

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 15 - 18, 2022

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
December 14	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service in the Church	
December 15	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Fred & Hilda Dawson George (A) & Mary Williams	Larry Dawson George Williams Jr.
December 16	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Paddy Maloney Charmaine Cantwell (A)	Sharon & Chelsea Michael English
<b>SUNDAY LITURGY - Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>				
December 17	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Terry McCarthy	Elizabeth Blake
December 18	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
December 18	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	MISSA PRO POPULO (For the people of the Parish)	

Collection Totals - Thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity!

November 27, 2022	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$2,425.00	\$180.00
Loose	185.00	5.00
Maintenance	30.00	30.00
Advent Offering	85.00	
Heat & Light		50.00
Flowers for Christmas	140.00	
Christmas Offering	25.00	
Holy Childhood Association	50.00	
Special Collection - Fuel for Faith	90.00	
Candles		5.00
E-Transfers - Sunday Offering	685.00	
Direct Deposit	521.25	
Total Deposit	\$4,236.25	\$270.00

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Does this season find you alone or are you struggling because of circumstances beyond your control? If this is you, see the invitation below.



You are invited to a Christmas Turkey Supper hosted by The Evangel Community Church on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. (Dine in Supper) or, if you are unable to attend they are offering...Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Take out Supper) The deadline to register is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. To register go to [www.evangelgander.ca](http://www.evangelgander.ca) or call 256-4762. You may also call for delivery if you are unable to pick up the dinner.

PARISH FUNDRAISER



Tickets sales on the Gift Card Tree Fundraiser are going very well. There are less than 400 tickets available now. If a parishioner has tickets they may not be able to sell, please let the Parish Office know.

If all tickets are sold before Christmas we will contact Service NL-Lotteries about the possibility of an earlier draw date.

Thank you to all who have supported the fundraiser thus far by selling or purchasing tickets.

FAMILY WREATH MAKING

Our Parish will have a Family Wreath-Making Day following the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** in the McCarthy Centre. The parish invites individuals/families/groups who wish to make a family wreath to be hung in the Church for Christmas, to come along and join us. The wreaths greatly enhance the beauty of our Church during Christmas. The parish will supply the frames and the evergreen boughs. Families are invited to bring their own decorations for their particular wreaths. Please come and join us in our fun as a family while ***the Knights of Columbus treat us to lunch!***



If you are unable to participate on Sunday and would like to make a wreath, boughs and hoops can be picked up at the McCarthy Centre on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 17 & 18, 2022

Ministry:	Saturday at 5 p.m.	Sunday at 11 a.m.
Readers:	Bridget Bowen & Pat Gonzales	Maureen Saunders & Patricia Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Blackmore & Doris Scharpegge	Jeanne Dillon & Don Farrell
Presenters of Gifts:	Jerome & Bridget Bowen	Des & Jeanne Dillon
Altar Servers:	William O'Rielly	Alex Bracci
Candle Bearers:	Barbara Fowler & Colleen Maloney	Volunteers
Hospitality (Ushers):	Ed Blackmore & Rita Pearce	Alice McCarthy
Music:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sacristan:	Doris Scharpegge	
Sunday Snow Shoveler - December		Brian Noonan
Treasury:	Team 5: Des Dillon, Nick Connolly, Jeanne Dillon, Bill Kelly, John Ivany, Alice Ivany	

Eucharistic Ministers' Schedules are available in the back of the church.

The Sunday AM Choir has resumed practices on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the McCarthy Centre. New members are always welcome!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN

St. Joseph's Church  
Gander

10 Bishop Street  
Gander, NL A1V 1V3  
December 11, 2022  
[stjosephsparish@nf.aibn.com](mailto:stjosephsparish@nf.aibn.com)

Check out our bulletin on-line at  
<http://www.stjosephsparishgander.ca>





THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

Parish Priest  
Father William Hearn  
Cell: 486-9492

Parish Pastoral Council  
Chair: William O'Rielly

Finance Committee  
Chair: Dan Mahoney

St. Anne's Parish Council  
Vice Chair: Irene Broderick

Catechetical Coordinator  
Alice McCarthy (St. Joseph's)  
[sjp-homestudyprogram@bellaliant.com](mailto:sjp-homestudyprogram@bellaliant.com)

Parish Secretary  
Elizabeth Blake

Office Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Phone: (709) 256-3151  
Fax: (709) 256-2730

Reconciliation  
Saturdays - Suspended  
Or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism  
Baptism Preparation (2 hours) & Baptisms by Appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule  
St. Joseph's, Gander  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
St. Anne's, Glenwood  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Father Hearn has resumed celebrating weekday Masses in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and Fridays. All are invited to attend.



St. Joseph  
Our Patron Saint,  
Pray for us!

ADVENT SEASON

The season of Advent has a twofold nature: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, when we "recall Christ's First Coming among us, and it is a time when we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of the ages. In this way Advent is a period of devout and joyful expectation" (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*,39). During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



Sunday Theme:

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near*. This joyful aspect orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have every reason to rejoice!

CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL SERVICE



The annual service was held at St. Martin's Anglican Church on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful service. Thanks to Rev. Jim and Pastor Kim for their coordinating efforts, and Pastor Mike for his great message. The financial contributions from the service totaled \$1,000.00 - \$500 will go to each of the Gander Food Banks.

"Let us place our trust in the Lord of the universe, who loves us immensely and knows that we can build something wonderful, something eternal with him. The lives of the saints show us this in a most beautiful way.



Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Fuel for Faith

Our total contribution to date is \$5,685.00. Thank you and keep up the good work! (Lumps of coal in Christmas stockings are also acceptable!!!).

CATECHESIS

The next Religious Education Class will take place on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> (1:00 - 2:00 p.m.)

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up...

—Matthew 11:5



## WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

### Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed the Lord is near."



#### ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN

**RCW Annual Christmas Pot Luck**  
Will take place on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Preceded by Mass at 5:00 p.m.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(Fr. McCormack Council)

The winner of the Fall Ticket Sweep for the Central  
Region was #19525, Mary Kelly, Head Bay d'Espoir.



### PARISH & OTHER NOTES

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION DIOCESAN STIPENDS

**BAPTISM STIPEND - \$25.00** - Baptisms are normally celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (after a Baptism Preparation Course has been completed).

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The baptism of a child is a very important event in the life of the child, the child's family, and the parish community. To help parents enter more fully into the celebration of their child's baptism, St. Joseph's Parish offers a Baptism Preparation Course once a month. Parents along with godparents are expected to attend the Baptism Preparation Course before the baptism of the child. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**MARRIAGE STIPEND - \$200.00** - Please allow at least six months between the time of contacting the Parish and the date of the Marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is required.

**FUNERAL STIPEND - \$200.00** - St. Joseph's Parish has a Bereavement Committee which will contact you to coordinate the funeral services.

#### HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION



During this Advent Season St. Joseph's Parish is encouraging parishioners to support the Holy Childhood Association through the use of the **Holy Childhood Coin Banks**. Being a Catholic children's Association for the past 80 years, the Holy Childhood Association encourages children/adults worldwide to pray and share financially while supporting both spiritual and physical wellbeing of children in the poorest areas of the World, hence the Motto "**children helping children**." **100% of funds collected go directly to children.** Coin boxes and envelopes are available in the Church. Please give generously and put your envelope # on the coin box to receive credit for your donation.

#### The JESSE TREE (Advent Tree)

has been placed in the Church and holds food item cards. Each week during Advent we invite you to take a card from the tree and bring that food item to Church the following weekend. All food collected goes to our local Food Banks.

#### BLESSINGS FROM THE POPE

Do you have a loved one celebrating a milestone birthday (especially 90 or over) or an anniversary? If so you can request a Blessing from Pope Francis. Please call the Parish Office at 256-3151 or Irene Broderick at 679-2268 if you are a member of St. Anne's Church.

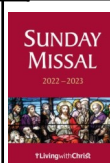
#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Marjorie Lane**, Johanna Hogan, Fran Gilbert, Lawrence Clowe, Denise Crant, Natasha Skiffington, Betty LeBlanc, Loretta Dwyer, Beth McGrath, Wayne Coady, Eddie Dwyer, Mary Pickett, Marie Lawton, Jeana Bowen, Anne Walsh, Cathy Hogan, Ed Tricco, Nellie Guillemade, JoAnne Lyver, Judy Lush, Lisa Karpinski, Linden Collins, Rowena Zwicker, Toni Marie Rolfe, Zeta Purchase, Renata Oman, Anne Marie Collins, Michael Parsons, Alice Richards, Kathy Patterson-King, Mary Walsh and Jeremiah Campbell. If a family member or friend is a patient at the hospital or ill at home, and would like a visit from Father Hearn, please call the Parish Office at 256-3151.



#### SENIORS WELLNESS SESSION

The Community Services Department is holding a Seniors Wellness Session on December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am. Taking place at the Steele Community Centre, the session will include a talk on Scams and Fraud, light refreshments plus we'll be doing a Christmas craft. Please call 651-5927 to register – a limited # of tickets are available.



The 2022-2023 **Living with Christ Sunday Missal** is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00 each. This missal helps Catholics prepare for and participate in the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. It is also useful for personal devotion. The Sunday Missal contains complete readings and Mass texts, as well as selected hymns for Sundays and feast days for the entire Church year.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - for 2023 have been placed in the Church. If you are new to the parish or you do not have offertory envelopes and would like to, please contact the Parish Office at 256-3151 and a box will be provided for you. The parish offers **DIRECT DEPOSIT** for contributions and accepts **E-TRANSFERS**.

To continue supporting our Parish financially, you may use one of the following methods:  
**Sign up for Direct Deposit; E-transfers to: stjosephsparish@nf.aibn.com; or by mail; or use the collection basket when you attend Mass.**  
**Thank you for your support.**

### Report on the Synodal Process



It was with gratitude to Pope Francis that the Diocese of Grand Falls began its Synodal Journey on the Solemnity of our Diocesan Patroness – Mary, the Immaculate Conception. Based on responses heard and recorded, it was decided to create two reports: one to be forwarded to the Atlantic Region and a second to be used at our own diocesan and parish levels. In the coming weeks, in the Sunday bulletin, you will be provided with the second report (condensed version) of the parish responses that were forwarded to the Atlantic Region.

#### 6. Involvement of the Laity

- Church needs to become more transparent and be active in involving Christ's faithful in decision making
- Clergy need to work harder at becoming involved with the laity outside of Mass
- Dialogue is needed
- Many things we value have been lost - family values, family prayer. Families are not involved in Church
- The synod should have happened earlier.

#### 7. Catechesis

- Educating youth and others about God, the Church and the sacraments is not working well
- Promoting the importance of the sacraments is essential
- Providing a better understanding of what it means to be Roman Catholic is needed
- Reducing discrepancies in the way individual priests interpret and relate Church policy is required
- Offering Bible study, missions etc. would be helpful for youth and adults
- Considering on-line opportunities for evangelization
- Committing to a public relations strategy would be helpful
- Explaining the current laws and regulations regarding same sex marriage ordination of women and other moral issues is required
- Communication of the church's position on abortion in extenuating circumstances is needed.

**DECEMBER 13 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR:** Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy, and was martyred about 304. Because her name is derived from *lux* ('light'), during the Middle Ages people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy's aid. She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

**DECEMBER 14 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR:** Born in Spain in 1542, John later entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, he worked for the reformation of his order and helped found the reformed ('Disalced') Carmelites. He wrote many spiritual classics, notably *the Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, and *The Living Flame of Love*. John died in 1591, was canonized in 1726, and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926.

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**MEMORY TREE OF LIGHTS** – During Christmas a tree will be placed in the Sanctuary of our Church and will be lit with bulbs donated in memory of our loved ones. Mass will be celebrated for those loved ones on Thursday, **January 5, 2023 at 7 p.m.** at which time the names of the deceased as well as the names of those requesting the Mass will be read out. If you would like to light a bulb in memory, please complete this form and with \$5.00 (for one name or one family e.g. **John Smith or John & Mary Smith & family or the Smith family**) place it in an envelope for collection or pass into the Parish Office. We would like all the names submitted by Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)  
Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Names submitted to St. Anne's  
will be read at Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January.



#### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

**December 14 - Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Advent Penitential Service*

**December 16 Friday**  
*RCW Annual Christmas Pot Luck  
Mass at 5 p.m. - followed by dinner*

**December 18 Sunday**  
**after 11 a.m. Mass**  
*Family Wreath Making  
at the McCarthy Centre  
Lunch courtesy of the Knights of Columbus*

**December 19 - Monday at 1:30 p.m.**  
*Church Decorating for Christmas*

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve**  
*St. Anne's, Glenwood at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Joseph's, Gander at 8:30 p.m.*  
**Christmas Day**  
*St. Joseph's at 11:00 a.m.*

#### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD (Ministries' Schedule for December 18, 2022)



Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested by:
December 18	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Ervin Richards (B) Deceased Members of the Richards family	Alice Richards Alice Richards

**MINISTRIES:**  
**Lighting the Advent Candle:** Remi & Rosie Truchon  
**Gift Presenters:** Alice Bryan & Erica Bryan  
**Reader:** Albert Oake  
**Hospitality:** Irene Broderick