

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

Mass – Saturday 4:15 p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7th & 8th, 2024

THEME: John the Baptist calls for the world to be transformed so that we will be open for the joy and peace and love the Lord offers us.

THOUGHT: I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. (St. Faustina Kowalska)

COLLECTIONS: \$ 3,187.00

DAILY MASS: Monday at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

LITURGY COMMITTEE: Meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Notices for the Parish Bulletin can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent via e-mail to grahamanddonna@hotmail.com. It would be appreciated if all notices could be received by noon on Thursday. Thank you.

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Americas - National Day of Prayer in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
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Friday: St. Lucy - Virgin & Martyr

Saturday: St. John of the Cross - Priest and Doctor



Join us at Holy Rosary Parish for our Christmas Bake Sale next weekend on Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th, before and after all Masses. Get ready to embrace the festive season with the delightful Bake Sale, where you can find an array of homemade treats. This event is an opportunity for parishioners to continue this popular CWL tradition and to financially support our Holy Rosary parish community while enjoying delicious Christmas goodies. **We are asking parishioners to contribute to this event.** We will accept donations on Saturday, December 14th anytime after 2:00 p.m. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! For more information, please feel free to contact Joanne Currie at 902-562-3761.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas

Flower Fund in memory of family members may do so by placing an envelope in the collection basket with your name and the name of your loved one.

FRENCH MASS : Il y aura une messe en français au Centre Communautaire Etoile de l'Acadie, (15 rue Inglis, Sydney, N-É) samedi le 14 décembre, 2024 à 17:30. Un souper de genre " Pot Luck " suivra avec de la **musique de Noël** en français par Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Tous sont les bienvenus!

There will be a Mass in French at the Centre Communautaire Étoile de L'Acadie (15 **Inglis St, Sydney, NS**) on Saturday December 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Potluck supper to follow along with **french Christmas music** from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome!

PASTOR'S TIDBITS: It was great to see six members of our choir in the choir for the Road to Bethlehem last Sunday. We will host the event next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Remember to bring some extra cash to Mass next weekend to support the Bake Sale, a fundraiser for the parish. The Church Envelopes for 2025 are at the church entrance. If you are new to the parish or do not have envelopes, simply take a box and write your name on the first envelope. We acknowledge with thanks a \$500 donation from our choir. The Christmas Day TV Mass will be broadcast at 11:00 a.m.

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM: December 15th: The Road to Bethlehem at Holy Rosary - A project of the KOC Council **9476**. Come and journey with us as Pilgrims experiencing the excitement and anticipation of the Advent Season. The Road to Bethlehem is loosely based on the Mexican Festival of "Las Posadas" (The Inns), which is the reenactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter as they journey to Bethlehem. Over five nights, the Christian community will gather in song, reflection, and celebration anticipating the Birth of Jesus Christ. Bring your family and especially children! Join us and experience the true meaning of Christmas! The Road to Bethlehem schedule – All start at 7:00 p.m. Other Dates in addition to Holy Rosary: December 8th: Our Lady of Fatima Church, December 12th: Immaculate Conception - Main-a-Dieu and December 22nd: Wentworth Park Bandshell

75th ANNIVERSARY MASS & CELEBRATION: The Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima invite you to attend their 75th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick and Pastors of the Parish. All are most welcome to help us celebrate this milestone. A time of fellowship will follow. We hope you can come and celebrate with us!

NEW CAR TICKETS: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys & MacIntyre Chevrolet are selling tickets on a brand-new car! Tickets are available for sale on a Chevrolet Trax LS. Cost of the tickets is \$50.00. Only 1200 tickets sold. They can be purchased at the church office during regular working hours or from the following members of Parish Council. Ronnie Martin at 902-562-8530 or Tom Ripley at 902-565-4452. Tickets will also be sold before and after weekend masses. The winning ticket will be drawn on New Years Eve at 4:00 p.m. Mass. Good luck everyone!

DYING WITH CHRIST – LIVING WITH HOPE: A three-video series seeking to demystify the dying process and making way for a new approach to end of life questions. The discussion, led by theologians and healthcare professionals will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying and our duty to care. Offered by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada via Zoom on January 15th, 22nd and 29th at 8:00 p.m. for February 20th, 27th and March 6th at 1:00 p.m. For details and to register <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope/>

HOLIDAY EVENTS:



December 12th: Concert

St. Anne's Parish 695 Main Street, Glace Bay, will present The Men of the Deeps along with Jenn Sheppard. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available by phoning Cecil (H) 902 849 2803, (C) 902 577 4302 or the Office 902 849 6826.

December 14th: Concert

The Men of the Deeps will be coming to the Parish of Saint Leonard in New Waterford on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be obtained from Pastoral Centre (5310 Union Highway), St. Leonard Church (3180 Mount Carmel Ave) after weekend Masses and New Waterford Pharmasave (423 Hudson St.). For more information, please contact Pastoral Centre at 902-862-2255.

December 14th: Christmas Magic Show

KOC 9476 will be hosting a Christmas Magic Show, December 14th at Our Lady of Fatima Hall 10:00 a.m. The Christmas Story will be enacted, a magic show and treats to follow with a visit from Santa. Sydney River Fire will also be present with a static display on Christmas safety. **All children must be accompanied by a parent.**

December 15th: Classical Christmas Concert

St. Mary's Church, East Bay at 3:00 p.m.

The concert will feature Katheryn Gordon on piano and Barbel Albert on violin and special guest Geoffrey Lee-Dadswell on cello.

Admission donation at the door for St Mary's Parish and Loaves and Fishes.

December 15th: Christmas Concert

St. Margaret Church, Grand Mira South at 2:00 p.m. Entertainment is The Thomas sisters (Leona, Henritta & Delores). Joe & Gerry Gillis, Frank Doran and other local musicians. Donation at the door and refreshments will be served.

December 17th: Tea & Talk

Holy Redeemer Convent at 3:30 p.m. An invitation to join with other women to share tea and talk. This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information, phone 902-270-4840 or 902-539-6331

December 18th: Second Wind Community Concert Band Concert

CBU Boardmore Playhouse at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and children \$5.00. Tickets available at On Paper Books, Charlotte Street or at the door.

