

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 18-22, 2024

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 18	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service	
Dec 19	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	James Samson (A)	Mike & April Samson
			Leonard, Rita & Michael Kiele	Eileen Stack
			Morgan, Marg, John & Pat Hinchey	Eileen Stack
Dec 20	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Sister Betty Quinlan	Dan & Mary Turner
			Frank Stack	Eileen Stack
			Martina Knox	Bill Knox
SUNDAY LITURGY - Fourth Sunday of Advent				
Dec 21	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Art (B) & Martha Furlong	Maxine Dunn
			Bridget Parsons	Wilf & Tina Maloney
			Wilf & Bernadette Maloney	Wilf & Tina Maloney
Dec 22	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Dec 22	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!

December 8, 2024	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$1,949.00	\$377.00
Loose	136.00	5.00
Maintenance	80.00	15.00
Christmas Flowers	80.00	
Heat/Fuel for Faith	440.00	12.00
Youth Ministry	5.00	
Memory Tree	15.00	
Holy Childhood Assoc.	40.00	25.25
Christmas Offering	20.00	
Advent Offering		5.00
Candles		15.00
E-Transfers	370.00	
Direct Deposit	\$546.25	
Total Deposit	\$3,681.25	\$454.25

PARISH FINANCES - Fuel for Faith

Envelopes have been placed in the church for our annual 'Fuel for Faith' campaign which will continue throughout the winter.

FAMILY WREATH MAKING DAY

Family Wreath Making Day is this Sunday, December 15th in the McCarthy Centre after the 11 a.m. Mass. Individuals/families/groups who would like to make a family wreath to be hung in the Church for Christmas, are invited to come along and join us. 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. **(We do have some decorations available.)** Please come and join us in our fun as a family while **the Knights of Columbus treat us to lunch!**



COFFEE MORNING
After the 10 a.m. Mass on
Friday, December 20th.
Everyone is Welcome!

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 21 & 22, 2024

	Saturday at 5 p.m.	Sunday at 11 a.m.
Lighting Advent Wreath:		
Readers:	Kelly Dumais	Jhanz Dano
Eucharistic Ministers:	Doris Scharpegge & Betty Blackmore	Cathy Bureaux & Patricia Noonan
Presenters of Gifts:	Tony & Arya Jacob & family	Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell
Altar Servers:	Dan Mahoney	Alex Bracci, Faith & Miracle Ferdinandus
Candle Bearers:	Jeanne Dillon & Elizabeth Blake	Volunteers
Hospitality (Ushers):	Ed & Betty Blackmore	Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell
Music:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sacristan:	Rita Pearce	
Treasury:	Team 2: Mary Griffiths, Elizabeth Blake , Margie Beaton, Mary Goulding, Shirley O'Donnell	

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



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December 15, 2024
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

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.
Phone: (709) 256-3151
Fax: (709) 256-3152
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.**

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.



Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.* It orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have reason to rejoice!



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 18th at 7 p.m.** Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces Our Lord offers us. Father Camillus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Gambo will assist Father Hearn for reconciliation.



On Sunday, December 22nd at 1:30 p.m. we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Any help will be appreciated. Thanks.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."



ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN
Next Meeting - TBD
Fall Virtual Bake Sale - On-going
Next Card Game - Saturday,
January 18th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
(Fr. McCormack Council)



The Knights of Columbus will host lunch on Family Wreath Making Day, Sunday, December 15th at the McCarthy Centre (following 11 a.m. Mass)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Lee, Stephanie Broderick, Mary Harrison, Joey Manuel, Carey Leigh Sheppard, David Brown, Margie Keating, Maureen O'Rielly, Jackie Beresford, Jamie Cokes, Lloyd Kirkham, 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. **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.**

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.



"The Holy Spirit is the source that fans the flame of hope. His presence in our lives helps us to both have hope and radiate it for humanity, which greatly needs it."

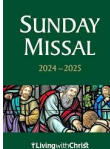
Pope Francis @ Pontifex

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 9, 2025 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 submitted by Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

In Memory of: _____
(Please print)

Requested by: _____
(Please print)

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



The 2024-25 Living with Christ Sunday Missal is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00 each. **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - 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**. **Envelopes for 2025 have been placed in the Church.**

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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To all you good people of Gander,

Since the postal strike is on, we are not sending greeting cards this year. This warm, heartfelt message is our greeting. Hope your holidays are bright with joy, warm with sharing and filled with everything that makes you happy.

Christmas Blessings from Sister Laurane and Sister Margaret Mary.

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.



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

December 15 Sunday 12 noon
after 11 a.m. Mass

Family Wreath Making at the McCarthy Centre
Lunch courtesy of the Knights of Columbus

December 18 Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
Birthday Party at Lakeside Homes

December 18 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Advent Penitential Service

December 22 Sunday 1:30 p.m.
Church Decorating for Christmas

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve - St. Anne's - 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve - St. Joseph's - 8:30 p.m.
Christmas Day - St. Joseph's - 11:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL BAKE SALE



This sale is sponsored by the RCW - donations are being accepted in lieu of the cancelled Afternoon Tea & Bake Sale. Your monetary donation can be dropped off at the Parish Office, put in collection or e-transferred. Income tax receipts will be issued at the end of the year for donations.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 22, 2024

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 22	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Pat & Val Kinsella Lorraine Dwyer Martina Knox	Angela L. Kinsella Angela L. Kinsella Irene Broderick



Ministries:
Lighting of the Advent Wreath:
Readers:
Gifts:
Hospitality:

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Albert & Helen Oake
Bridget Doyle & Helen Oake
Remi & Rosie Truchon
Irene Broderick