

# Welcome to Stella Maris Parish

## Go and Make Disciples!

12th Sunday in ordinary time, Sunday June 20, 2021



*“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*

### Weekly Reflection

A Word from Fr. Jose Thomas

Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers and father figures. Today, on this Father's Day, we are offering our fathers, living or dead, on the altar of God during this Holy Mass our Heavenly Father's blessings on them. May they be blessed abundantly!

Jesus and his disciples are on a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Soon they realize that they are perishing. So the disciples go to him and plead, “Lord, help us, for we are perishing!” Jesus response was “Why do you worry so, O people of little faith?” And he calms the storms with the Words, “Peace! Be Still!”

As disciples we are journeying with Jesus in the sea of life. We are just being reminded that Jesus is always with us in the boat of our life. He is the anchor and we will never go down when he is with us.

Only Jesus can still all the storms that we encounter in the sea of life. May He bless us on our journey.

**\* Good News!** We are now able to have on-site Mass with up to 50 people. Next weekend, July 3rd and 4th, we will celebrate mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM, and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. You will need to register on our website at [www.stellamarishalifax.com](http://www.stellamarishalifax.com). Registration will be available on Mon., June 21st at noon. If you do NOT have access to email, you can call the office and follow the prompts to register. All current Covid guidelines must be followed.

**Liturgy of the Hours:** Every Monday at 8 AM and every Friday at 6:30 PM, we will be offering a public recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours. While COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, the celebrations will be streamed live on Zoom only [by clicking here](#). All are invited to participate in this traditional devotion, which dates back to early Christian times. Please contact Franco Tarulli at [ftarulli@tarullilaw.com](mailto:ftarulli@tarullilaw.com) for more information, or to attend.

**Sunday Envelopes for 2021:** Anyone wanting their 2021 envelopes can contact Susan Hann to make arrangements for pickup. Also please note that there has been a re-numbering for 2021 and therefore if you use an envelope from 2020 it may not be allocated to you. Please ensure to write your name on your envelope donations.

**\* Feast of St John the Baptist Prayer Service:** There will be an outdoor prayer service on the glebe side of the parking lot of Saint John the Baptist Church at 7PM on June 24th to celebrate this Feast. In the event of inclement weather the service will be moved to the church hall. Due to COVID Restrictions we do request that you bring your own chairs. Please note that Facebook rosary and Mass will be at 8:30 AM Thursday morning.

**Feast of St Peter & St Paul:** Please join us for a community rosary at the beautiful grotto in Ketch Harbour on Wednesday, June 30th! Details will be provided in next week's bulletin.

**Exciting News!** Our parish is stepping out into the community to fundraise in support of our mission. Please support our monthly Rafflebox 50/50 draw by [clicking here](#) and be sure to send it out to all of your family and friends on social media. This month's raffle ends on June 20. You can find us at [facebook.com/stellamarishalifax](https://facebook.com/stellamarishalifax)

**Our Vision Statement!** Stella Maris Parish, a growing community of missionary disciples led by the power of the Holy Spirit, is a beacon of Hope & Love committed to witnessing & sharing God's mercy & presence!

**Confession:** Confession is available in the meeting room at the glebe (St. Michael site) upon request until the Diocese changes the Covid 19 protocol. Please call Fr. Jose at 902 477-3530 ex.6.

**Seeking a Cemetery Commission Chair:** Our parish has seven cemeteries that we are responsible for, and looking after the dead is one of our corporal acts of mercy as Catholics. We are seeking a Chair of the Cemetery Commission who could devote a couple of hours a week to ensure parish policies are in good order and followed by the Grounds Manager and Registrar. If you can help out in this important task or would like to get more information, please contact Greg the Parish Life Coordinator.

**\* Syrian Refugees:** We now have all the information on our website for Refugee Sponsorship. Simply go to our website at [www.stellamarishalifax.com](http://www.stellamarishalifax.com) and click on “Faith In Action” under the “Get Involved” tab to view updated information as it becomes available, a list of items that have already been donated, an opportunity to donate on line and a list of items that are still required.

**\* Novena to Saint Joseph:** The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has invited diocesan and eparchial bishops to celebrate an *Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph*, on Canada Day, Thursday, July 1, 2021 in their respective diocese or eparchy. The *Act of Entrustment* is preceded by a novena imploring Saint Joseph's intercession for the welfare of the entire country, for the many needs of society, and to pray in particular for those who passed away due to COVID-19. The *Novena* begins on Tuesday, June 22 and ends on Wednesday June 30. The document is available [here](#).

**EQUIP: Faith Formation for Adults:** Applications are now open! EQUIP is our program of formation for the New Evangelization to build leaders within the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. For more information and to apply please visit [www.HalifaxYarmouth.org/EQUIP](http://www.HalifaxYarmouth.org/EQUIP) or contact Chris O'Hara ([cohara@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:cohara@halifaxyarmouth.org)). Application deadline is July 15, 2021.

**Stella Maris Support for Ghana:** Shipment of donated computer equipment in support of Father David's school project in Ghana was delayed due to Covid restrictions, but we are now moving ahead once again. We now need six or seven heavy-duty, 190 to 210 litre totes in which to ship these items. If you can donate one, or cover the cost to purchase one, please contact the parish office at (902) 477-3530, or [stellamarisadmn@gmail.com](mailto:stellamarisadmn@gmail.com)

**Food Bank:** During the most recent Covid lock-down, food bank donations are again being accepted outside St Paul's United Church on Old Sambro Rd. on Tuesday mornings. Members of the parish will be there to unload your grocery items. If you would like to help with this, please contact Bill and Ann Dyer at [anneandbill.dyer@mac.com](mailto:anneandbill.dyer@mac.com)

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**LISTEN:** Walk The Walk: Following Christ as His Disciple by Dr. Tim Gray

FINANCES FOR MAY 2021			
Actual Ordinary Revenue		Expected Ordinary Revenue (Budget)	
May 2021	\$14,586	May 2021	\$25,168
January - May 2021	\$107,466	January - May 2021	\$135,040

DATE	MASS TIMES	FEAST DAY
Monday, June 21	8 AM Liturgy of the Hours on <a href="#">ZOOM</a> 7 PM (Rosary at 6:40 PM) on Facebook ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Tuesday, June 22	7 PM (Rosary at 6:40 PM) on Facebook ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )	ferial
Wednesday, June 23	7 PM (Rosary at 6:40 PM) on Facebook ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )	ferial
Thursday, June 24	7 PM (Rosary at 6:40 PM) on Facebook ( <a href="#">Click Here</a> )	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Friday, June 25	6:30 PM Liturgy of the Hours on <a href="#">ZOOM</a>	ferial
Saturday, June 26	4 PM (St. Michaels site)	ferial
Sunday, June 27	9 AM and 11 AM (St. Michaels site)	13th Sunday in ordinary time


*If you have something for the next bulletin, please email [stellamarishalifax@gmail.com](mailto:stellamarishalifax@gmail.com).  
Please have your submissions in no later than Wednesday @ 3 PM*

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**This Sunday we celebrate fathers of all types! Let us pray for all fathers in their call to witness God's love to and with their families.**



*St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Amen*