

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



December 28th & 29th, 2024

THEME: As children of God, we ponder on the mystery of the eternal Word of God being part of a human family and we celebrate that great gift.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: The Parish is once again collecting 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. Thank you for your continued and very generous support.

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

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday: New Year's Day – The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God. The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord. Mass: Tuesday – New Year's Eve at 4:15 p.m. and Wednesday – New Year's Day at 10:00 a.m. Next Sunday: <u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u>	Thursday: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen – Bishops & Doctors_
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Thank you to the following for donations to the Christmas Flower Fund.

IMO – Merrill & Jenny Lewis – The family	IMO – Mary & Greg McNeil – Donna & Graham Lewis	IMO – Jack, France, David and Debbie O'Brien – Jackie & Brenda
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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/>

OPENING MASS IN OUR DIOCESE FOR JUBILEE 2025: December 29th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ninian Cathedral in Antigonish. All are invited as Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick celebrates Mass to open the Jubilee Year in our diocese. The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 is an opportunity for all people to enter a pilgrimage of hope. Whether we celebrate locally in our dioceses, cathedrals or Canadian National Shrines, our local Shines, or make a pilgrimage to Rome, we are called to search signs of hope and be signs of hope in our families, for our neighbours, the imprisoned, the sick and dying and the young and the old. The Jubilee Year will remain open until December 29th, 2025.

THOUGHT: And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. After all, who could make a hummingbird or a butterfly? This we know; however, would we have known how much he loves us or that he couldn't just observe and watch? We didn't know that he loves every patch and freckle of us, that he is our constant companion, picking us up when we fall and always there to hold our hands and show us the way to go. He came to Bethlehem as a baby. We can only stand in awe-struck silence before such love that is beyond boldest expectation, beyond all-telling (Rahner)

PASTOR'S TIDBITS: Thank you to all who remembered me with gifts and food during the Christmas Season. A former parishioner has covered the cost of the rehabilitation of Our Lady Statue for which we are very grateful. Lorne Currie, who looked after the details, donated his services. We were greatly handicapped during the Christmas Season without the heat of the furnace; however, the Christmas Masses were beautiful. Well-attended and greatly appreciated by all who attended. We owe a great thank you to Graham Lewis for keeping the electric blower on 24/7 in preparation for the Feast. Unfortunately, we cannot maintain that pace and beginning New Year's, we will be returning to the house basement for the weekend Masses until the furnace is repaired. Our thanks to Joyce Lind and her team for providing the beautiful setting for the liturgies.