

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 7 - 11, 2022

| Date | Day | Time | Mass Intention | Requested By |
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| December 6 | Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Christmas Ecumenical Service at St. Martin's Church | |
| December 7 | Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Bill Burse | Wilson & Agnes Hunt |
| December 8 | Thursday | 11:00 a.m. | Diocesan Feast Day Mass at the Cathedral in Grand Falls-Windsor | |
| December 9 | Friday | 10:00 a.m. | Vincent & Margaret Bowen Fred & Nina Smeaton | Jerome & Bridget Bowen Michael & April Samson |
| SUNDAY LITURGY - Third Sunday of Advent | | | | |
| December 10 | Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Walter Decker Don Lahey (B) | Dan & Bernadette Decker Anne & family |
| December 11 | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | St. Anne's Church, Glenwood | |
| December 11 | 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 | \$1,730.00 | \$327.00 |
| Loose | 79.75 | 6.50 |
| Maintenance | 15.00 | 5.00 |
| Advent Offering | 255.00 | 36.00 |
| Special Collection - Fuel for Faith | 850.00 | |
| Candles | | 5.00 |
| E-Transfers - Sunday Offering | 950.00 | |
| Direct Deposit | \$521.25 | |
| Total Deposit | \$4,401.00 | 379.50 |

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



Families or individuals wishing to light the advent wreath are asked to call the Parish Office at 256-3151.

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 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.

PARISH FUNDRAISER



St. Joseph's Parish will be selling tickets on a Gift Card Tree valued at \$500 as a parish Christmas fundraiser. The draw for the Gift Card Tree will take place on Sunday, January 8th – the last day of the Christmas Season.

- Some gift cards have already been donated. Any parishioners who would like to donate to this fundraiser can drop off a gift card at the parish office or E-transfer funds that can be used to purchase gift cards.
- Tickets will be available at the Parish Office for \$1.00 each (10 tickets per book). RCW members will also have tickets for sale.
- 3000 tickets will be printed. If you wish to purchase tickets on-line through e-transfer, your name and telephone number will be written on the ticket(s) and your ticket number will be sent to you by email.
- We are asking parishioners to assist by selling some tickets to family and friends.
- COVID permitting - we will be selling tickets at the Fraser Mall and Gander Co-Op in December. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help sell tickets. A little effort from many people will help this to be a successful fundraiser for our parish. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL SERVICE



The annual service will be held at St. Martin's Anglican Church on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. There will be an offering box at the back of the church for offerings in support of the Salvation Army Food Bank and the Gander and Area Food Bank.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 10 & 11, 2022

| Ministry: | Saturday at 5 p.m. | Sunday at 11 a.m. |
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| Readers: | Shirley Nolan & William O'Rielly | Brian Noonan & Patricia Noonan |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | Daniel O'Donnell & Joan Kieley | William O'Rielly & Rita Pearce |
| Presenters of Gifts: | Ed & Betty Blackmore | Alex Bracci |
| Altar Servers: | Don Farrell | Dan Mahoney |
| Candle Bearers: | Colleen Maloney & Jeanne Dillon | Volunteers |
| Hospitality (Ushers): | Ed & Betty Blackmore | Rene & Edwina Cashin |
| Music: | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| Sacristan: | Cheryl Dwyer | |
| Sunday Snow Shoveler - December | | Fintan St. Croix |
| Treasury: | Team 4: David Barton, George O'Brien, Edwina Cashin, Rene Cashin, Kevin Keating, Paul Brazil | |

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 4, 2022
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Check out our bulletin on-line at
<http://www.stjosephsparishgander.ca>

St. Anne's Church
Glenwood

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

ADVENT SEASON

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
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9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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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's readings speak of peace. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we have a wonderful vision of what the world will be like on that day when "a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse": "the wolf shall live with the lamb" and "the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den". Saint Paul in the second reading prays that we will "live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus". In the Gospel, we are called to "prepare the way of the Lord". As we prepare ourselves for the birth of the Prince of Peace, we are challenged to do our best in the 'here and now' to bring about the vision of peace proclaimed by Isaiah. We can begin by being peace-filled people with all whom we meet on a daily basis.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



A warm welcome is extended to Patrick Gambin, State Deputy, Father Jeff Kolonel, State Chaplain, members of the state executive, district deputies and their wives. The Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador are in Gander this weekend for their mid-term meeting. We wish them every success!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. This dogma states that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin". On this day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate our Diocesan Feast.

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Grand Falls-Windsor, on Thursday, December 8th at 11:00 a.m. Parishioners from the various parishes of the Diocese are encouraged to attend this Mass to pray for the needs of the Diocese and to give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us through the years. Bishop Daniels will celebrate the Mass and Priests throughout the Diocese will also be in attendance.

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!

CATECHESIS

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

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

Second Sunday of Advent

"O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart."



ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN

RCW Annual Christmas Pot Luck
Will take place on Friday, December 16
Preceded by Mass at 5:00 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(Fr. McCormack Council)

The draw for the Fall Tickets will take place on Saturday, December 3rd.



PARISH & OTHER NOTES

FOR YOUR INFORMATION DIOCESAN STIPENDS

BAPTISM STIPEND - \$25.00 - Baptisms are normally celebrated on the 3rd 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

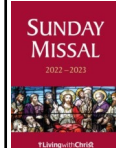
Do you have a loved one celebrating a milestone birthday (especially 90 or over) or an anniversary? If so you can request a Blessing from Pope Francis. Please call the Parish Office at 256-3151 or Irene Broderick at 679-2268 if you are a member of St. Anne's Church.



THE PARISH COMMUNITY of ST. JOSEPH'S welcomes

Ruby Elizabeth McNiven who was baptized on Sunday, November 13, 2022 by Father William Hearn.

Ruby is the daughter of Philip Winter & Hayley McNiven



The 2022-2023 **Living with Christ Sunday Missal** is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00 each. Copies are also available before Mass this weekend. 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.



"Let us pray together that volunteer non-profit and human development organizations may find people willing to commit themselves to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths of international cooperation."

Pope Francis @ Pontifex

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.

5. Unity

- Mass provides a sense of being together
- Being part of church provides a sense of community and belonging
- Our faith unites us because we believe the same things
- The Church provides a history that binds us to our parents and grandparents
- Universality of church and its celebrations throughout the world is a unifying factor.

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.

December 6 - Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop: In the early fourth century Nicholas was made Bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). He was famous for his charity and was so popular that he was chosen joint patron of Russia with Saint Andrew; he is also a patron of sailors and children. In many parts of the world, he still plays a role as Santa Claus.

December 7 - Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor: Ambrose was a catechumen who was later baptized and ordained, becoming Bishop of Milan. He became a remarkable preacher and teacher of the faith. His most famous student was Augustine of Hippo, whom he baptized. His literary works have been acclaimed as masterpieces of Latin eloquence, and his musical accomplishments are remembered in his hymns. In 1298, Ambrose was declared one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church (with Jerome, Augustine and Gregory I).

December 9 - Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin: On this date in 1531, the Blessed Virgin appeared to aboriginal convert Juan Diego at Tepeyac, near Mexico City, and told him that a Church should be built at the site of her appearance. As a result, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico was built and is now a famous pilgrimage site. On another visit, Our Lady sent Juan Diego to gather flowers and present them to the bishop. When he did so, the flowers he had collected in his cloak fell away, revealing an image of the Blessed Virgin on his cloak. This relic is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Juan Diego was canonized in 2002.



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

December 3 & 4

2023 Offertory envelopes available in the Church

December 6 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Ecumenical Service
St Martin's Anglican Church

December 8 Thursday 11:00 a.m.

Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grand Falls-Windsor

December 14 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Advent Penitential Service

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 1:30 p.m.

Church Decorating for Christmas

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



Steven RIGNEY of Ottawa who died on Thursday, November 24, 2022. He is the nephew of Monica (Sid) Holloway of our parish.

Doreen Mary SAMSON of St. Anne's Parish who died on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. She is the girlfriend of Dwayne, and sister of Patrick (Marie), and Aiden; and aunt of Krista (Johnathan), Julie (Mitchell) and Alexandria (Kyle).

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 (Ministries' Schedule for December 11, 2022)



| Date | Day | Time | Mass Intention | Requested by: |
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| December 11 | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | Lonz & Marcella Bryan Doreen Samson | Lianne, Lonz, Haley & Erica Bryan Mike & April Samson |
| MINISTRIES: | | | | |
| Lighting the Advent Candle: Helen & Albert Oake | | | | Reader: Helen Oake |
| Gift Presenters: Remi & Rosie Truchon | | | | Hospitality: Irene Broderick |