

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 22 - 25, 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
December 22	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Mary Pomroy William Burse	Mary Whelan Mary O'Rielly & family
December 23	Friday	1:00 p.m.	Funeral Mass for Margaret Hinchey	
CHRISTMAS LITURGY - Nativity of the Lord				
December 24	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve - St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
December 24	Saturday	8:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve - St. Joseph's	
			Patricia Froude Sam Maloney	Fintan & Bernadette St. Croix Gertie & family
December 25	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day - For the People of the Parish	

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

<u>December 11, 2022</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Anne's</u>
Sunday Offering	\$3,383.00	\$145.00
Loose	46.00	5.00
Maintenance	90.00	10.00
Advent Offering	30.00	
Flowers for Christmas	115.00	
Christmas Offering	40.00	
Holy Childhood Association	20.00	
Special Collection - Fuel for Faith (Total to Date - \$6000)	315.00	
Candles		5.00
E-Transfers - Sunday Offering	75.00	
Direct Deposit	521.25	
Total Deposit	\$4,635.25	\$165.00

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

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

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 24 & 25, 2022

	<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
Christmas Candle:	Andrew Whelan & family	Jottin Jose & family
Readers:	William O'Rielly & Tracey King	Patricia Parsons & Peter Byrne
Eucharistic Ministers:	Joan Kieley, Betty Blackmore, Kay MacArthur	Jeanne Dillon, Don Farrell, Daniel O'Donnell
Presenters of Gifts:	Lloyd & Melissa Burke	Ian, Maureen & Layla Saunders
Altar Servers:	Alex Bracci	Dan Mahoney
Candle Bearers:	Knights of Columbus	Volunteers
Hospitality (Ushers):	Knights of Columbus	Ed Blackmore
Music:	Sunday AM Choir	Volunteers
Sacristan:	Kay MacArthur	
Sunday Snow Shoveler - December	Brian Noonan	
Treasury:	Team 1: Doris Scharpegge, Ed Blackmore, Dan & Mary Turner	

The readers' schedule for the Christmas Season is available in 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



**10 Bishop Street
Gander, NL A1V 1V3
December 18, 2022**
stjosephsparish@nf.aibn.com
Check out our bulletin on-line at
<http://www.stjosephsparishgander.ca>



Fourth 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
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 - 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.

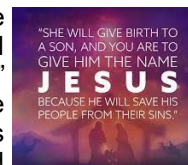
ADVENT SEASON

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:

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful words, "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel" which means, "God is with us" and "when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife". As we draw closer to the birth of the Son of God into our midst, we can be thankful to Mary and Joseph for their complete openness to God's will in their lives and pray that we will have that same openness of spirit in responding to God's will in our lives.



FAMILY WREATH MAKING



Following Mass on Sunday, parishioners are invited to come to the McCarthy Centre to make a wreath to be hung in the Church for Christmas. 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!**

On Monday, December 19 at 1:30 p.m. we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Any help would be appreciated! Thanks.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION DIOCESAN STIPENDS

BAPTISM STIPEND - \$25.00 - Baptisms are celebrated by appointment (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 by appointment. 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.

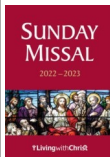
PARISH FUNDRAISER



Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Gift Card Tree Fundraiser. All the tickets have been sold and \$3000.00 was raised. We have contacted NL Lotteries requesting an earlier draw date.



"Advent reminds us of a basic Christian attitude – vigilance. Let us wait for the Lord's coming by being attentive to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters who knock on the door of our hearts. Let us ask the Lord to keep us watchful in humility and availability."
Pope Francis @ Pontifex



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**.

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.

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. All names should be submitted by Wednesday, January 4, 2023. **Names for St. Anne's will be read at Mass on the second Sunday in January.**

In Memory of: _____
(Please print)
Requested by: _____
(Please print)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jamie O'Brien, 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 Guillemaude, 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.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:



Robert PENNEY who died on Sunday, December 11, 2022. He is the father of Robert (Nancy) of CBS, and Jennifer (Brian) of Ottawa.

Harold HILLIER who died on Sunday, December 11, 2022. He is the husband of Sandra and father of Sean (Mandy) of Worcester, Mass USA, Paul (Sherry) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Deanna (Mick) Predo of North Sydney, NS.

Margaret HINCHEY who died Friday, December 16, 2022. She is the mother of Mary, Carole (David) Harnum, Anne (Rex Woodford) and the sister of John (Anne) Ducey of our parish.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 24, 2022

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By:
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	6:30 p.m.	Vince & Katie Moss Fred Purchase Ervin Richards Annie Mackay (A)	Sis, Anne Marie & Alice Sis Purchase Alice Richards Cal & Christine Kinden
MINISTRIES:				
Lighting the Christmas Candle: Lonz, Lianne & Erica Bryan				Reader: Lonz Bryan
Gift Presenters: Phoebe Warren & Denise Stoyles				Hospitality: Irene Broderick

