

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 21 - 25, 2023

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 21	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Gerard Maloney Joe & Agnes Maloney The Stack family	John & Patty Anne Maloney John & Patty Anne Maloney Eileen Stack
Dec 22	Friday	10:00 a.m.	John & Alice Bowen John Bowen & family Vincent, Frances, Ellen St. Croix	Fintan & Bernadette St. Croix Fintan & Bernadette St. Croix Fintan & Bernadette St. Croix
<b>SUNDAY LITURGY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>				
Dec 23	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Sam & Paddy Maloney John Ducey Ronald Burke	Gertie, Sharon & Chelsea Rita Pearce Alice & Gary Bowering
<b>CHRISTMAS LITURGY - NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>				
Dec 24	Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve, St. Anne's, Glenwood	
Dec 24	Sunday	8:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve, St. Joseph's	
Dec 25	Monday	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day, St. Joseph's MISSA PRO POPULO - For the People of the Parish	

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 23, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

<b>Advent Candle:</b>	<u>Saturday at 5 p.m.</u>	<div>The Father McGivney relic, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be displayed in the Church on Tuesday from 4 - 6 p.m.</div>
<b>Readers:</b>	Jerome & Bridget Bowen & family	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Tracey King	
<b>Presenters of Gifts:</b>	Doris Scharpegge & Kay MacArthur	
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Pat & Marjorie Gonzales	
<b>Candle Bearers:</b>	Don Farrell	
<b>Hospitality (Ushers):</b>	Monica Holloway & Colleen Maloney	
<b>Music:</b>	Rene & Edwina Cashin	
<b>Sacristan: (Dec 23, 24, 25)</b>	Sunday AM Choir	
	Rita Pearce, Cheryl Dwyer, Doris Scharpegge, Kay MacArthur	

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 24 - 25, 2023 (Christmas Eve & Christmas Day)

<b>Christmas Candle:</b>	<u>Sunday at 8:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Monday at 11 a.m.</u>
<b>Readers:</b>	Patterson Fernandes & family	Caren Almadrones
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Pat Woodford & Carole Hibbs	Daniel O'Donnell & Rita Pearce
<b>Presenters of Gifts:</b>	J. Dillon, B. Blackmore, P. Noonan	Lloyd & Melissa Burke
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Tony & Arya Jacob & family	Evan & Gwyn Burke
<b>Candle Bearers:</b>	Alex Bracci	Volunteers
<b>Hospitality (Ushers):</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Music:</b>	Colleen Maloney & Yvonne Mercer	Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell
	Sunday AM Choir	Volunteers



Kay MacArthur of our parish (Ticket #1601), was the winner of the **Christmas Gift Card Tree Fundraiser** which raised \$3000 for the parish. Thanks to all who helped prepare the tickets, donated gift cards and sold tickets, especially at the Gander Co-Op. The winning ticket was drawn at the annual RCW Christmas Pot Luck on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> by Father Brophy who was visiting with Fr. Hearn.



On Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Any help will be appreciated.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



10 Bishop Street  
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December 17, 2023  
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

Check out our bulletin on-line at  
www.stjosephsparishgander.ca

**Parish Priest**  
Father William Hearn  
Cell: 486-9492  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Chair: Vacant  
**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  
**Parish Secretary** - Elizabeth Blake

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
9 a.m. - 12 noon  
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
**Phone:** (709) 256-3151  
**Fax:** (709) 256-3152  
**Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.  
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.

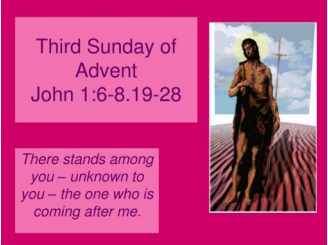
**Weekday Masses**  
are celebrated usually at  
10 a.m. Please check the  
schedule in the bulletin.



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.

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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.* It 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 reason to rejoice!



**FAMILY WREATH MAKING DAY**



Family Wreath Making Day is this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the McCarthy Centre after the 11 a.m. Mass. 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. **(We do have some decorations available.)** Please come and join us in our fun as a family while *the Knights of Columbus treat us to lunch!*

# WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

## Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

<u>December 10, 2023</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Anne's</u>
Sunday Offering	\$2,517.00	\$525.00
Loose	113.75	15.00
Maintenance	95.00	17.00
Heat	250.00	25.00
Christmas Flowers	85.00	
Advent Offering	30.00	20.00
Christmas Offering	65.00	
Holy Childhood Assoc.	10.00	
Candles		14.25
E-Transfers	95.00	
Direct Deposit	\$420.00	
<b>Total deposit</b>	<b>\$3,680.75</b>	<b>\$616.25</b>


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**

### 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 are available in the Church. Please give generously and put your envelope # on the coin box to receive credit for your donation.

 The 2023-24 **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 2024 have been placed in the Church and will be there until the end of December. 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**.

**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 4, 2024 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 Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

**In Memory of:**

(Please print)

**Requested by:**

(Please print)

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

## HEARING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

St Joseph's Church has an FM System installed which will allow those with hearing challenges to use the system in order to improve their ability to hear the readings and prayers. In order to use the system, you will need to obtain an FM receiver and either a headset or hearing loop from the Hospitality Ministry, when you enter the church. As we have limited numbers they will be issued on a first come basis.

**To use the headset,** plug it into the receiver and adjust the volume to a comfortable level.

**To be able to use the hearing loop,** you must have hearing aids that have a T-coil, and it needs to be activated by your hearing care professional if it is not. To determine whether you have T-coil or not, the model number for the hearing aids that have a T-coil installed will end with a T. The units must be returned immediately following the liturgy.

**December 21 - Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor:** Born in The Netherlands in 1521, Peter later joined the Jesuit Order and worked in Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Switzerland as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. He educated Catholics with his popular and influential Catechism. In 1597 Peter died, and in 1925 he was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church.

**December 23 - Memorial of Saint John of Kanty, Priest:** John was born in Kanti, Poland, in 1390. After his ordination, he served in the Faculty of Theology at Krakow University. A popular teacher and preacher, John was noted for his simplicity and love for the poor. He died in 1473 and was canonized in 1767.



"Jesus says to every believer and to his Church: be open because the Gospel message needs you to witness to it and proclaim it! Church, be open to the breath of the Holy Spirit who pushes you to be missionary, to evangelize!"  
**Pope Francis @ Pontifex**

### PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

Effective January 31, 2024, Rev. David Joy, currently pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Harbour Breton is appointed pastor of Assumption Parish, Avondale, Immaculate Conception Parish, Colliers, and St. Anne's Parish, Conception Harbour.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Maureen O'Rielly, Jackie Beresford, Jamie Cokes, Lloyd Kirkham, Paula Beaton, Johanna Hogan, Fran Gilbert, Denise Crant, Betty LeBlanc, Loretta Dwyer, Beth McGrath, Lawrence Clowe, Wayne Coady, Mary Pickett, Marie Lawton, Jeana Bowen, Cathy Hogan, Ed Tricco, Nellie Guillemade, JoAnne Lyver, Judy Lush, 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.***

### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for Christmas Eve



**Date**   **Day**   **Time**  
**Dec 24**   **Sun**   **4:00 p.m.**

**Mass Intention**  
**Nativity of the Lord**

Gregory Sr., Mary & Jo Dwyer  
Joan & Mary Wall  
Donal Foley

**Requested By:**

Dave & Phyllis Morrissey  
Trudy Wall  
Bridget Foley

**Ministries:**  
**Christmas Candle:**  
**Readers:**  
**Presenters of Gifts:**

**December 24 (Christmas Eve)**  
Rita Kinden & Irene Broderick  
Cheryl White & Lonz Bryan  
Rita Warren & Winnie Coates