

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH – December 12 - 15, 2024

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 12	Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Louis Sr. & Louis Jr. Lyver James Samson (A) Michael, Gertrude, Bob, Tom Stack	Yvonne Lyver Mike & April Samson Eileen Stack
Dec 13	Friday	5:15 p.m.	Mary O'Rielly Bernice Mercer Theresa Shaw	Angela Hayter Marie Coffey Dan & Mary Turner
SUNDAY LITURGY - Third Sunday of Advent				
Dec 14	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Ray & Anne Walsh Harold, Marg & Andrea Gatherall Lew Pearce	The O'Rielly family The O'Rielly family Rita Pearce
Dec 15	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Anne's Church, Glenwood	
Dec 15	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!

December 1, 2024	St. Joseph's	St. Anne's
Sunday Offering	\$1,622.00	\$330.00
Loose	96.15	
Maintenance	30.00	5.00
Christmas Flowers	140.00	
Heat	785.00	45.00
Advent Offering	45.00	5.00
Candles		9.50
E-Transfers	330.00	
Direct Deposit	\$546.25	
Total Deposit	\$3,594.40	\$394.50

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.

CATECHESIS - There will be Religious Education on Sunday, December 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Stephanie Broderick, Mary Harrison, Joey Manuel, Carey Leigh Sheppard, David Brown, Margie Keating, Maureen O'Rielly, Jackie Beresford, Jamie Cokes, Lloyd Kirkham, 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.**

MINISTRIES' SCHEDULE - December 14 & 15, 2024

	Saturday at 5 p.m.	Sunday at 11 a.m.
Lighting Advent Wreath:	Shirley Nolan	Carole Hibbs
Readers:	Joan Kieley & Kay MacArthur	Bill Dumais & Daniel O'Donnell
Eucharistic Ministers:	Des & Jeanne Dillon	Alex Bracci & Cheryl Dwyer
Presenters of Gifts:	Dan Mahoney	Evan & Gwyn Burke, Don Sejin
Altar Servers:	Barbara Fowler & Colleen Maloney	Volunteers
Candle Bearers:	Ed Blackmore & Kay MacArthur	Vince & Carole Hibbs
Hospitality (Ushers):	Volunteers	Volunteers
Music:	Kay MacArthur	
Sacristan:		
Treasury:	Team 1: Doris Scharpegge, George O'Brien, Paul Brazil, Ed Blackmore, Mary Turner	

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BULLETIN



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December 8, 2024
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SECOND 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)
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
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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.



Advent is a time of waiting and the readings today call us to change; to undergo an interior transformation. Just as we prepare in practical ways for the Christmas season, so too must we prepare our hearts, creating a place for the Lord Jesus to dwell, and examining our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face. The Gospel reading invites us to reflect on our lives so that we can best "prepare the way of the Lord". Let us reflect on how we are called to change so that God may more easily come to us. John the Baptist suggests one way — turning away from sin and starting anew.



DECEMBER 9 - 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".



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 - 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)

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



Paula BEATON of Gander who died on Saturday, November 30, 2024. She is the sister-in-law of Barbara Fowler of our parish.
Theresa SHAW of Arthur, ON who died on Monday, December 2, 2024. She is the sister of Mary (Dan) Turner of our parish.
Charlene SONIER of Cornwall, ON who died on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. She is the sister of Dan (Myrtle) Mahoney of our parish.

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

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, let us continue to pray for peace! War is a human defeat; it does not solve problems but only brings destruction. So many children and innocents die! Let us pray for all countries at war. Let us always pray for peace."

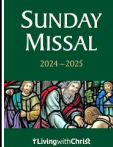
Pope Francis @ Pontifex

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 9, 2025 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. All names submitted by Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

In Memory of: _____
 (Please print)

Requested by: _____
 (Please print)

Names submitted to St. Anne's will be read at Mass on the 2nd Sunday in January.



The 2024-25 **Living with Christ Sunday Missal** is available at the Parish Office for \$5.00 each. **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 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 14 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR:

Born in Spain in 1542, John later entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, he worked for the reformation of his order and helped found the reformed ('Discalced') Carmelites. He wrote many spiritual classics, notably *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, and *The Living Flame of Love*. John died in 1591, was canonized in 1726, and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926.



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.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, GLENWOOD Liturgical & Ministries' Schedule for December 15, 2024



Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Dec 15	Sun	9:30 a.m.	Lawrence McGrath Donal Foley Clarence Ford & Velma Bath	Lianne, Lonz, Haley & Erica Angela L. Kinsella Albert & Helen Oake
Ministries:				
Lighting of the Advent Wreath:				
Readers:				
Gifts:				
Hospitality:				
Third Sunday of Advent				
Rita Warren & Winnie Coates Cheryl White & Remi Truchon Bridget Doyle & Nancy Balman Irene Broderick				



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

December 10	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
<i>Advent Reflection</i>		
December 13	Friday	5:15 p.m.
<i>RCW Christmas Pot Luck (following 5:15 Mass) Draw for the Christmas Gift Card Tree and Christmas Cake Fundraiser</i>		
December 15	Sunday	
after 11 a.m. Mass <i>Family Wreath Making at the McCarthy Centre Lunch courtesy of the Knights of Columbus</i>		
December 18	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
<i>Advent Penitential Service</i>		
December 22	Monday	1:30 p.m.
<i>Church Decorating for Christmas</i>		

Christmas Masses

*Christmas Eve - St. Anne's - 4:00 p.m.
 Christmas Eve - St. Joseph's - 8:30 p.m.
 Christmas Day - St. Joseph's - 11:00 a.m.*



CHRISTMAS CAKE FUNDRAISER
Tickets \$1 at the Parish Office.