10 if you only want a mass said.

Stella Maris Transition News

The past six months have been a very busy time for all the folks devoted to the various aspects of the transition to a single parish. The bottom line is that Stella Maris will be operating as a single parish in most respects by the beginning of September. Some of the key changes are: Parish mission and vision statements, our new name, a single office at St. Michael’s, a single glebe at St. John the Baptist, a single bulletin and website, non-overlapping mass times, and finally St Peter’s hall will be up for sale. Thank you to all who have been praying for parish unity and the encouraging words from so many of you! With the guidance of the Holy spirit, our focus going forward will be on the cultural transformation needed for us to become the parish that we are called to be: a community of missionary disciples.

Annual Parish Outdoor Cemetery Mass

Tuesday, **Aug. 13th** at 7:00pm. Although the Mass will be held at St. Paul’s Cemetery on Herring Cove Rd, we will pray for all those buried in our seven parish cemeteries. Please bring a chair and join us to pray for our departed love ones. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at St. Paul’s Church.



ALPHA

Who are you inviting?! Summer provides wonderful opportunities to evangelize in the simplest way possible: just invite them to our next Alpha dinner Thursday **26 September**. Don't say no for them! Inviting someone is great regardless of the response, as it shows your care for them.

Why Alpha? Because it works!! Countless parishes across North America have the same experience as we do: Alpha successfully leads people to an opening where they encounter Jesus or deepen their existing faith – It changes lives.

Love working with the youth? We need you!

Do you have a heart for the youth? Do you love your Catholic faith and want to share it? Do you have an active spiritual life rooted in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ? Maybe you are called to join our wonderful team this year! We are looking for volunteer teachers, small group leaders, junior youth leaders and other helpers to join our Wed evening (teen) and our Sunday morning (children) programs at St. Michael's Church. All training will be provided and your gifts will be used! Please pray about joining us! Please contact: Carolyn Vess at stellamarisreled1@gmail.com or 902-425-4096 if you would like more information.



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During the summer months, there will be **NO BINGO** on August **16th, 30th**.