



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday December 24	Carol Service	10:00pm
Wednesday December 24	Christmas Eve Mass (Vigil)	11:00pm
Thursday December 25	Christmas Mass (Day)	8:00am
Saturday December 27	Mass (Holy Family)	6:00pm
Sunday December 28	Mass (Holy Family)	7:00am & 9:00am
Wednesday December 31	Carol Service	10:30pm
Wednesday December 31	New Year's Eve Mass	11:00pm
Thursday January 1	New Year's Day Mass	8:00am
Saturday January 3	Epiphany Mass	6:00pm
Sunday January 4	Epiphany Mass	7:00am & 9:00am



FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN DEACONS MASS

The Deacons Mass on Friday, December 26, 2025, Feast of St. Stephen will be at St. Pius X church, 10 Olympic Way, Kingston 11, Three Miles, beginning at 9:30am. Archbishop, The Most Rev. Kenneth Richards will be the Chief Celebrant. All are invited to attend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be **no** evening Mass in the church on Boxing Day, Friday, December 26th.

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MASS TIMES: Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
 Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Year A - December 21, 2025

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Reading:



Is.

Rom.

Mt.

7: 10-14

1: 1-7

1: 18-24

**Response: Open the gates for the Lord to enter,
 He is the King of Glory.**



Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year A: A Pastoral Call to Action

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Gospel of this Fourth Sunday of Advent invites the Stella Maris parish family to look to St Joseph, a man of quiet faith and courageous trust. Faced with uncertainty and disappointment, Joseph chose compassion over judgment and opened his heart to God's greater plan.

Advent reminds us that God is already at work in our lives and in our parish community, even when the way forward is not clear. Like Joseph, we are called not to act out of fear or frustration, but to remain open to God's voice and to respond with faith.

This week, let us make our Advent preparation practical:

Let us reach out to someone who may feel alone, offer forgiveness where there has been hurt, show patience in our families, and support the life of our parish through prayer, service, and generosity. In these simple acts, we make room for Christ to be born anew among us.

As we walk together toward Bethlehem, may St Joseph inspire us to trust God more deeply and to live as a parish community where faith is expressed through love in action.

Fr Richard Brown





Happy Birthday



22nd December
Isabel Matthews ♦ Ayoka Duncan ♦

23rd December
Deborah Cargill ♦

24th December
Delores Chai-Onn ♦ Anne Ho Sang ♦
Miriam Sherwood ♦

25th December
Luke Sykes ♦ Sacha Miles ♦

26th December
Sonia Ormsby-Salmon ♦

27th December
Hailey Davis ♦ Michelle Jones ♦



Happy Anniversary



21st December ❖ R. Evon & Molly Brown

24th December ❖ Alvin & Rosemarie Thomas

26th December ❖ Anthony & Theresa Brodber

27th December ❖ Gregory & Sannia Sutherland

OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 and will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2026.

ARCHBISHOP'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

The date for collection of funds for this year's Archbishop Development Fund will be on **Sunday, December 28, 2025**. There will be a walk up collection at all Masses on that weekend for this purpose. Our target has remained the same as last year. We thank you for your generosity last year and once again ask for your support in giving what you can to assist us in meeting our target. When making contributions via bank transfer please indicate Archbishop Development Fund.

SVDP FUNDRAISER

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry will be hosting the Basil Dawkins play 'A Rose of Sharon' on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at the Little Little Theatre starting at 2:00pm. Tickets cost \$3,500.00 each and can be purchased from any member of the ministry or the church office. All proceeds will be donated to the Ozanham Home. Please support them if you are able.