

# HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**THEME:** At the beginning of a new year in the Church's celebration of Christ, we gather to prepare for Jesus' coming into our world and our lives at Christmas and in this sacramental sacrifice.

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

**COMMUNION:** Communion will be taken to the sick and home bound on Friday.

**SUNDAY MISSALS 2025 – 2026:** Missals are now available at the church entrance. A donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated.

**FEASTS THIS WEEK:** **Wednesday:** St. Francis Xavier – Priest **Saturday:** St. Nicholas - Bishop

**COLLECTIONS:** **Regular:** \$ 900.00 **Needy:** \$ 60.00 **Missals:** \$ 25.00 **Christmas:** \$10.00

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund in memory of deceased family members may do so by placing your donation with your name and the name of your loved one in the collection basket.

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

**BULLETIN NOTICES:** Notices for the Parish Bulletin can be sent to Donna Lewis at [grahamanddonna@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamanddonna@hotmail.com) or by telephone at 902-564-2047. It would be appreciated if all notices could be received by Thursday at noon. Thank-you.

**CAPE BRETON ADVENT CALENDAR:** Prepare your heart for Christmas with the Cape Breton Advent Calendar! Beginning December 1st, enjoy a daily Scripture passage paired with a beautiful photograph by Cape Breton's own Steven MacNeil. This Advent Calendar is a free service for Cape Breton provided by Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount and is accessible anywhere though the Internet. Visit each day and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. (But you have wait till December 1<sup>st</sup>! no peeking!) Watch for the Cape Breton Advent Calendar on Facebook or [tuerchen.app/0wSONibkc4ab462u](https://tuerchen.app/0wSONibkc4ab462u)

**NIGHT MASS (SIMBANG GABI):** You are invited to our Parish Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) a Filipino religious tradition of 9-day Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas. This is a Eucharistic Celebration that follows the centuries-old Catholic liturgy of 9 days Advent preparation for Christmas Day. A refreshment follows the Mass. The schedule is every evening at 7:00 p.m. from December 15<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Marguerite Bourgeoys Church with the exception of December 20<sup>th</sup> when it will be held at the Sydney Armory to coincide with the Filipino Christmas Party. Let us spiritually prepare for the joyful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



### **SOCIAL & SEASONAL EVENTS:**

<p><b><u>December 4<sup>th</sup>: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.</u></b>  <b>CHRISTMAS MARKET</b>  Mac Gillivray Guest Home. No cost of admission but if you give a donation at the door, you have a chance to win a door prize!</p>	<p><b><u>December 7<sup>th</sup>: 2:30 p.m.</u></b>  <b>CHRISTMAS WITH THE CAPE BRETON CHORALE - A STAR IN THE EAST</b> Church of Christ the King – 19 Trinity Avenue, Sydney. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$ 35.00 at the door. By online at <a href="http://capebretonchorale.com">http://capebretonchorale.com</a> for by calling 902-270-2591: Director – Ryan Billington, Assistant Direction – Emma Francis and Piano and Organ – Paula Jane Frances.</p>
<p><b><u>December 14<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 p.m.</u></b>  <b>HANDEL'S MESSIAH – A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF ADVENT:</b> Join us for a moving performance of Handel's Messiah, performed by a choir and orchestra with members from across the CBRM. This cherished Oratorio captures the longing and hope of Advent—prophecies fulfilled, light breaking into darkness, and the joyful announcement of Christ's birth. Through Handel's inspired music and Scripture-filled text, we are invited to prepare our hearts once more for the coming of the Messiah. All are welcome to this uplifting celebration of the Advent season. Join us at Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 PM. Admission is free with a silver collection. This presentation of Messiah is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council 9476.</p>	<p><b><u>December 14<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</u></b>  <b>HOLIDAY MUSIC WITH DONNIE CAMPBELL</b>  T.J. Tracey Cremation and Burial Specialists  6 Churchill Drive, Sydney, NS, B1S 0M5.</p>