HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest - Fr. Doug Murphy

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



November 1st & 2nd, 2025

THEME: When we gather as God's family, we are united with all who have gone before us. We turn to Christ who is the resurrection and the life and commit ourselves to his mercy.

<u>DIGNITY SUNDAY</u>: This Sunday is the 2025 Diocese of Antigonish Dignity Sunday. Bishop Kirkpatrick has asked us to focus on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) this weekend. In Canada, there is a growing number who are choosing MAID. This weekend, we are reflecting on the church's reaction to the increasing number of Canadians choosing MAID, euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is the fifth leading cause of death in Canada. Euthanasia is putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable because it constitutes murder which is contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to God, the Creator.

<u>LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN</u>: In Nova Scotia, patients are now being offered Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) even before they ask for it. A new policy from the provincial medical regulator requires doctors to "proactively offer and formally refer" patients for MAID assessments if they believe they might qualify. Forty-two courageous physicians have said they cannot follow this policy in good conscience. They believe patients deserve compassion, care and access to proper supports, not a suggestion of death. We need doctors who will go the extra mile to help patients find care and services they truly need. Tell the NS Medical Regulator that this policy must change. https://bit.ly/NSRegulator 24

FEASTS THIS WEEK: Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo - Bishop

<u>DAILY MASS</u>: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in the basement of the Glebe.

COMMUNION: Communion will be taken to the sick and the shut in this Friday.

COLLECTIONS: **Regular**: \$ 2,152.00

<u>BULLETIN NOTICES</u>: Notices for the Parish Bulletin can be sent to Donna Lewis at 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.

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 novembre, 2025 à 17:30. Un souper de genre "Pot Luck "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 November 8, 2025, at 5:30PM. Potluck supper to follow along with music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome!

<u>TEA & SALE</u>: The Point Edward Women's Institute is having their annual Christmas Tea and Sale at the WINS Hall in Edwardsville on Sunday, November 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$8.00 and includes a boxed lunch of sandwiches and sweets. There will be tables of crafts for sale as well as home baking and preserves and a white elephant table. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

<u>CHRISTMAS FALL FAIR</u>: Saturday, November 29th at the Westside Legion. An Event for all the family to enjoy! Vendors tables available \$ 20.00. If interested, send to glendaramsay@icloud.com. Admission is \$ 2.00. Cash only.

FR. DOUG MURPHY DAY: As part of Fr. Murphy's Trinity of Celebrations, CBRM Mayor Cecil Clark personally attended the celebration honouring Fr. Doug and declared Sunday, October 26' 2025 as Fr. Douglas J. Murphy Day in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality!

Where do I even begin to thank everyone for the celebration? It was beyond my expectations! Thank you



to all. To Mike MacEachern and his team for all the planning and for creating such a beautiful environment for the day. To the Sr. Choir. who were the Spirit behind the scenes and for the wonderful birthday cake – thank you. To the parishioners who brought extra food, and to all the talented entertainers, Phillip Williams and Tom Mills, Harold Landry, Carol MacDougall and her singers, Tammy Currie & Tracey MacKinnon, Howie MacDonald and Marilyn MacKinnon. Your time and talent made the day so special. And finally, to everyone who brought gifts and cards, thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God Bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

