

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



December 9th & 10th, 2023

THEME: “Prepare a way for the Lord”, is the message of Advent. It is not our work alone for He prepares us to be a people ready to recognize him. We ask the Holy Spirit to prepare us to hear his word and to be nourished by his bread of life.

COLLECTIONS: \$ 2,525.00 *2024 Church Envelopes are now available for pickup at the church entrance*.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Memorial donations for Christmas flowers may be made to the Parish by dropping your donation in the Sunday Collection Basket with your name and the name of your loved one on the envelope.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: The Parish is once again collection donations of non perishable food items for our local food banks. Items can be placed under the tree located at the back of the church. This tree will e there through Advent and Christmas. There are tags on the tree for suggestions. Thank you for your continued and very generous support.

SCHEDULE:

4TH Sunday of Advent: Sat. 4:15 PM / Sunday: 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: On Christmas Eve, the choir will be signing Christmas carols before the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

CHRISTMAS:: Christmas Eve: 7:00 PM (Sunday) / Christmas Day: 10:00 AM (Monday)

LECTOR SCHEDULE: The new schedule (including Christmas and New Year) is now available in the vestry.

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

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday: Our Lady of Quadaupe – Patroness of the Americas – National Day of Paryer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
Wednesday: St. Lucy – Virgin & Martyr
Thursday: St. John of the Cross – Priest & Doctor

CONFESSIONS: There will be confession at Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, December 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 at grahamanddonna@hotmail.com. It would be appreciated if notices could be sent by Thursday afternoon. Thank you!

SUNDAY MISSALS: The new missals are now available at the church entrance. Cost is \$ 5.00

THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM: Tonight (Sunday) at 7:00 p.m.



CWL:

COLLECTIONS: We continue to collect the pop tabs and eyeglasses. **We are no longer collecting plastic caps.**

CHURCH LINENS: December – Lillian Wylde

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS: Group # 1

LOAVES & FISHES: Group 1

HOMELESS SHELTERS: The Men's & Women's Homeless Shelters need personal items. Razors, shaving gel, new underwear, shampoo, deodorant, and socks for both men and women. Also needed are rain gear, towels, and face cloths. A box will be placed at the entrance to the church until the end of January for anyone who wishes to donate. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Our Christmas Lunch will be held on December 13th at HERS at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$ 20.00.

Would those attending please put money in an envelope marked CWL LUNCH with your name and place it in the collection basket or give to Jackie Burton by December 7th. HERS needs an exact number. If the cost of the lunch is not received by December 7th, we will assume you will not be attending.

BAKE SALE: Thank you to members and parishioners for making our Bake Sale such a great success again this year. It is very much appreciated.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY: We are once again adopting a family this Christmas. There is a jar at the church entrance for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you.

KOC: Council 9476 will be holding their General Meeting on Sunday, December 10th at the McMahon Room, Our Lady of Fatima Hall at 2:00 p.m. All 9476 Knights as well as former KOC 1060 Knights are encouraged to attend.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

FREE MAGIC SHOW: The Knights of Columbus, Council 9476 is sponsoring a **free** Magic Show on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Hall, Sydney River. Christmas Magic will also feature a performance by Costume Kapers. Join us for the fun!

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CAPE BRETON CHORALE:

Sunday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. Church of Christ the King – 19 Trinity Avenue, Sydney. \$ 30.00 General Admission. Tickets by calling 902-270-2591 or from members or online at capebretonchorale.com with a limited number being available at the door.

THOUGHT: One way to understand prayer is by thinking about availability. Though God is always present with us, prayer makes us available to him. Prayer says, "Here I am." (Isaiah 6:8). "I'm here with you. I'm present."

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