



Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

You have all been most patient in awaiting information on our plans for this Christmas. As I said in my column on November 15, we have been planning for some time already but needed to wait until now to share the information in case there were any changes in the health rules after Thanksgiving. *While you will still need to watch for any last minute changes, [click here for the full plan](#) for our St. Martha and St. Mary Parishes this Christmas.*

The two obvious priorities are (a) providing everyone with opportunities to worship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, and (b) to keep one another as safe as possible. Please read our [Christmas 2020 Guidelines](#) for Mass. It is very important that you sign up to attend the Mass of your preference because space is limited.

Christmas Mass Schedule (subject to changes)

St. Martha Parish

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 3:00pm & 5:00pm (both up and downstairs)
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 at 8:00am

St. Mary Parish

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 3:00pm, 5:00pm (both up and downstairs)
Collaborative "Mass During the Night" at 12 Midnight
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 at 10:00am & 12 Noon

Also in this newsletter:

- Virtual Advent Giving Tree/Gift Certificate Requests
- Collaborative Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Flower Donations

Virtual Advent Giving Tree and Gift Certificate Requests

Again this year, we are collecting toys and clothing for My Brother's Keeper in Easton. The Christmas gift program is serving people in need in our towns and beyond. [Click here for the link to the specific gifts to select from.](#) Keep all gifts unwrapped and bring to St. Mary parking lot on Saturday, December 12th between 1:30pm and 3:30pm. My Brother's Keeper will be there to collect all the donations.

We are also in need of gift certificates in \$15 through \$50 denominations from Shaw's, Stop & Shop and Target to be given out to people in need in our communities through our St. Vincent de Paul Society and the public health nurses in Plainville and Wrentham. These may be placed in the collection baskets at Mass at St. Martha, the gift card box in the church at St. Mary or in the mail slot at the St. Mary rectory.

Collaborative Lessons and Carols - Centerpiece of our Advent this Year

A prayerful online Advent and Christmas watch party. Sunday, December 13th at 2:00pm. Collaborative lectors, music ministers, including the children's choir, and members of both parishes will be presenting a virtual presentation of Lessons and Carols on all of our streaming platforms. Lessons and carols is an Advent Tradition that consists of nice lessons found in Scripture readings and carols. Join them as they share the Good News safely distanced and yet united in the Spirit of Christ.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to honor your loved ones by donating to our Christmas flowers, please leave your Christmas flower envelope, with your loved ones *names clearly printed*, in the collection basket at Mass or at the parish office by December 13th.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Joe

