

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 30, 2023 - January 1, 2024

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 30	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Kevin Quinlan Patrick Kane Mary Quinton	Kevin & Joan Kieley Peter & Shirley Byrne Tolson & Patricia Parsons
Dec 31	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's, Glenwood	
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD				
Dec 31	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve, St. Joseph's James Badcock Robert McNiven Bernadette Maloney	Mary O'Rielly & family Jack & Bride Aylward Marie Coffey & family
Jan 01	Monday	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day, St. Joseph's MISSA PRO POPULO - For the People of the Parish	

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 30, 2023

Reader:	<u>Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 5 p.m.</u> Patricia Noonan	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
Eucharistic Ministers:	Don Farrell, Doris Scharpegge,	
Presenters of Gifts:	Ed & Betty Blackmore	
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	
Candle Bearers:	Elizabeth Blake & Barbara Fowler	
Hospitality (Ushers):	Pat Gonzales & Ed Blackmore	
Music:	Sunday AM Choir	
Sacristan: (Dec 30, 31 & Jan 1)	Rita Pearce, Cheryl Dwyer, Doris Scharpegge, Kay MacArthur	
Treasury: (Dec 30, 31 & Jan 1)	<u>Team 5: Des Dillon, Nick Connolly</u> Jeanne Dillon, Bill Kelly, John Ivany, Alice Ivany	

The Parish Office will be closed on December 25 & 26.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 31, 2023 - January 1, 2024 (New Year's Eve & Day)

Readers:	<u>Sunday at 5 p.m.</u> Pat Gonzales & Tina Purcell	<u>Monday at 11 a.m.</u> Maureen Saunders
Eucharistic Ministers:	Daniel O'Donnell & Cathy Bureaux Kay MacArthur	William Dumais & Jeanne Dillon
Presenters of Gifts:	Ed & Patsy Bridgeman	Michail & Maria Oliva & family
Altar Servers:	Don Farrell	Evan & Gwyn Burke
Candle Bearers:	Colleen Maloney & Monica Holloway	Volunteers
Hospitality (Ushers):	Alice McCarthy & Kay MacArthur	Vince Hibbs & Ed Blackmore
Music:	Sunday AM Choir	Sunday AM Choir

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:

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

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



**10 Bishop Street
Gander, NL
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December 24, 2023
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FOURTH 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.

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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.

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful words spoken by the Angel Gabriel to Mary, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Mary, learning that she is to be the Mother of Jesus, the Son of the Most High, is much perplexed by this message. However, she puts aside her uncertainties associated with the future, into which she is being invited, and gives her wholehearted consent, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." As we draw closer to the birth of the Son of God into our midst, we can be thankful to Mary for her complete openness to God's will in her life and pray that we will have that same openness of spirit in responding to God's voice, realizing that we too are called to give birth to Christ in today's world amidst the circumstances of our daily lives.



CHRISTMAS SEASON: The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. "Next to the yearly celebration (at Easter) of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season" (*General Norms for the Liturgical Year*, 32). In the Roman Catholic tradition, the Christmas Season begins with the first Mass of Christmas and concludes with the last Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



DECEMBER 25 - SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:

Today we begin the Christmas season which celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. The word *Christmas* literally means *Christ's Mass or the Mass of Christ*. Historically, Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth to Mary, a young maiden from Galilee. Theologically, Christmas is the celebration of the Incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ – the self-revelation of God to the world in human form for the reconciliation of humanity to God. Liturgically, the Christmas season begins with "Mass During the Night" on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.**



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."

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

"Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven."

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger."

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

"Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever."

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

December 17, 2023	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$2,027.00	\$398.00
Loose	38.00	
Maintenance	80.00	30.00
Heat	175.00	25.00
Christmas Flowers	75.00	
Advent Offering	25.00	
Christmas Offering	40.00	
Holy Childhood Assoc	55.00	
Candles		16.15
E-Transfers	1,310.00	
Direct Deposit	420.00	
Total deposit	\$4,245.00	\$469.15



"For the inhabitants of the Holy Land, a Christmas of pain and mourning looms. We do not want to leave them alone. May we stand by them in prayer and tangible aid. The suffering of Bethlehem is an open wound for the Middle East and the entire world."

Pope Francis @ Pontifex

DECEMBER 26 - FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR:

Stephen is the first-named among the seven deacons chosen to minister to Greek-speaking Christians in Jerusalem at the very dawn of the Christian Church. He is also the first recorded martyr of the New Testament.

DECEMBER 27 - FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST:

Also known as John the Divine, the apostle John was the son of Zebedee and the brother of James. John was a fisherman, was very close to Jesus, and is the "beloved disciple" referred to in the Gospels. He was present at the Transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the Agony in the Garden. He is remembered for the fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation, and the three Epistles which bear his name. John is believed to have died at Ephesus in extreme old age. In Christian iconography, his symbol is the eagle.

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 Guillemaude, 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.

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**.

DECEMBER 28 - FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS:

This feast commemorates the 'Holy Infants', the male children recorded slain by King Herod in Saint Matthew's Gospel. This incident, along with the account of the flight into Egypt, presents the ancient tradition of the early Church: Jesus as the 'new Israel', persecuted and forced to flee, and the 'new Moses', marvellously rescued from the slaughter of the Hebrew children. This feast also points to Jesus as the Messiah and foreshadows the secular opposition which Jesus will later meet, culminating in his Passion.

DECEMBER 29 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR:

Born in London, England, about 1118, Thomas was ordained a deacon in 1154 and appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162 by King Henry II. However, Thomas and the king did not agree on matters regarding the Church, forcing Thomas into exile in France. Within weeks of his return, he and the king clashed again. In a fit of rage the king wished aloud to be rid of this "low-born priest", and four of the king's men took this to be a command. As a result, Thomas was martyred in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. Upon learning of the archbishop's fate, the king was shocked and all Europe with him. In 1173, Pope Alexander III declared Thomas a saint.

DECEMBER 31 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH:

This feast, instituted in 1921, is observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30. Devotion to the Holy Family flourished during the Renaissance, and leading artists of the time – Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work.



FAMILY WREATH MAKING

Last Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass families gathered to make wreaths to be hung in the Church during the Christmas season. Thank you to Ed Blackmore for providing the boughs and to the Knights of Columbus for providing a lovely lunch.

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



Nancy BRIFFETT of Gambo who died at Camelite House, Grand Falls-Windsor on December 17, 2023. She is the sister of Kevin (Sheila), Lorne, Sheila (Oliver) Rogers, Carol Ann Greene and Lorna Peddle of Gambo.

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

GREETINGS

Sister Margaret Mary Gosse and Sister Laurane Pittman would like to wish all the parishioners of St. Joseph's **Seasons Greetings** and every wish for a prosperous, healthy and happy 2024.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 31, 2023



Date Dec 31
Day Sunday
Time 9:30 a.m.

Ministries:
Readers:
Presenters of Gifts:
Hospitality:

Mass Intention
Joseph, Raymond & Gregory Kelly
Lambert & Margaret Foley
Wilfred & Richard Warren

December 31 (Feast of the Holy Family)
Bridget Doyle & Helen Oake
Bridget Miles & Barbara Harding
Irene Broderick

Requested By:
Rita Warren
Bridget Foley
Rita Warren