

# HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**THEME:** The parable of the rich man and the beggar challenge us. Like the rich man, we shall be judged on how we have treated the poor.

## **FEASTS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Monday:</b> St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael - Archangels	<b>Tuesday:</b> St. Jerome – Priest & Doctor
<b>Wednesday:</b> St. Therese of the Child Jesus – Virgin & doctor	<b>Thursday:</b> The Holy Guardian Angels
<b>Saturday:</b> St. Francis of Assisi	

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

**COLLECTIONS:** \$ 1,925.00

**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.

**MILESTONE CELEBRATION HONORING FR. MURPHY:** Please join us on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Westside Legion as we celebrate three remarkable milestones for our beloved pastor, Fr. Doug Murphy:



- 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood
- 20 Years of Ministry with us at Holy Rosary
- His 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this November

*There will be food, fellowship and entertainment. Best wishes only. All are welcome!*

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Annual Collection to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is next Sunday. This Fund was established in 2022 by the Canadian Catholic Bishops to promote initiatives that foster healing and reconciliation. The 73 Canadian dioceses have been asked to contribute a total of \$30 million over a five-year period. To date, \$21 million has been contributed. The money contributed by our diocese will be returned to our diocese through funding for initiatives that

support Healing and Reconciliation for communities and families, culture and language revitalization, education and community, revitalization, educating indigenous spirituality and culture.

**DAY OF CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Bishop Kirkpatrick will celebrate the recently published Mass for the Care of Creation followed by discussion and the screening of a film on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pope Francis encyclical Laudato Si on the environment.

**MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:** October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo has invited everyone, every day of the month of October to pray the Rosary for peace personally, in the family and in the community. He also announced that a prayer for peace will be held in St. Peter's Square on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. It will be the Anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025:** Our Lady of the Rosary Church is one of the churches in the diocese designated as a Pilgrim site during the Jubilee Year. The theme of the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope". The intention of the year is to offer all of us an opportunity to be "renewed in hope." The pilgrimage ought to draw us to experience conversation, to transform ourselves to the holiness of God and to deepen our awareness and connection to our God, our faith and ourselves. A plenary Indulgence can be received through visits to any of our Diocesan Shrines: Our Lady of Grace, Monastery, Our Lady of Sorrows, Mabou, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Johnstown, Parish churches and works of Mercy and Penance by participating in Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance. **Our Feast Day, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of the Rosary will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Mass with Sacrament of Penance (Individual Confession) at 10:30 a.m.**

**FOOD DRIVE:** KOC Council 9476 will be holding a food drive to benefit Loaves and Fishes and St. Vincent de Paul, Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the following church parking lots: St. Mary's East Bay, Our Lady of Fatima, Holy Rosary, Westmount, St. Theresa's, Marguerite Bourgeoise, and Holy Redeemer. Please check the expiry dates on your donations. Thank you.

**MEETING:** Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> degree will meet this Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Coady House Sydney River. Election of officers will take place at this important meeting.

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES:** The issue of migrants and refugees is very controversial in our world today, especially in the United States. Today's designation reminds us that the church teaches the sacredness of the human person and therefore the respect and compassion we ought to have for the persons struggling to find a safe place to live in our world.

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AUTUMN DEADLINE FOR BISHOP POWER FOUNDATION:** The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants. Deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration this autumn. To apply or for more information, visit: [www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca](http://www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca)

**PRAYER FOR CANADA:** Please join us in praying for Canada on October 12th at 12:00 noon in front of City Hall, 320 Esplanade, Sydney. Our nation needs public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save Canada through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

**LIFE CHAIN:** Life Chain is an annual pro-life event to raise awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Participants pray silently and hold non-graphic signs with messages of love and truth at hundreds of locations across North America. Join us for this year's Life Chain event in Sydney and bear witness to the sanctity of human life on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall. For more information, please contact Pat Moore at 902-322-5624 or visit [campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain](http://campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain).

CURSILLO WEEKEND: October 2 at Camp McLeod

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**HEALING MANGER FARM WALK A THON & OPEN HOUSE:** On Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7003 Kempt Head Road, there is an open house and optional walk a thon from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to raise money for mental health treatment. It is a long drive into the privacy of the countryside, but clients appreciate the confidentiality and beauty. Everyone is welcome to the open house to come and see. The Manger offers immediate therapy in two ways: 1. From the comfort of your home with online counselling by a certified Canadian Counsellor, and/or 2. In person animal therapy at the Healing Manger for nature heals. We are celebrating World Mental Health Day with this event, so consider getting a couple of sponsors and either walking on your own time or with us at the Healing Farm on Saturday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Debit and credit machine are available, you are also invited just to see the farm for the open house and enjoy free chili, music and the animals. Thank you for your consideration,

Donate at our mental health Non-profit: [www.healingmangerfarm.com](http://www.healingmangerfarm.com)

# OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Feast Day: Oct. 7

