

# HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**THEME:** The greatest mark of the faithful is loving generosity. This mark is shown in Christ's first public sign as He works the miracle of Cana. This is the beginning of Jesus' mission into the heart of his people for He desires them only to witness to others the depth of his love and joy.

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

**COLLECTIONS:** Regular: \$ 1,973.00

**HOLY ROSARY CINEMA CIRCLE:** Join us on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for a showing of “**Love and Mercy: Faustina**” This is an inspiring story of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament. St Faustina has a great following both in her native Poland and around the world. Join us for this truly amazing story! This was rescheduled because of bad weather in December. There is no charge for this event. Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount. All are welcome. There are no strangers, only friends we haven't met.

**TEA & TALK:** An invitation to join with other women to share. TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office. 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.

**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](mailto:grahamandonna@hotmail.com). It would be appreciated if all notices could be received by noon on Thursday. Thank you.

## **FEASTS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday: St. Agnes – Virgin & Martyr	Wednesday: St. Vincent – Deacon & Martyr
Friday: St. Frances de Sales – Bishop & Doctor	Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**VATICAN II SESSIONS:** From January until May, Fr. Bill Burke will be presenting a series of eight sessions on the documents of Vatican II. The first two will take place Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. The sessions will be livestreamed. Future dates will be announced by the end of January.

**PASTORAL AIRS CELTIC CONCERT:** Stella Maris Church, Creignish. Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.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 14<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church Center on George Street. Dinner from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Dance from 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.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.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. From 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CHUCKLE:** Who says men don't remember? A couple went out Christmas shopping. The shopping center was packed and as the wife walked around, she was surprised to discover that her husband was nowhere to be seen. She was quite upset because they had a lot to do and hence, she became so worried that she called him on her mobile phone to ask him where he was. In a quiet voice, he said: "Do you remember the jewellers we went to about five years ago where you fell in love with that diamond necklace that we couldn't afford and I told you that I would get it for you one day?" The wife choked up and started to cry and said: "Yes, I do remember that shop". He replied: "Well, I'm in the pub next door!"

**THOUGHT:** Many Christians keep Jesus on a seeming pedestal, worshipping a caricature on a cross or a bumper sticker slogan while avoiding what Jesus said and did. We keep saying "We love Jesus", but more as figure than as someone to imitate. (Richard Rohr)

**PASTOR'S TIBITS:** I will be presiding, as chaplain of the KOC Council 9476, at the Mass for Shut Ins this Sunday along with our choir.

