

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 13 - 17, 2023

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 13	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service	
Dec 14	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Bernadette Maloney	Mike Keating
			Mary Woodford	Pat & Glenda Woodford
			John Ducey	Pat & Glenda Woodford
Dec 15	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Gertrude Whitten	Mary Whelan
			The Hinchey family	Eileen Stack
			Frank Stack	Eileen Stack
SUNDAY LITURGY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT				
Dec 16	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Christopher & Bride Flynn	Tim & Christina Flynn
			Phoebe Molloy (A)	Derm Molloy
			Gary Kavanagh	Derm Molloy
Dec 17	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Dec 17	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 3, 2023	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$1,929.00	\$190.00
Loose	79.35	
Maintenance	10.00	5.00
Heat	325.00	12.00
Christmas Flowers	140.00	
Advent Offering	185.00	25.00
Candles		17.00
E-Transfers	1,015.00	
Direct Deposit	\$420.00	
Total deposit	4,103.35	\$249.00

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.



FAMILY WREATH MAKING DAY is Sunday, December 17th in the McCarthy Centre after the 11 a.m. Mass. The parish invites individuals/

families/groups who wish to make a family wreath to be hung in the Church for Christmas, 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. Please come and join us in our fun as a family while **the Knights of Columbus treat us to lunch!**

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 16 & 17, 2023

Advent Candle	Saturday at 5 p.m.	Sunday at 11 a.m.
Readers:	Volunteers	Michael Oliva & family
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maureen Saunders	Vince Hibbs
Presenters of Gifts:	Jeanne Dillon & Betty Blackmore	William Dumais & Cathy Bureaux
Altar Servers:	Ed & Patsy Bridgeman	Lloyd & Melissa Burke
Candle Bearers:	Dan Mahoney	Evan & Gwyn Burke
Hospitality (Ushers):	Barbara Fowler & Elizabeth Blake	Volunteers
Music:	Ed & Betty Blackmore	Alice McCarthy & Colleen Maloney
Sacristan:	Volunteers	Sunday AM Choir
Treasury:	Kay MacArthur	
Sunday AM Choir:	Team 3: Dan Mahoney, Maureen Hiscock, Myrtle Mahoney, Lillian Burke	
	Practice at the McCarthy Centre on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. New members welcome.	

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



10 Bishop Street
 Gander, NL
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December 10, 2023
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SECOND 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.

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

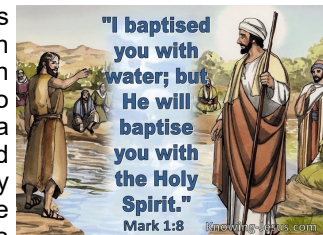
St. Joseph's, Gander
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 11:00 a.m.
St. Anne's, Glenwood
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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



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.

Advent is a time of waiting and the readings today call us to change, to undergo an interior transformation. Just as we prepare in practical ways for the Christmas season, so too must we prepare our hearts, creating a place for the Lord Jesus to dwell and examining our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face. The Gospel reading invites us to reflect on our lives so that we can best "prepare the way of the Lord". Let us reflect on how we are called to change so that God may more easily come to us. John the Baptist suggests one way – turning away from sin and starting anew.



Lighting the Advent Candle

If you would like to light the Advent Candle, please call the Parish Office at 256-3151.

CATECHESIS

The next Religious Education Class will take place on Sunday, December 10th from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

An Advent Penitential Service will be celebrated on **Wednesday, December 13th 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.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

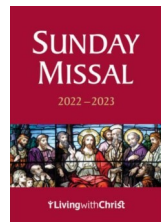
Second Sunday of Advent

"O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart."



On Sunday, December 3rd, Heather Broderick of Eugene Broderick's Catering presented cheques for \$1000 each to St. Joseph's (with Father Hearn) and to St. Anne's (with Irene Broderick), proceeds from the annual fundraiser for Families in Need.

On Monday, December 4th, St. Joseph's hosted the annual Christmas Ecumenical Hymn Service. Pictured is St. Joseph's Sunday AM Choir who performed two selections. It was very well attended and \$1,300.00 was raised for the Gander Food Banks.



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**.

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:

 (Please print)

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

DECEMBER 12 - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS:

Today's feast commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 at Tepeyac, on the outskirts of Mexico City. An imprint of her image was left on a cloak belonging to Juan Diego to whom she twice appeared. This cloak is an object of great veneration and is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the major pilgrimage centres of North America. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has grown over the centuries, and in 1946 Pope Pius XII named her a patron of the Americas. **The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.**



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

- 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 18** **Monday** **1:00 p.m.**
Church Decorating for Christmas

Thank You We wish to express our gratitude to St. Joseph's Parish community for their kindness and support since the passing of our beloved husband and father, William O'Reilly. Special thank you to Fr. Hearn, the Knights of Columbus, RCW, choir, various ministries, Shirley and Elizabeth. The parish community's many acts of compassion felt like a warm embrace to us at our very sad time.
Sincerely, Jackie O'Reilly, Kellie, Paula, Marsha & families



"To communicate God, the joyful credibility of the testimony, the universality of the proclamation and the timeliness of the message are not enough. Without the Holy Spirit, all zeal is vain and falsely apostolic: it would only be our own and would not bear fruit."
Pope Francis @ Pontifex

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maureen O'Reilly, 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.

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.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 17, 2023

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By:
Dec 17	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	James Dwyer Rita, Sexton & Martin Greene Randall Scott (B)	Irene Broderick Bridget Foley Dave & Phyllis Morrissey
Ministries: Lighting of the Advent Candle: Marg Coish & Cheryl White				
Readers: Marg Rumbolt & Albert Oake				
Hospitality: Irene Broderick				
Gift Presenters: Remi & Rosie Truchon				