

HOLY ROSARY PARISH – WESTMOUNT, NS.

PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY

December 23rd & 24th, 2017

THEME: God's mystery is about to be revealed in Christ Jesus, God's own son who takes human flesh in the womb of Mary.

COLLECTION: \$ 1,833.00

DAILY MASS: Wednesday to Friday – 9:00 a.m.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON: The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas season.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT: Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY MISSALS: 2017-2018 Missals are available at the Church entrance – Cost \$ 5.00.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 31st: New Year's Eve – Mass at 4:15 p.m.

Monday, January 1st – New Year's Day – Mass at 10:00 a.m.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Development & Peace is launching an emergency appeal to help Rohingya Refugees who have been forced to flee Myanmar and seek refuge in Bangladesh. Donations may be made through the Sunday collection.

PARISH BULLETIN: Notices can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent via e-mail to donna.lewis@intact.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We are in the process of organizing sessions for the children who wish to receive First Communion. Do you know of any children who are eligible in your family or neighbourhood? Please call Anita at 902-539-7833.

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday:	St. Stephen – The First Martyr
Wednesday:	St. John Apostle & Evangelist
Thursday:	Holy Innocents
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph





CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We would like to thank the following for their contribution:

IMO Stanley Henrich – Kay & Family	Imo Gertrude MacLellan & Cathy Jantyen – Donald MacLellan
IMO Sue MacInnis – MacInnis Family	IMO Aggie & Dannie MacCormack – The MacCormack children & their families
IMO Charlotte MacNeil – Michael MacNeil	IMO Deceased Family Members – John LeJean
IMO James & Sarah Black & Margaret & June Martell – James & Marie Black & Family	IMO Angus, Sarah & Billie MacDonald – D & S MacDonald
IMO Deceased Family Members – Charles & Anne Stephens	

HEALING MASS: On Monday January 8th, starting at 7pm Father Patrick O’Neill will be celebrating a Healing Mass at St. Joseph’s in North Sydney. . After Holy Mass there will be prayer teams set up for individual prayer. Alan Gale (formerly from the group Four for the Lord will be providing music that is praise and worship and very prayerful. Come out and join us!

PRE MARRIAGE COURSE DATES: Couples preparing for marriage are expected to participate in a Marriage Course. February 17th and 18th, April 28th and 29th, June 23rd and 24th. Location (for now). Family Service Office located at 9 Minto Street, Glace Bay. Pre-Registration is required by phoning 902-849-4772



4TH DEGREE: 4th Degree members of ITOC are reminded that dues of \$ 30.00 for 2018 are due on January 1, 2018. Please make your cheque payable to William B. Macleod Assembly and mail to Robert Whitty, 114 Fairmont Street, Sydney, NS B1R 1G6.

CWL NOTES:

Jar for the Needy: Thank you to all who donated to our Jar for the Needy. It helped us to adopt two families this year.

Bake Sale: Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas Bake Sale. To those who baked and to those who purchased or donated money – It was a great success!

Church Linens: January – Jo-Anne Currie

Funeral Receptions: Group # 4



We would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year,

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY OF DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH PARENTING TIP:

In the Christmas carol, 'Do You Hear What I Hear?' the words, "He will bring us goodness and light" are repeated twice at the end of the song. It is an important message to help our children understand – Jesus brings us goodness and light for our everyday living. He shows us how to live through the Gospels, he nourishes us through the Eucharist, and he listens and responds to our prayers. For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts - it is the promise, through Jesus, of goodness and light in our lives. Parents who help their children know and understand this give their children a gift to last a lifetime Used with permission re Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton

RELIC OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: The relic of St. Francis Xavier will be at the St. F.X college chapel on January 8th from 1:00 p.m. concluding with Mass at 6:30 p.m.. Francis Xavier was one of the most exciting and adventurous figures of the 16th century. For Catholics, the opportunity to venerate a relic offers the opportunity for an encounter with Christ. As we spend time with the relic, we honour and show respect to a great saint whom God chose to fulfill a particular role in the Church. For Saint Francis Xavier, this role was the fact that Francis Xavier spread the Good News of Jesus Christ all over the world. It is said that this relic, his right arm, baptized 100,000 into the faith. It is this missionary zeal that can invigorate us as we look for encouragement and inspiration in following Jesus ' call to continue His mission in our world today. (Bishop Brian Dunn).

PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS WISH: May the peace of Christ and the blessings of Almighty God rest upon you and your families as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. May the infant Jesus fill your hearts with the gift of Love, encourage you with the gift of Hope and bless you with the promise of Peace. Merry Christmas. (Fr. Murphy)

