

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 7 - 10, 2023				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
December 7	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Cecilia Graham (B & A) Barry Burke	Kevin & Joan Kieley Ed & Yvonne Burke
December 8	Friday	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Mass at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Grand Falls Margaret Hinchey Mary Quinton Gary Foley	Suzette Furey & Bob Butler Marie Coffey Jerome & Bridget Bowen
SUNDAY LITURGY - Second Sunday of Advent				
December 9	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Ellen Samson (A) James Samson (A) William J. O'Rielly	Mike & April Samson Mike & April Samson Knights of Columbus
December 10	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
December 10	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!			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.	
November 26, 2023		St. Joseph's	St. Anne's	THIS FALL IN THE PARISH <ul style="list-style-type: none">Virtual Bake Sale - sponsored by the RCW - Thank you to all who supported the Virtual Bake Sale which was held in place of an Afternoon Tea. Over \$2000 has been donated to date.Annual Christmas Gift Card Tree (\$500) fundraiser - The tickets are all sold. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser - preparing, checking, selling tickets and donating gift cards. \$3000 was raised for the Parish. Draw - Dec 8th.Special Collection - Heat - Envelopes are available in the church. Thank you for your support.
Sunday Offering		\$1,777.00	\$325.00	
Loose		59.00		
Maintenance		5.00	5.00	
Youth Ministry		5.00		
Advent Offering		180.00	25.00	
New Year's Offering		20.00		
Fuel		110.00	10.00	
Holy Childhood Association		62.65		
Candles			12.00	
E-Transfers		415.00		
Direct Deposit		520.00		
Total Deposit		\$3,153.65	\$377.00	
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)			Names submitted to St. Anne's for their Memory Tree will be read at Mass on the 2 nd Sunday in January.	
Requested by: _____ (Please print)				
MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 9 & 10, 2023				
Ministry:		Saturday at 5 p.m.		Sunday at 11 a.m.
Lighting the Advent Candle:				Joanne Wilkins & family
Readers:		Pat Gonzales		Carole Hibbs
Eucharistic Ministers:		Doris Scharpegge & Kay MacArthur		Daniel O'Donnell & Rita Pearce
Presenters of Gifts:		Barbara Fowler & Elizabeth Blake		Tony & Arya Jacob & family
Altar Servers:		Dan Maloney		Rene Cashin
Candle Bearers:		Patricia Noonan & Jeanne Dillon		Volunteers
Hospitality (Ushers):		Ed Blackmore & Yvonne Mercer		Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell
Music:		Volunteers		Sunday AM Choir
Sacristan:		Doris Scharpegge		
Treasury:		Team 2: Mary Griffiths, E. Blake, Margie Beaton, Michael English, Mary Goulding, Shirley O'Donnell		
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 3, 2023
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Check out our bulletin on-line at
<http://www.stjosephsparishgander.ca>



St. Anne’s Church
Glenwood

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

Parish Priest
Father William Hearn
Cell: 486-9492

Parish Pastoral Council
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
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12 noon
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Phone: (709) 256-3151
Fax: (709) 256-2730

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.

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



St. Joseph
*Our Patron Saint,
Pray for us!*

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:

This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year B). There are three aspects of anticipation to Jesus’ coming in the Advent season: the celebration of his birth some 2000 years ago (past), receiving Jesus in our lives today (present), and his coming again at the end of time (future). Today’s readings emphasize the third aspect when Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel Jesus speaks about the signs that will occur at the end of time and says, “Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man”. Let us take time during this Advent season to examine our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath



The Season of Advent starts this Sunday. Families or individuals wishing to light the advent wreath are asked to call the Parish Office at 256-3151.



The Parish invites you to join us for morning coffee/tea on **Wednesday, December 6th** in the McCarthy Centre at 10 a.m.



CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL HYMN SERVICE

The annual service will be held at St. Joseph’s Church on Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. There will be an offering collected during the service in support of The Salvation Army and the Gander and Area Food banks.

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.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

“To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.”

ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN



RCW Annual Christmas Pot Luck will take place on Friday, December 8th following Mass at 5:00 p.m. **RELIGIOUS ARTICLES** - The RCW has religious articles on display in the McCarthy Centre. If you wish to purchase rosary beads, children’s Mass books, St. Joseph’s Home Seller Kit, etc. drop by the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Fr. McCormack Council)



The draw for the Fall tickets will take place in St. John’s on 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.

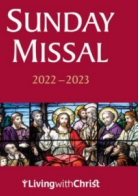
BLESSINGS FROM THE POPE

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.

STAMPS FOR DEVELOPMENT & PEACE



The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds help fund development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. If you wish to support this initiative, simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations. You may deposit your stamps in the box near the window ledge on the left as you enter the Church, or you can bring them to the Parish Office where they will be forwarded to Development & Peace. Thank you for your support!



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 will be placed in the Church on the weekend of December 2 & 3. 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**.



“Let us continue to pray for the serious situation in Israel and Palestine. It is the ordinary people who suffer. Those who wage war do not suffer. Let us ask for peace. And may we not forget the dear Ukrainian people, who are suffering so much and are still at war.”

Pope Francis @ Pontifex



The parish of St. Joseph’s would like to thank and acknowledge a donation made in memory of Marjorie Lane. Some of this money was used to purchase a new microphone for the priest and a battery charger. (\$1100).

December 4 - Memorial of Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor: Born in Damascus about 675, John became a monk and later a Priest near Bethlehem. The last of the Greek Fathers of the Church, John was a renowned scholar. One of his best-known works, *The Fountain of Wisdom*, had a great influence on later theology. John also wrote hymns and homilies in honour of the Blessed Virgin. He died about 750 and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

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 8 - 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.

December 9 - Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin: 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.

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.

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



John J. DUCEY, who died on Friday, November 24, 2023 at James Paton Memorial Hospital. He is the husband of Anne and father of Brian, Brenda (Jeff) and Sheila (Miles).

James Joseph Dwyer, who died on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at James Paton Memorial Hospital. He is the husband of Loretta and brother of Wayne (Joan), Don (Ann), Queen (Dave), Eileen (John), David (Marilyn), Pat (Brenda), Mary (Sam), Maureen (Barry), Ness (Dave) and brother-in-law of Charlie Maloney.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

December 2 & 3
2023 Offertory envelopes available in the Church

December 4 Monday 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Ecumenical Service
St Joseph’s Church

December 8 Friday 11:00 a.m.
Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Grand Falls-Windsor

December 8 Friday 5:00 p.m.
Mass at 5:15 p.m.
followed by the RCW Potluck

December 13 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Advent Penitential Service

December 17 Sunday - after 11 a.m. Mass
Family Wreath Making
at the McCarthy Centre
Lunch courtesy of the Knights of Columbus

December 19 Monday 1:00 p.m.
Church Decorating for Christmas

ST. ANNE’S CHURCH, GLENWOOD (Ministries’ Schedule for December 10, 2023)



Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested by:
December 10	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Anne Walsh Ellen & Joseph Burke & family Joseph, Raymond & Gregory Kelly	Irene Broderick Bridget Foley Rita Warren

MINISTRIES:

Lighting the Advent Candle: Remi & Rosie Truchon
Gift Presenters: Mary Donahue & Sean Donahue

Reader: Bridget Doyle & Helen Oake
Hospitality: Irene Broderick