

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 24 - 29, 2024**

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 24	Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve, St. Anne's Church, Glenwood</b>	
Dec 24	Tuesday	8:30 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve, St. Joseph's Church, Gander</b>	
			Sam & Paddy Maloney	Gertie & Sharon
			Gary Foley (A)	Jerome & Bridget Bowen
			Richard Goulding	Eileen Stack
Dec 25	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
<b>SUNDAY LITURGY - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>				
Dec 28	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Stephen Nolan (B)	Kathleen Nolan
			Pat & Clarice Callahan	Robert & Jean Callahan
			Paula Beaton	Dorothy Woodd
Dec 29	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	<b>St. Anne's Church, Glenwood</b>	
Dec 29	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<b>MISSA PRO POPULO - For the People of the Parish</b>	

**MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 24 & 25, 2024**

	<b>Christmas Eve at 8:30 p.m. (Tues)</b>	<b>Christmas Day at 11 a.m. (Wed)</b>
<b>Christmas Candle:</b>	Tony & Arya Jacob & family	Ian, Maureen & Layla Saunders
<b>Readers:</b>	Tracey King & Bridget Bowen	Caren Almadrones
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Jeanne Dillon, Betty Blackmore & Bill Dumais	Daniel O'Donnell & Darwin Bejado
<b>Presenters of Gifts:</b>	Pat & Marjorie Gonzales	Ian, Maureen & Layla Saunders
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Alex Bracci	Don Sejin, Faith & Miracle
<b>Candle Bearers:</b>	Jeanne Dillon & Elizabeth Blake	
<b>Hospitality (Ushers):</b>	Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell	Ed Blackmore & Alice McCarthy
<b>Music:</b>	Sunday AM Choir	Volunteers
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Doris Scharpegge	
<b>Treasury:</b>	<b>Team 3: Dan Mahoney</b> , Maureen Hiscock, Myrtle Mahoney, Lillian Burke, Dan & Mary Turner	

**MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 28 & 29, 2024**

	<b>Saturday at 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Sunday at 11 a.m.</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Maureen Saunders	Vince Hibbs
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Kay MacArthur & Joan Kieley	Rita Pearce & Cathy Bureaux
<b>Presenters of Gifts:</b>	Jerome & Bridget Bowen	Lloyd & Melissa Burke & family
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Dan Mahoney	Don Sejin, Faith & Miracle
<b>Candle Bearers:</b>	Monica Holloway & Renata Oman	
<b>Hospitality (Ushers):</b>	Vince & Carole Hibbs	Ed Blackmore
<b>Music:</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Sacristan:</b>	Doris Scharpegge	
<b>Treasury:</b>	<b>Team 4: Des Dillon, Nick Connolly</b> , Jeanne Dillon, Bill Kelly, John Ivany, Alice Ivany	

**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.

<b>In Memory of:</b> _____ (Please print)	Names submitted to St. Anne's will be read at Mass on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January.
<b>Requested by:</b> _____ (Please print)	

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN**



10 Bishop Street  
Gander, NL  
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**December 22, 2024**  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)**

Check out our bulletin on-line at [www.stjosephsparishgander.ca](http://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.

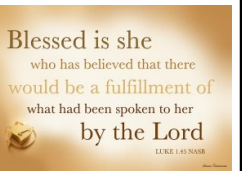
**Phone:** (709) 256-3151  
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**Reconciliation**  
Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment  
**Sacrament of Baptism**  
**Baptism Preparation (2 hours)**  
**& Baptisms by Appointment**

**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.

Today's Gospel is filled with joy and hope. John the Baptist, in the womb of Elizabeth, his mother, "leaps for joy" at the imminent coming of Christ into the world; Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit" is also filled with joy and loudly proclaims a blessing upon Mary, the Mother of the Christ Child. We too are called to experience this joy and hope as we come ever closer to the celebration of the Incarnation – God's coming to earth as one of us.



**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.**



**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.



On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. we will be decorating the Church for Christmas.

# 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."



### ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN

Next Meeting - TBD  
Next Card Game - Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Fr. McCormack Council)

Founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the premier lay Catholic men's organization." For membership information please contact Grand Knight Pat Woodford at [pat.glenda@nl.rogers.com](mailto:pat.glenda@nl.rogers.com).



## 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 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.**

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

December 15, 2024	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$1,991.00	\$1,320.00
Loose	113.45	5.00
Maintenance	115.00	30.00
Christmas Flowers	55.00	
Heat/Fuel for Faith	170.00	20.00
Youth Ministry	10.00	
Cemetery Assessment	10.00	
Holy Childhood Assoc.	30.00	
EVN/NCC	10.00	
Initial Offering	5.00	
Virtual Bake Sale	50.00	
Advent Offering	30.00	25.00
Candles		15.00
E-Transfers	2,330.00	
Direct Deposit	\$546.25	
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$5,465.70</b>	<b>\$1,415.00</b>



Congratulations to Vicky Habib (right in picture) (ticket number 1485), winner of the \$500 Christmas Gift Card Tree Fundraiser which raised \$3000 for the parish. Thank you to all who supported the event with donations, gift cards and selling/purchasing tickets. Jeanne Dillon (centre), chair of the RCW made the presentation (with Doris Scharpegge (left), the seller of the ticket), at the RCW Christmas Pot Luck on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the Christmas Cake (donated by Renata Oman) Fundraiser was Yvonne Burke of our parish.

The 2024-25 Living with Christ Sunday Missal is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00 each. **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** - the parish offers **DIRECT DEPOSIT** for contributions and accepts **E-TRANSFERS**. **Envelopes for 2025 have been placed in the Church.**



**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.

**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.

**HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION** - St. Joseph's Parish is encouraging parishioners to support the Holy Childhood Association through the use of the **Holy Childhood Coin Banks**. (available in the Church). 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. Please give generously and put your envelope # on the coin box to receive credit for your donation.




On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Father Hearn and Irene Broderick accepted a cheque for \$1000 on behalf of St. Anne's Church from Eugene Broderick from a 'Families in Need Christmas Fundraiser' held in November by Eugene and Heather Broderick.



"Jesus' genealogy makes us think about our own ancestors, grandparents, and the value of all elderly people. They are a gift from God, and we should be grateful and cherish them. We should not let them spend the upcoming Christmas holidays alone."  
**Pope Francis @ Pontifex**

### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 24 - 29, 2024

	Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
	Dec 24	Wed	4:00 p.m.	Annie Mackey James & Genevieve Hanlon Gerald & Mary Dwyer	Cal & Christine Kinden Loretta Dwyer Loretta Dwyer
	Dec 29	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Ron Field Valerie Dwyer Leo & John Hanlon	Angela L. Kinsella Loretta Dwyer Loretta Dwyer

#### Ministries:

**Christmas Candle:**

**Readers:**

**Gifts:**

**Hospitality:**

#### Christmas Eve

Mary & Sean Donahue  
Cheryl White & Lonz Bryan  
Haley & Erica Bryan  
Irene Broderick

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Mary Rumbolt & Albert Oake  
Mary & Sean Donahue