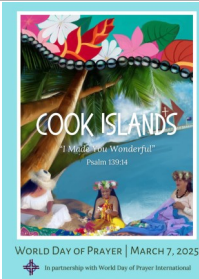


MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – February 27 - March 2, 2025

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Feb 27	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Kathleen Keough Ida Roberts Theresa Power	Barbara Fowler Derm & Margaret Coady Derm & Sheila Cain
Feb 28	Friday	10:00 a.m.	Daniel Maloney Maxine Smith Briggs Kathleen Cornish	Ignatius & Angela Maloney Maxine Dunn Denise & Tonya Cornish
SUNDAY LITURGY - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Mar 01	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Nicholas (A) & Lucy (B) Philpott Catherine Aylward Bernice Broderick	Elizabeth Philpott Mike & April Samson Ed & Patsy Bridgeman
Mar 02	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Mar 02	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!

February 16, 2025	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$1,915.00	\$135.00
Loose	129.60	
Maintenance	60.00	22.00
Heat/Fuel	155.00	42.00
Ecclesiastical S.F.	10.00	
Youth Ministry	30.00	
Candles		13.50
E-Transfers		
Direct Deposit	541.25	
Total Deposit	\$2,840.85	\$212.50



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

What is World Day of Prayer? The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative celebrated in over 170 countries on or around the first Friday in March. **Motto: Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.**

On **Friday, March 7th**, the RCW will host the World Day of Prayer 2025 Service, celebrating the women of Cook Islands, at **St. Joseph's at 7 p.m.** All parishioners are invited to attend. A social will follow at the McCarthy Centre. Parishioners will be asked to donate cookies.

Ministry Schedules for March and April are available in the Church.

CATECHESIS

Religious Education will take place on **Sunday, February 23rd from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** This is for children in Grades 1-6 and includes those preparing for the Sacraments.

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - March 1 & 2, 2025

Readers:	Saturday at 5 p.m. Pat Gonzales	Sunday at 11 a.m. Vince Hibbs
Eucharistic Ministers:	Betty Blackmore, Joan Kieley	Daniel O'Donnell & Rita Pearce
Presenters of Gifts:	Sid & Monica Holloway	Daniel & Shirley O'Donnell
Altar Servers:	Don Farrell	Alex Bracci, Don Sejin & Evan Burke
Candle Bearers:	Jeanne Dillon & Barbara Fowler	
Hospitality (Ushers):	Ed & Betty Blackmore	Vince & Carole Hibbs
Music:	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sacristan:	Doris Scharpegge	
Treasury:	Team 2: Margie Beaton, Elizabeth Blake Michael English, Mary Goulding, Shirley O'Donnell	

The Sunday AM Choir has resumed practices on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the McCarthy Centre. New members are always welcome!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



**10 Bishop Street
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February 23, 2025
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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

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

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Loving and Merciful God,

We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. "But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord." (Jeremiah 30:17)

We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.

We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Credit: Caritas Jerusalem

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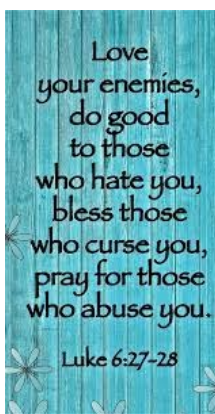
Reconciliation
Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

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, a continuation of last week's Gospel, challenges us as followers of Jesus Christ to live out in our lives the Great Commandment of Love – to love all people, be they friend or foe, as God loves us. Though this ideal will no doubt be difficult to realize, nonetheless, it is one which we are called to attain. Jesus indicates specific ways to help us make this Commandment our rule of life: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." These example of love, as well as others put forth in the Gospel passage, are by no means easy to achieve. However, like the Apostles and the early Christians, we draw our strength from the selfless life of the Lord Jesus and its culmination in his death on the Cross. As disciples of Jesus, we must never turn away from this ideal of selfless love; it is to become the measure of our lives. The Gospel ends, as it began last Sunday, pointing the way to true happiness – when we identify with God's generous ways and God's unconditional love, our joy will be great. The words which Jesus speaks at the end of today's Gospel confirm this: "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."



WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

"O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me."

ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN



Next Meeting
March 10th
Next Card Game
March 22nd

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Fr. McCormack Council)

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve family, parish, community and country." For membership information please contact Grand Knight Pat Woodford at pat.glenda@nl.rogers.com



FOR YOUR INFORMATION DIOCESAN STIPENDS

BAPTISM STIPEND - \$25.00 - Baptisms are celebrated by appointment (after a Baptism Preparation Course has been completed).

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The baptism of a child is a very important event in the life of the child, the child's family, and the parish community. To help parents enter more fully into the celebration of their child's baptism, St. Joseph's Parish offers a Baptism Preparation Course by appointment. Parents along with godparents are expected to attend the Baptism Preparation Course before the baptism of the child. Please call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE STIPEND - \$200.00 - Please allow at least six months between the time of contacting the Parish and the date of the Marriage. A Marriage Preparation Course is required.

FUNERAL STIPEND - \$200.00 - St. Joseph's Parish has a Bereavement Committee to assist with planning funeral services.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael McNiven, Pope Francis, K.T. Chacko, Mary Lee, 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, 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.**

POP TABS FUNDRAISER

By donating your pop tabs money can be raised for The Robert Hampson Tabs for Kids Fund (through the Fraser Road United Church) which is used to purchase wheelchairs for kids. Tell your friends, tell your neighbours, tell everyone and keep those pop tabs coming. These small items make a huge difference in the life of a child. Margaret Coady, our parish coordinator has moved away. Thanks to Margaret and Dermot for their work throughout the years. If you would like to take on this task please call the Parish Office and you can drop your tabs off at the Church or the Parish Office.

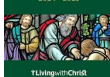
PARISH FINANCES - Fuel for Faith

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!

SUNDAY
MISSAL
2024-2025

The 2024-25 Living with Christ Sunday Missal is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00 each.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES - are available at the Parish Office. The parish offers **DIRECT DEPOSIT** for contributions and accepts **E-TRANSFERS**.



February 27 - Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek: Gregor was born in a village on the shores of Lake Van between 945 and 950. When his parents died, Gregor and his older brother were raised by a scholarly uncle who had them educated at the Narek monastery where he was a monk. The monastery was a prominent center of learning located in what is now Turkey. Gregor too entered the monastery and was ordained in 977. A professor of theology, Gregor wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations. He described his poem as "an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations." This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. The Russian text of the Book of Lamentations was set to music in 1985. Little else is known about Gregor, other than he died in the early 11th century and was buried within the walls of the Narek monastery where he had spent his life. In 2015 as the world observed the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire, Pope Francis concelebrated a Mass at the Vatican with Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni and declared the monk, poet, and saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, Gregory of Narek, a Doctor of the Church.



STAMPS FOR DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

The stamps affixed on the right corner of your envelopes can be very useful. Members of **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** sell them to stamp collectors. The proceeds help fund development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. If you wish to support this initiative, simply cut off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging perforations. You may deposit your stamps in the box near the window ledge on the left as you enter the Church, or you can bring them to the Parish Office where they will be forwarded to Development & Peace. Thank you for your support.

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



Ronald BLACKMORE who died in Toronto, ON on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. He is the brother of Ed (Betty) Blackmore of our parish.

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

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



With his Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis proclaimed the Jubilee of 2025 and introduced the theological virtue of hope as its central message. Quoting St. Paul "hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), Pope Francis frames the Jubilee as a moment for renewing trust in God's unfailing love. **To be continued next week.**



"When goodness is not reinvested, it is lost. The greatness of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear."

Pope Francis @Pontifex

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for March 2, 2025



Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Mar 2	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Kerrylee Sheppard The Kelly family Gillian LaLonde	Margaret Coish Barbara Harding Alice & Gary Bowering
Ministries:			Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Readers:			Remi Truchon & Albert Oake	
Gifts:			Mary & Sean Donahue	
Hospitality:				Irene Broderick