

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 22, 2025 - January 1, 2026				
Date	Day	Time	Mass intention	Requested By
Dec 24	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve - St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Dec 24	Wednesday	8:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve - St. Joseph's Church, Gander	
			Sam Maloney & Sandra Peyton	Gertie Maloney
			Paddy Maloney	Sharon & Chelsea
			Eldie Graham	Joan Kieley & Angela Thompson
Dec 25	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day	
SUNDAY LITURGY - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph				
Dec 27	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Cecelia Graham (B) & David Thomspson	Kevin & Joan Kieley
			Madonna Ryan	Kay MacArthur
			Bernice Mercer	Eileen Stack
Dec 28	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Dec 28	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	MISSA PRO POPULO - For the People of the Parish	
Dec 31	Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Mary O'Rielly	Colleen & Leo Maloney
		New Year's Eve	Adrian McCarthy	Jim & Lorraine Pittman
			Clar Foley	Rita Pearce
Jan 1	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 24 & 25, 2025				
Ministry:	Christmas Eve at 8:30 p.m.		Christmas Day at 11 a.m.	
Readers:	Rob Kelly & Bridget Bowen		Ed Drover & Caren Almadrones	
EM:	Bill Dumais, Jeanne Dillon, Kay MacArthur		Daniel O'Donnell, Rita Pearce, Darwin Bejado	
Gift Presenters:	Sid & Monica Holloway		Tony & Arya Jacob & family	
Altar Servers:	Don Sejin & Dan Mahoney		Alex Bracci	
Candle Bearers:	Colleen Mahoney & Renata Oman		Volunteers	
Hospitality:	Ed Blackmore & Pat Gonzales		Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell	
Music:	St. Joseph's Sunday AM Choir			
Sacristans:	Rita Pearce, Doris Scharpegge, Kay MacArthur, Kelly Dumais			
Treasury:	Team 3: Dan Mahoney, Maureen Hiscock, Myrtle Mahoney, Dan & Mary Turner			
MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 27 & 28, 2025				
Ministry:	Saturday at 5 p.m.		Sunday at 11 a.m.	
Readers:	Joan Kieley & Pat Woodford		Carole Hibbs & Tina Purcell	
EM:	Jeanne Dillon, Don Farrell		Bill Dumais & Cathy Bureaux	
Gift Presenters:	Patricio & Marjorie Gonzales		Jhosie David & Rose Suyat	
Altar Servers:	Dan Mahoney		Don Sejin & Alex Bracci	
Candle Bearers:	Elizabeth Blake & Jeanne Dillon		Volunteers	
Hospitality:	Kay Stockley & Cheryl Dwyer		Yvonne Mercer & Rita Pearce	
Music:	Volunteers			
Treasury:	Team 4: Des Dillon, Nick Connolly, Jeanne Dillon, Bill Kelly, John & Alice Ivany			
MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 31, 2025 & January 1, 2026				
Ministry:	Saturday at 5 p.m.		Sunday at 11 a.m.	
Readers:	Gwyneth Burke & Pat Gonzales		Janz Dano & Ed Drover	
EM:	Kay MacArthur, Doris Scharpegge, Cheryl Dwyer		Daniel O'Donnell, Joan Kieley, Rita Pearce	
Gift Presenters:	Ed & Betty Blackmore		Michael & Maria Oliva & family	
Altar Servers:	Don Farrell & Don Sejin		Alex Bracci	
Candle Bearers:	Colleen Mahoney & Renata Oman		Volunteers	
Hospitality:	Lloyd & Melissa Burke		Alice McCarthy & Ed Blackmore	
Music:	Volunteers			
Treasury:	Team 1: Doris Scharpegge, George O'Brien, Paul Brazil, Rene & Edwina Cashin			

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Gander



ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

Glenwood



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December 21, 2025

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

Check out our bulletin on-line at www.stjosephsparishgander.ca

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Chair: Vacant

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Chair: Dan Mahoney

St. Anne's Parish Council

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OFFICE HOURS:

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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.

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful words, "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel" which means, "God is with us" and "when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife". As we draw closer to the birth of the Son of God into our midst, we can be thankful to Mary and Joseph for their complete openness to God's will in their lives and pray that we will have that same openness of spirit in responding to God's will in our lives.



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.



DECEMBER 28 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH:

This feast, instituted in 1921, is observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on December 30. Devotion to the Holy Family flourished during the Renaissance, and leading artists of the time – Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few – often portrayed the Holy Family in their work.



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.”

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY

“Let us rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.”

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.”

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

“Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven & earth for ever.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Phyllis Francis, Aubrey Holmstead, Dana Sampson, Allison Bursey, Glen Gillingham, Brian Maloney, Matthew Puddicombe, Peggy Dicks, Nash Vey, Jocelyn Downer, K.T. Chacko, Stephanie Broderick, Mary Harrison, Joey Manuel, Carey Leigh Sheppard, David Brown, Margie Keating, Maureen O’Rielly, Jackie Beresford, Jamie Cokes, Johanna Hogan, Fran Gilbert, Denise Crant, Betty LeBlanc, Loretta Dwyer, Beth McGrath, Lawrence Clowe, Wayne Coady, Mary Pickett, Marie Lawton, Cathy Hogan, Ed Tricco, Nellie Guillemade, JoAnne Lyver, Judy Lush, Linden Collins, Rowena Zwicker, Toni Marie Rolfe, Renata Oman, Anne Marie Collins, Michael Parsons, Alice Richards, Christopher & Kathy 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:



Eldie Graham, who died in Glace Bay, NS on December 16, 2025. Eldie was a special father to Joan Kieley of our Parish and Angela Thompson of Glace Bay, NS.

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

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 8, 2026 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 Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

In Memory of: _____ (Please print)

Requested by: _____ (Please print)

PARISH EVENTS IN ADVENT
Sunday, December 21 (after 11 a.m. Mass)
Parish Wreath Making (Lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus)
Monday, December 22 at 10 a.m.
Decorating the Church for Christmas

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.

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

December 14, 2025	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$1,490.00	\$512.00
Loose	123.60	25.00
Maintenance	190.00	51.00
Heat	295.00	32.00
Flowers	135.00	300.00
Advent Offering		25.00
Christmas Offering	25.00	10.00
In Memoriam	1,375.00	
Canadian Church		20.00
Candles		16.50
E-Transfers	200.00	
Direct Deposit	455.00	
Total Deposit	\$4,288.60	991.50

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - are available at the Parish Office. The 2026 envelopes have been distributed in the Church. The parish offers DIRECT DEPOSIT for contributions and accepts E-TRANSFERS at admin@stjosephsparishgander.ca. Sunday Missals for the 2025-26 year are available at the Parish Office for \$5.00.



Peace exists; it wants to dwell within us. #Peace has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence. Peace is a breath of the eternal: while to evil we cry out “Enough,” to peace we whisper “Forever.” Into this horizon the Risen One has led us. Pope Leo XIV @Pontifex

ECUMENICAL HYMN CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Total offering was \$1,100.00 divided between the two Food Banks in Gander. Thanks to choir members and all who attended and supported this Christmas event.

The winner of the \$500 Gift Card Tree Fundraiser was Mary Collins - Tickets # 2341. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser (donating gift cards and selling tickets. \$2950 was raised for the parish.

JANUARY 1 -THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD: This feast of Mary falls exactly one week after Christmas, at the end of the octave of Christmas. The solemnity is a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus and hence also a celebration of Mary as the Mother of God. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honour we can give Mary, and celebrating her divine maternity during the Christmas octave makes complete sense in that the celebration is connected closely to Christ’s birth. In his encyclical, Marialis Cultus, Pope Paul VI further noted the connection to New Year’s Day and Mary’s role as Queen of Peace. Thus it is fitting that January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is also observed as World Day of Peace. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

ST. ANNE’S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries’ Schedule for December 24-28, 2025

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 24	Wed	4 p.m.	Vincent & Katie Moss Fred & Sis Purchase & Dominic Moss Lawrence (B) & Jessie McGrath	The Moss family Anne Marie Collins & Alice Richards Lianne, Lonz, Haley & Erica
Dec 28	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Archie, Audrey & Gordon Stanford Greg & Mary John Ron Turner	Audrey Doyen & Debbie LaMoth Bridget Foley Ed & Patsy Bridgeman

Ministries: The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve
Lighting of the Christmas Candle: Albert & Helen Oake
Readers: Lonz Bryan & Erica Bryan
Hospitality: Irene Broderick
Eucharistic Minister: Remi Turchon
Gifts: Phoebe Warran & Dennis Stoyles

Ministries: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Readers: Cheryl White & Remi Truchon
Hospitality: Irene Broderick
Gifts: Erica & Haley Bryan

Names submitted to St. Anne’s for the Memory Tree will be read at Mass on the 2nd Sunday in January (January 11th)
Parishioners of St. Anne’s Church who would like to e-transfer funds to the church may use this address: stanneschurchglenwood@gmail.com. Thank you.

