

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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

February 1st & 2nd, 2025



THEME: The head of the Holy Family, Joseph, obeying God's law given through Moses, present Mary and Jesus in the temple.

29th World Day for Consecrated Life:

Today, we honor the men and women who have consecrated their lives to God through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. It is also an occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and to renew the fervor which inspired them to offer themselves to the Lord. In 2022, there were more than 250 religious institutes and societies of apostolic life in Canada with a total of 9,572 women and men. They are involved in pastoral services of the Church in parishes, schools and colleges, health institutions, social services for the poor and the missions. In addition, there were others who live lives of prayer and contemplation while others live as hermits. On February 2nd, a Mass at 10:30 am to be celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick at St. Ninian Cathedral.

World Day for Consecrated Life, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is a day of prayer and celebration for people who have consecrated their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Celebration of this day of prayer allows parishes to highlight the gift of religious life and pray for those discerning a religious vocation.

The following prayer, written for the World Day for Consecrated Life, is provided courtesy U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

DAILY MASS: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:00 a.m. **Daily Mass in cancelled when school is cancelled due to snowstorms.**

COLLECTIONS: Regular: \$2,228.00 **COMMUNION:** Will be taken to the sick and the shut in on Friday of this week.

2024 PARISH STATISTICS:

Baptisms – 3	Marriages – 2	Burials - 20
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INVITATION TO CWL MEMBERS& LADIES OF THE PARISH: Father Murphy has invited us for a get-together on Sunday February 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the glebe. It would be nice to have everyone together after CWL disbanding, so mark it on your calendar!

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: St. Blaise- Bishop & Martyr	Wednesday: St. Agatha – Virgin & Martyr
Throats will be blessed after the Wednesday morning Mass	
Thursday: St. Paul Miki & Companions	Saturday: St. Josephine Bakkata – Virgin

FRENCH MASS : Il y aura une messe en français au Centre Communautaire Etoile de l'Acadie, (15 rue Inglis, Sydney, N-É) samedi le 8 février, 2025 à 17:30. Un souper de genre " Potluck " suivra avec de la musique 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 February 8, 2025, at 5:30p.m. Potluck supper to follow along with music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome!

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. Last two sessions will be on February 20th and 27th and March 6th at 1:00 p.m. For details and to register <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope/>

JUBILEE 2025: Pope Francis opened the Holy Door on Christmas Eve at St. Peter’s Basilica to officially begin the Jubilee Year in the Church. The Jubilee Year will close on December 28th. The Jubilee is an opportunity for all of us to enter a pilgrimage of hope. The theme for the year is “Hope Does Not Disappoint”. During the Jubilee Year, the Church focuses on mercy, reconciliation and the invitation to a deeper relationship with God. During the year, we are called to search for signs of hope and be signs of hope in our families, for our neighbors, the imprisoned, the sick and dying.

PASTORAL AIRS CELTIC CONCERT: Stella Maris Church, Creignish. Sunday, February 16th at 7:00p.m. The performers include Sabra MacGillivray, Betty Beaton, Wendy MacIsaac, Mac Morin, Troy MacGillivray, Lauren MacKinnon, Cassie & Maggie MacDonald, the Celtic Touch Dancers, and Andrea Beaton. Donations at the door. All proceeds go towards Stella Maris Church, Creignish.

VALENTINE DAY DINNER & DANCE: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is sponsoring a Valentines Day Dinner and Dance on Friday, February 14th at Sacred Heart Church Center on George Street. Dinner from 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m., Dance from 8:30 p.m. - 11:30p.m. Music provided by High Society and The Privateers. Seating in tables of 8. Tickets are \$100.00 each and are available at the parish office at 40 Cabot Street, Sydney. Call for more details (902) 564-9021.

THOUGHTS: A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn’t be a good moral teacher. You must make your choice, either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. (C.S. Lewis)

Christ is the most unique person of history. No man can write a history of the human race without giving, first and foremost place to the penniless Teacher of Nazareth. (H.G. Wells)

