

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – January 1 - 4, 2026

Date	Day	Time	Mass intention	Requested By
Dec 31	Wednesday	5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve	Mary O'Reilly Adrian McCarthy Clar Foley	Colleen & Leo Maloney Jim & Lorraine Pittman Rita Pearce
Jan 1	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	New Year's Day - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Jan 1	Friday	10:00 a.m.		
SUNDAY LITURGY - Epiphany of the Lord				
Jan 3	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Fred & Nina Smeaton George & Mary Williams Stephen Nolan	Mike & April Samson George Williams Kathleen Nolan
Jan 4	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Jan 4	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	MISSA PRO POPULO - For the People of the Parish	

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!

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 Dровер
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	Volunteers
Treasury:	Team 1: Doris Scharpegge, George O'Brien, Paul Brazil, Rene & Edwina Cashin	

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - January 3 & 4, 2026

Ministry:	Saturday at 5 p.m.	Sunday at 11 a.m.
Readers:	Tracey King & Bridget Bowen	Carole Hibbs & Vince Hibbs
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Blackmore & Cheryl Dwyer	Darwin Bejado & Rita Pearce
Presenters of Gifts:	Rene & Edwina Cashin	Binu & Ani Joseph
Altar Servers:	Don Farrell	Evan Burke
Candle Bearers:		Don Sejin
Hospitality (Ushers):	Pauline Lane & Colleen Maloney	Vince & Carole Hibbs
Music:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sacristans:	Doris Scharpegge, Kay MacArthur	Rita Pearce, Kelly Dumai
Treasury:	Team 2: Margie Beaton, Elizabeth Blake Mike English, Mary Goulding, Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell	

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Year A)

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.

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.

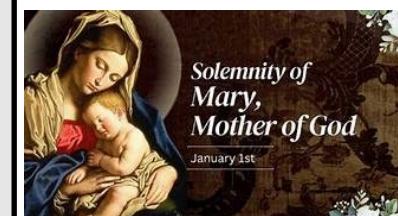
St. Anne's, Glenwood

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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

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.

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.



JANUARY 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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.**

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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."

ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN



Next Meeting
January 12th
Next Card Game
January 17th

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(Fr. McCormack Council)

The Knights of Columbus offers high-quality products and programs that people value, supporting their spiritual, insurance, financial and charitable needs. For membership information please contact Grand Knight Alex Bracci at bracci.alessandro35@gmail.com.



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

December 21, 2025	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$2,136.00	\$169.50
Loose	95.00	30.00
Maintenance	90.00	
Cemetery Assessment		
Heat	155.00	
Youth Ministry	20.00	
Flowers for Christmas	20.00	
In Memoriam	50.00	
Christmas Offering	45.00	20.00
Candles		12.50
E-Transfers		
Direct Deposit	455.00	
Total Deposit	\$3,066.00	\$232.00

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)

SUNDAY MISSAL 2025-2026 The 2025-26 **Living with Christ Sunday Missal** is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00.
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - for 2026 have been placed in the Church. The parish offers **DIRECT DEPOSIT** for contributions and accepts **E-TRANSFERS**.

JANUARY 1 - WORLD DAY OF PEACE: The World Day of Peace was established in 1968 by Pope Paul VI who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come". Today we celebrate the 59th World Day of Peace. This is a special day set aside to pray for peace in the world, for goodwill among nations, and for light and guidance for civil and world leaders. It is a time for each of us to reflect on our individual responsibility to work and pray for peace. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, it is also an appropriate time to ask Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede on behalf of the world for world peace. The theme chosen by Pope Leo for this year's World Day of Peace is "Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace".

JANUARY 2 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS: Basil (329-379) and Gregory (329-390) were born in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Both studied in Athens, which was then the great university city of the Greek-speaking world. Both were ordained priests and later became bishops, then archbishops. Basil was Archbishop of Caesarea, and Gregory was Archbishop of Constantinople. They preached bravely against the Arian heresy which denied that Jesus is God. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen, along with Gregory of Nyssa, make up the trio of Cappadocian Doctors of the Church.

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'Reilly, 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 Guillemaude, 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.**



"Though the Jubilee year is drawing to a close, the hope that we have sought and received does not end. We always need hope, for without it we are dead; but with hope, we are born and renewed. It is more powerful than threats and violence, because hope generates life in God."

#JubileeAudience

Pope Leo XIV @ Pontifex

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for January 4, 2026

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Jan 4	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Lisa McGrath (B) Archie, Audrey & Gordon Stanford Anne Mackey	Leanne, Lonz, Haley & Erica Audrey Doyon & Debbie LaMoth Yvonne & Ken Mercer

Ministries: Feast of the Epiphany

Readers: Marg Rumbolt & Albert Oake
Gifts: Bridget Miles & Barbara Harding

Hospitality: Irene Broderick

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.

