

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 11-14, 2025

Date	Day	Time	Mass intention	Requested By
Dec 11	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	John Alice & Edmund Bowen Aiden & Cecelia Bowen Leonard, Rita & Michael Kieley	Fintan & Bernadette St. Croix Fintan & Bernadette St. Croix Eileen Stack
Dec 12	Friday	10:00 p.m.	Frank Stack Michael, Gertrude, Bob & Tom Stack Morgan, Marg, John & Pat Hinchey	Eileen Stack Eileen Stack Eileen Stack
SUNDAY LITURGY - Third Sunday of Advent				
Dec 13	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Bernard & Bridget Hogan Phoebe Molloy Marjorie Lane	Daughter Linda Derm Molloy John Lush
Dec 14 Sunday 9:30 a.m. St. Anne's Church, Glenwood				
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 Monday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 30, 2025	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's	CATECHESIS Sunday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A practice for the children's Christmas pageant will take place in the Church after the 11 a.m. Mass.</li><li>Religious Education Class will be held 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the McCarthy Centre.</li></ul>	
Sunday Offering	\$2,225.00	\$357.00		
Loose	63.60			
Maintenance	50.00	20.00		
Heat	900.00	15.00		
Flowers	5.00			
Advent Offering	150.00	40.00		
World Mission Sunday	20.00			
Candles		17.00		
E-Transfers	790.00	70.00		
Direct Deposit	455.00			
Total Deposit	\$4,658.60	\$519.00		
Ministry:	Saturday at 5 p.m.	Sunday at 11 a.m.		
Advent Candle:	Volunteers	Patricio & Marjorie Gonzales		
Readers:	Maureen Saunders & Joan Kieley	Tina Purcell & Ani Joseph		
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jeanne Dillon & Kay MacArthur	Cathy Bureaux & Darwin Bejado		
Presenters of Gifts:	Ed & Patsy Bridgeman	Alex Bracci		
Altar Servers:	Dan Mahoney	Alex Bracci		
Candle Bearers:	Renata Oman & Colleen Maloney	Don Sejin & volunteer		
Hospitality (Ushers):	Ed Blackmore & Pauline Lane	Alice McCarthy & Cheryl Dwyer		
Music:	Volunteers	Volunteers		
Sacristans:	Doris Scharpegge, Kay MacArthur	Rita Pearce & Kelly Dumais		
Treasury:	Team 1: Doris Scharpegge, George O'Brien Paul Brazil, Ed Blackmore, Rene Cashin, Edwina Cashin			

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN

St. Joseph's Church  
Gander

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December 7, 2025

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St. Anne's Church  
Glenwood

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (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)  
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  
Fax: (709) 256-3152  
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 the season.

Advent

Today's readings speak of peace. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we have a wonderful vision of what the world will be like on that day when “a shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse”: “the wolf shall live with the lamb” and “the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den”. Saint Paul in the second reading prays that we will “live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus”. In the Gospel, we are called to “prepare the way of the Lord”. As we prepare ourselves for the birth of the Prince of Peace, we are challenged to do our best in the 'here and now' to bring about the vision of peace proclaimed by Isaiah. We can begin by being peace-filled people with all whom we meet on a daily basis.

“Prepare the way for the Lord!”  
Matthew 3:1-12

CHRISTMAS  
ECUMENICAL  
HYMN SERVICE

The annual service will be held at the Fraser Road United Church on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. An offering will be received in support of The Salvation Army Foodbank and the Gander and Area Foodbank.

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

“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.”



**ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
Next Meeting  
January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Next Card Game  
January 17<sup>th</sup>

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
(Fr. McCormack Council)**

The Knights of Columbus fosters a high-performing culture that puts people first. For membership information please contact Grand Knight Alex Bracci at [bracci.alessandro35@gmail.com](mailto:bracci.alessandro35@gmail.com).



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

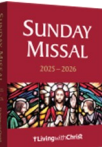
**Phyllis Francis**, Aubrey Holmstead, Dana Sampson, Allison Bursey, Glen Gillingham, Brian Maloney, Matthew Puddicombe, Peggy Dicks, Nash Vey, Jocelyn Downer, K.T. Chacko, Stephanie Broderick, Mary Harrison, Joey Manuel, Carey Leigh Sheppard, David Brown, Margie Keating, Maureen O’Rielly, Jackie Beresford, 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 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**

**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.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD TREE (\$500.00) FUNDRAISER**

The Christmas Fundraiser - a \$500 Gift Card Tree - is going well. The draw date is Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those who have donated gift cards and purchased tickets. We have about 250 of the 3000 tickets left to sell. If you would like to purchase tickets you may do so at the Parish Office or by e-transferring funds. Tickets are \$1.00 each.



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**.

**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)

**DECEMBER 8 - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX defined the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as a dogma of faith. This dogma states that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin”.

**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.

**DECEMBER 12 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:**

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 (December 12) 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

**DECEMBER 13 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR:**

Lucy was born in Syracuse, Italy, and was martyred about 304. Because her name is derived from *lux* (‘light’), during the Middle Ages people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy’s aid. She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia.

**PARISH EVENTS IN ADVENT**



**Monday, December 8 at 11 a.m.**

Celebration of Diocesan Feast at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Grand Falls.

**Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m.**

Ecumenical Hymn Sing & Service at the Fraser Road United Church

**Friday, December 12**

Draw for Gift Card Tree

**Wednesday, December 17**

Penitential Service at 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 19**

Coffee Morning following 10 a.m. Mass

**Sunday, December 21**

**(after 11 a.m. Mass)**

Parish Wreath Making

(Lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus)

**Monday, December 22 at 1 p.m.**

Decorating the Church for Christmas



“The Kingdom that Jesus comes to inaugurate is a shoot, a small branch sprouting from a trunk that promises rebirth when everything else seems to be dying. The coming of the Messiah was announced in the smallness of a shoot, because He can only be recognized by the little ones, by those who humbly know how to recognize the hidden details and traces of God in a seemingly lost story.” **Pope Leo XIV**

**ST. ANNE’S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries’ Schedule for December 14, 2025**



Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 14	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Roseann, Scott & Kevin Leroux Archie, Audrey & Gordon Stanford Loretta Ryan & Donal Foley	Anne Marie & Alice Audrey & Debbie Bridget Foley

**Ministries:** Second Sunday of Advent

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath:** Irene & Bev Broderick

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stanneschurchglenwood@gmail.com). Thank you.