

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 4 - 8, 2024

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 04	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Martina Knox Rivlyn Galway Theresa Power	Mike & April Samson Dave & Carmel Galway Wilson & Agnes Hunt
Dec 05	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Grand Falls-Windsor	
Dec 06	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Edmund & Mary Moss Alvin Mouland The Smeaton family	Bride Mouland Bride Mouland Mike & April Samson
SUNDAY LITURGY - Second Sunday of Advent				
Dec 07	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy, St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Dec 07	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Phoebe Molloy Barbara English (B) Judith Hiltz	Derm Molloy Michael English Dan & Mary Turner
Dec 08	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Dec 08	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	MISSA PRO POPULO - For the People of the Parish	

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 5th 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.

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

November 24, 2024	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$1,827.00	\$300.00
Loose	97.05	2.00
Maintenance	20.00	
Cemetery Assessment	50.00	
Heat	5.00	
Advent Offering	185.00	42.00
Candles		12.00
E-Transfers	180.00	
Direct Deposit	541.25	
Total deposit	\$2,905.30	\$356.00



CHRISTMAS ECUMENICAL HYMN SERVICE

The annual service will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. An offering will be received in support of The Salvation Army Foodbank and the Gander and Area Foodbank.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE FUNDRAISER

Tickets are available at the Parish Office or by E-transfer at \$1.00 each. The draw date is Friday, December 13th. The cake was donated by a parishioner.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 7 & 8, 2024

	<u>Saturday at 5 p.m.</u>	<u>Sunday at 11 a.m.</u>
Readers:	Pat Gonzales	Ed Drover
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jeanne Dillon & Cheryl Dwyer	Rita Pearce & Darwin Bejado
Presenters of Gifts:	Ed & Betty Blackmore	Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell
Altar Servers:	Dan Mahoney	Faith & Miracle Ferdinandus, Don Sejin
Candle Bearers:	Monica Holloway & Renata Oman	Volunteers
Hospitality (Ushers):	Colleen Maloney & Pauline Lane	Alice McCarthy & Yvonne Mercer
Music:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sacristan:	Doris Scharpegge	
Treasury:	Team 4: Des Dillon, Nick Connolly, Jeanne Dillon, Bill Kelly, John & Alice Ivany	

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



**10 Bishop Street
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December 1, 2024
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FIRST 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)
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Parish Secretary - Elizabeth Blake

OFFICE HOURS:
9 a.m. - 12 noon
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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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.

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.



This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year A). 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.



CATECHESIS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

There will be Religious Education on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the McCarthy Centre. The session is for children in Grades 1-6, including those preparing for First Communion and Reconciliation.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The lighting of Advent candles is a tradition that marks the progression of the four weeks of Advent toward the birth of Christ: A candle is lit each Sunday of Advent, beginning on the first Sunday. Families or individuals wishing to light the advent wreath are asked to call the Parish Office at 256-3151.

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

"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

Next Meeting - TBD
Fall Virtual Bake Sale - On-going
Advent Reflection - Tuesday, Dec 10th
Annual Christmas Pot Luck, Friday, December 13th
Christmas Gift Card Tree Fundraiser - Draw December 13th
Christmas Cake Fundraiser - Draw December 13th
Next Card Game - Saturday, January 18th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(Fr. McCormack Council)



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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

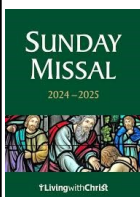


"The word "Gospel" means glad tidings, and it cannot be communicated with a long face and sombre countenance. We must share the Gospel with the joy of those who have unearthed a hidden treasure and precious pearl."
[#GeneralAudience.](#)

Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Stephanie Broderick, Mary Harrison, Joey Manuel, Carey Leigh Sheppard, David Brown, Margie Keating, 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.



The 2024-25 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** - 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 3 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST: Francis was born in 1506 in Navarre, Spain. He was one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and spent many years working as a missionary with the peoples of Goa, South East Asia, and Japan. Francis died in 1552 while on his way from Goa to China. He was canonized in 1602 and is a patron of all foreign missions.

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, Saint Nicholas 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).



Virtual Bake Sale - 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.

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. Please put the special offering envelope in the collection basket at the church entrance. You may also contribute by e-transfer. Thank you for your financial support!



Annual Christmas Gift Card Tree (\$500) fundraiser - Most of the tickets have been sold. The draw date is Friday, December 13th.

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



Martina Mary KNOX of our parish, formerly of St. Brendan's, who died on Friday November 23, 2024. She is the wife of William and mother of Anne (Leo), Yvonne (Ken), Marion (Loyola-deceased), Patsy (Ed), Colleen (Lorne), Leonard (Dianne), Bill (Cindy) and Ed (Susan).

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

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 8, 2024

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 7	Sat	5:00 p.m.	Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	
Dec 8	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Florence Wall	Leo Wall & family
			Frank Foley	Lianne, Lonz, Haley, Erica
			Marie Bryan	Ellen Foley
			Ministries:	
			Lighting of the Advent Wreath:	Second Sunday of Advent
			Readers:	Remi & Rosie Truchon
			Gifts:	Marg Rumbolt & Albert Oake
			Hospitality:	Rita Warren & Winnie Coates
				Irene Broderick

