

THE BULLETIN FOR DEC. 28/29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Thank You

As we bid good bye to the year 2019, we thank God for all the rich blessings we received from God throughout this year. God has been so generous and merciful to all of us. On this occasion, I wish to thank all of you for your great generosity, understanding and cooperation. The personal, spiritual, and material sacrifices made by all of you are laudable and praiseworthy. On behalf of our parishes, I express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed their might in the smooth running of all our parishes – especially those who set up for the celebration of the Sacraments, members on the liturgical Choir, members of Parish councils, Finance councils, Religious/Liturgy committees, committees for the maintenance of buildings and Cemeteries, readers, altar servers, and extraordinary Eucharistic ministers. Your generosity and dedicated services made it possible for us to live our faith and sacramental life in a very meaningful manner. Thank you one and all. And, as we welcome the New Year 2020, again as a Faith community, we say “Amen” (let it be) to everything that will be. May God bless all of us to be able to live our Christian life in Faith, Hope and Charity (1 Corinthians 13:13). Fr. Vargheese.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)	St. Columba Iona	4 p.m.	Fr. Vargheese
Tuesday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve)	St. Mary's Frenchvale	6 p.m.	Fr. Vargheese
Wednesday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)	St. Michael's Baddeck	9 a.m.	Fr. Vargheese
Wednesday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day)	St. Andrew's Boisdale	11:30 a.m.	Fr. Vargheese

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO MASS at Queen of the World, Wagmatcook, on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	6 p.m.
Sundays	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m.
Sundays	Queen of the World Wagmatcook	10:30 a.m.

MY HOLIDAYS: I will be away on my annual Vacation for a month from January 14 to February 14. If anyone needs my services of any sort (Sacraments, Certificates, etc.), please be aware of my absence from the Parishes during these days. Thanks for your understanding.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP: Gracious God, Giver of all spiritual gifts, we are thankful for the gift of our new Bishop, Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick. We, the Community of Believers of the Diocese of Antigonish, trust deeply in your Divine Providence and in your desire to provide for the needs of our diocesan family. May he be filled with zeal for the Gospel as he ministers as one who is gentle, wise, merciful and devoted in love for your people. May we, your Community of Disciples, receive the grace to welcome our new Bishop as our Brother in Christ. As he begins his new Ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, we pray that he be filled with gospel courage, wisdom and discernment. May we welcome him and assure him of our prayer, presence and unconditional support as we begin our new journey of faith together. St. Ninian, Pray for Us.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on CTV.

TO ALL PARISHES: Please pick up your packet of parish envelopes for 2020 at the back of your churches. For new parishioners or for anyone who hasn't used envelopes in the past, there are extra boxes available at the back of the churches. It is a convenient way to support your parish and to get an income tax receipt at the end of the year. Also, if anyone would prefer to use DIRECT DEPOSIT, Fr. Vargheese will direct you in being able to do this. Thank You.

DR. HILDA TREMBLETT will speak on "Surviving Cancer: How to do it" at St. Joseph Parish Hall (church basement), Archibald Avenue, North Sydney, on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Tremblett will discuss a number of ways to keep well and better manage our health. This event is in partnership with the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Parish. There will be a free will offering at the door with all donated funds going to the Cancer Centre at our Regional Hospital. Light refreshments will be served after Dr. Tremblett's talk. All are welcome.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Tuesday, Dec. 31 - 4 p.m. - Readers – Liz, Peggy MacKinnon. Eucharistic Ministers - Anne (The Bread), Francis (The Cup), Kaye-Anne (The Cup). Hospitality - Cynthia & Hoss, Brad, Timmy. Altar Server – Riley, Katherine, Grace. Saturday, Jan. 4 - 4 p.m. – Readers - Shelly, Judy. Eucharistic Ministers - Bernadette (The Bread), Florence (The Cup), Wendy (The Cup). Hospitality - Patsy & Lorne, John Neil, Neil James. Altar Servers - Grace, Simon. **MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S** - Wednesday, Jan. 1 - 9 a.m.. - Readers - Bernie MacDonald, Leona Perkins. Eucharistic Minister - Bernice Grant. Church cleaner for the week of Dec. 29 - Holly MacInnis. Sunday, Jan. 5 - 9 a.m. - Readers - Eileen Montgomery, David Fraser. Eucharistic Minister - Jim MacDonald. Church cleaner for the week of Jan. 5 - Mary Nicholson.

OFFERINGS	St. Columba	St. Michael's
(Dec. 21/22)		
Envelopes	\$ 704.00	\$ 448.00
Loose	80.40	85.75
Christmas	20.00	
Building Fund	5.00	
St. Col. Cem.	25.00	
Flowers	40.00	
Donation	1000.00	

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*