

Sunday Collection Dec 1st - De 15th	# of Env	Env Amount	Change	Total
Sunday Collection	144	3266.00	62.60	3328.60
Special Offering	3	30.00		30.00
Parish Maintanance	21	220.00		220.00
Archbishop's Appeal	1	10.00		10.00
Food Bank	8	335.00		335.00
Christmas	7	140.00		140.00
Fall Fair Appeal	4	130.00	100.00	230.00
Lenten Folders	2	120.00		120.00
Development & Peace	1	25.00		25.00
Acknowledged with Thanks				\$4,438.60

With the church opening under Alert Level 2 guidelines, we are not permitted to pass around the collection plate. A collection basket will be at the back of the church for you to drop your envelopes. You can still mail your envelopes to the address at the right, you can drop your envelopes in the mailbox outside the office door, or you can use Direct Giving through automatic debit from your bank account. You can call the office to get more information on Direct Giving. Due to the Covid and protocols of opening the office to the public, Sunday collection will be counted on the 15th and 30th of each month only. If you drop your envelopes at the office door, please ring the doorbell to notify the office that there is a drop off and it can be picked up immediately. **Please refrain from depositing at the door outside of office hours. Note: Office closed Friday, November 18, 2020.**

Recycling Fund Raiser

Our recycling program is doing very well. If you wish to donate your beverage containers, you can do so by dropping your bags into the green bin next to the parish centre door. We ask that you dropp off your recycling in this bin on Mondays if possible. This will give Gail time to bring the bags to the depot and get a report for the bulletin. Please remember this is for beverage contaners only (pop cans, juices boxes, liquor bottles, beer bottles) not milk cartons, soup cans or plastic containers. Please be careful as to what you put in the recycling bags. The containers must be cleaned and caps removed. Thank you to all who are contributing. **To date we have \$620.10 in our recycling account.**

Stay Safe

St. Edward's Parish



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

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Parish Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Administrative Assistant: Helen Butler **Office Closed: Friday, December 18, 2020**

Parish Administrator: Fr. Cosmas Iweru, S.D.V.

Weekday Masses open to the public

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – Monday, 10:00 am

St. Edward's – Monday, 11:00 am Robert O'Neill, Jane & Felix Byrne, Art Tilley & deceased members

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – Wednesday, 10:00 am



St. Edward's – Thursday, 6:00 pm Laura Murray, Rebecca Anstey, Raymond & Mary Walsh

Fall Fair Donation Appeal

The Fall Fair is our parish's biggest fund raiser. Typically, we raise around \$8,000 each year. This year, COVID pandemic restrictions have caused us to cancel our Fall Fair, which will mean a big hit to our finances. However, even in a pandemic, expenses are being incurred to keep our parish running. So, this year we are appealing to our faithful parishioners to help us through this difficult time by making a generous contribution to support your parish.

Please use the form provided below. Place your contribution, including your name, envelope # and amount, in a separate envelope and place in the collection basket. Write Fall Fair on it and drop it in the collection or call the Parish Office (834-2919) to arrange drop off.

Thank you
Francis Hayes
Chair, Finance Committee

Goal: \$8000.00	Donations to Date: \$2,070.00
 <i>St. Edward's Parish</i> Fall Fair Donation Appeal	
Name: _____	
Envelope #: _____	
Amount: \$ _____	
<i>Please place your contribution, including your name, envelope # and amount, in a separate envelope. Write Fall Fair on it and drop it in the collection or call the Parish Office (834-2919) to arrange drop off.</i>	<i>Thank You St. Edward's Parish Finance Committee</i>
	

Live Stream Masses

To view live stream masses from the Basilica visit www.thebasilica.net

Next Baptismal Preparation Course

Saturday, January 16th, 10:30 am

Saturday, February 20th, 10:30 am

Please call parish office to register 834-2919

Advent Confession

Father Cosmas will be hearing individual confessions Monday, December 21st 7:00 pm at St. Thomas of Villa Nova.

2021 Envelopes

Your 2021 envelopes are available to be picked up at church or the parish office. Envelopes will be left in the church to be picked up for only those who register for mass. If you want someone to pick up your box of envelopes at church please notify the office so it's left in the church. Envelopes will be left on a table in the hall going to the parish centre. They will be separated so that there will be no contact by other parishioners. If you wish to pick up at the office please call 834-2919 to make arrangements. Any donations made up to December 31st will show on your 2020 income tax receipt, after December 31st will go on your 2021 income tax receipt.

Coats for the Needy

It is that time when winter will be soon here and we need to collect some good clean warm **winter coats** for the needy of CBS. The coats will be distributed by the CBS Food Bank. Please help the Knights of Columbus with this project. Place coats in the hall to the Parish Center or drop off at Kelligrews Dental Clinic at 615 Conception Bay Highway. We will also take winter boots, gloves, or caps.

Flowers for Christmas

Anyone wishing to donate Christmas flowers for the church, can do so by bringing them to mass on the 19th/20th weekend, or drop them at the office during business hours.

Giving Tree

Due to the COVID pandemic we are not able to put up our Giving Tree. However, this does not mean that there isn't a need at the Food Bank. We ask that instead of bringing a food item, if you would make a monetary donation. You can place your donation in the collection basket, or drop off at the parish office, be sure to mark the envelope for the food bank along with your envelope number.

Parish Council Election

We had ten people nominated and two accepted. A big thanks to Deena Strang & John Power. We had four positions to fill. This leaves us with two vacancies. **Members are:** Wayne Lacey, Mary Piccott, Madeline Cole, Ron Lewis, John Power & Deena Strang

Give a Life Saving Gift This Holiday Season

Make saving a life your greatest gift. Canadian Blood Services is open over the holidays. Appointments required. Located at 7 Wicklow Street. Book now at blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE



**BE A KNIGHT
BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

-LIVE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH-
-PROTECT YOUR FAMILY-
-INSPIRE OTHERS-

FREE ONE-YEAR
ONLINE MEMBERSHIP
OFFER EXPIRES DEC. 31ST
GO TO: KOF.C.ORG/JOINUS

 **Knights of
Columbus**

Christmas Schedule

December 24

St. Edward's – 6:00 pm **No seats available**
St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 8:00 pm

December 25

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 9:30 am
St. Edward's – 11:00 am **No seats available**

December 26

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 4:00 pm
St. Edward's – 5:30 pm

December 27

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 9:30 am
St. Edward's – 11:00 am

December 31

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 4:00 pm
St. Edward's – 5:30

January 1

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 9:30 pm
St. Edward's – 11:00 am

January 2

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 4:00 pm
St. Edward's – 5:30 pm

January 3

St. Thomas of Villa Nova – 9:30 am
St. Edward's – 11:00 am

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - Registration for these masses is mandatory. There will be no room to allow anyone in by showing up at the door. If you leave a message on the office phone or send an email to register, you must receive confirmation that a space is reserved for you.

Registration is now open for masses up to and including January 3, 2021.

Christmas Message from Fr. Cosmas

Dear brothers and sisters, and beloved parishioners of St. Edward's parish

I know it is a trialing times for us (all) amidst this Covid-19 Pandemic. As we pray for the wellbeing of humanity while awaiting the Baby, Jesus, at Christmas. In the Spirit of Christmas, therefore, I wish you and your family a safe and joyful (Merry) Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Many thanks to you, our esteemed parishioners, Volunteers, Donors and many others who have been faithfully helping our parish and with our Covid-19 Guidelines. You are all doing a tremendous job and your support have been amazing.

As we approach Christmas, beloved parishioners, please remember our COVID-19 Guidelines: Listen to the Ushers or Volunteers, face masks and personal sanitizer are recommended; there is No Congregational singing (Cantor/instrumentalist can sing provided physical distancing can be achieved between individuals or Bubbles). The Ushers or Volunteers are there to help us.

Beloved brothers and sisters, may this season of Christmas light up your life and make the New Year a joyful one for you and your family.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND BE HAPPY**

Archbishop's 2020 Christmas Message

Dear People of the Archdiocese of St. John's:

When I was reflecting on what to put in this year's Christmas Message, the words and tune of the Christmas song recorded by Bing Crosby in 1943 kept coming to mind:

*I'll be home for Christmas, you can plan on me.
Please have snow and mistletoe, and presents on the tree.
Christmas Eve will find me, where the lovelight gleams.
I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams.*

Apparently, the song was originally written to honour U.S. soldiers overseas who longed to be home at Christmas time. However, I think this year the song may take on special meaning for many of us.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the rules, restrictions and precautions presently in place to prevent its spread, many of us will not be able to be "home for Christmas" this year. Depending on how we define "home for Christmas", it may mean not being able to celebrate Christmas with extended family and friends and/or not being able to attend Christmas Mass. Whatever our personal situation may be, I think it is probably safe to say that this Christmas will be far from normal for all of us.

Hopefully, each us will be able to find something good and special in the way we will have to adapt our celebration of Christmas this year. The physical absence of loved ones may make us more appreciative of these people who are such an important part of our lives. The inability to attend Christmas Mass may bring us new insight into the importance and beauty of shared public worship. Social distancing and limitations on physical contact may make us more sensitive and understanding of the ongoing isolation and aloneness felt by the homeless, the unemployed, the refugees and the oppressed.

The story of the first Christmas is a story of a young couple who were isolated, alone and afraid. It is a story of God coming to them in person in the midst of their challenges and fears and bringing them peace and joy. Asking that you join with me in praying for the blessing of the joy and peace of that first Christmas for all the people of our Archdiocese and world, I remain,

Yours in Christ,
+Peter Hundt
Archbishop of St. John's, NL.