

# HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**THEME:** John the Baptist is again to the fore in the Gospel reading today. Today, his role as a witness to the light is stressed. Gathering on this dark winter weekend in Advent, we remember that Jesus is the true light that will never be obscured.

**COLLECTIONS:** \$ 2,000.00 **\*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. Thank you to the following for their donations:

IMO Jack, Frances, Debbie and David O'Brien – Jackie & Brenda	IMO Jule & Margaret Martell, Jack Sr. & Sarah Black & Guy Black – James Black & Marie
IMO Susan MacInnis – Alex & Family	

**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 be there through Advent and Christmas. There are tags on the tree for suggestions. Thank you for your continued and very generous support.

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

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

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Before weekend Masses and Christmas Eve from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEKEND:**

Saturday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup> : 4:15 p.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass
Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> : 10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass
<b>7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass</b>
Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> : <b>10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass</b>

**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](mailto: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:** Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight, Kyte Power, Kevin McCormack and the knights who assisted with parking and other tasks. Thank you to Rose Mary McGhee and the choir, Anita LeBlanc and the children who participated in the Las Posadas, to the CWL who organized the refreshments and all of you who gathered for the Road to Bethlehem. We were blessed with great weather for the evening of prayer, reflection, song, and refreshments. The final celebration will be at Our Lady of Fatima on 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:** On hold until the New Year.

**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.

**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.

