

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



December 3rd & 4th, 2022

THEME: We are invited to “Prepare the way of the Lord”. How can we do this? Among other things, that we be people of hope, that we be tolerant with one another and that we treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated us.

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

COLLECTIONS: \$ 1,955.00 - Church Envelopes for 2023 are now at the church entrance. Anyone who does not have an assigned envelope number is asked to take a box and we will add your name to the list of contributing parishioners. Thank you to all who contribute to the maintenance of the church and the parish.

CELEBRATING ADVENT 2022: In the Sacred Season of Advent, we strive to listen and wait in prayer, ever attentive to the voice, nudge and whisper of Emanuel, “God with us”. Advent is the liturgical season of listening, of praying and waiting in joyful expectation for the come of God in our midst. In our modern world, the weeks prior to Christmas and usually packed with “much” activity and the rush of preparation of churches, homes, schools and stores for the celebration of Christmas. It is truly a time when we rush to buy, bake and prepare for the family homecoming and festive holiday moments. As Christians we are called to find time to center ourselves and to ponder the true meaning of this sacred feast. The Season of Advent gives us time to reflect on the true meaning of all our activities during this time of the year.

EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Sunday (tonight) at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: **Saturday – Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.**

FEASTS:

Tuesday: St. Nicholas – Bishop	Wednesday: St. Ambrose – Bishop & Doctor
Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mass at 9:00 a.m.	Friday: St. Juan Diego

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to make a donation to the parish Christmas Flower Fund in memory of a loved one may do so by putting your donation in the collection basket with your name the name of your deceased family member/members.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday before 4:15 Mass and Christmas Eve from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARISH BULLETIN: Notices can be called in to Donna Lewis at 902-564-2047 or sent via e-mail to grahamanddonna@hotmail.com. It would be appreciated if all notices could be sent by Thursday afternoon. Thank you.

FRENCH MASS: Il y aura une messe en français au Centre Communautaire Étoile de L'Acadie, samedi le 10 décembre, 2022 à 17:30. Un souper de genre " Pot Luck " suivra avec de la musique française 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 on Saturday December 10, 2022, at 5:30PM. Pot Luck supper to follow along with french music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome PM.

HEATING COST ASSISTANCE: **Worried about heating costs this winter?** Heating oil has doubled in price since last year and this will cause a real hardship. The HomeWarming Program (www.homewarming.ca) from Efficiency Nova Scotia is designed to assist qualified homeowners upgrade the energy efficiency of their home. HomeWarming projects usually focus on reducing drafts and increasing insulation thereby lowering energy costs and increasing comfort. HomeWarming is *totally without cost to qualified homeowners*. Do you Qualify? 1. Do you own your own home? 2. Does the household net income below these thresholds: One person in the home - \$27,250; two - four people in the house - \$50,625. Call Kevin at (902) 202-5700 for additional information and assistance with the HomeWarming application.



CWL:

DUES: CWL dues (\$ 34.00) are now due. Dues can be given to Jackie Burton or put in an envelope labelled CWL and placed in the collection.

CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER: Will be held on December 11th at 12:30 p.m. Please remember to bring your Adopt-A-Family donation of \$ 5.00.

ADOPT A FAMILY: We will be once again adopting a family for Christmas. A jar will be available at the church entrance for Adopt a Family donations.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER: Our Annual Christmas Bake Sale is happening this weekend. Don't forget to pick up your baked goodies before or after Mass!

COLLECTIONS: **We are once again collecting the plastic cover tops from beverage bottles and medication tops. We also continue to collect the pop tabs and eyeglasses.**

CHURCH LINENS: December – Lillian Wylde

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS: Group # 2

LOAVES & FISHES: Group # 2



SEASONAL EVENTS:

Christmas concert Fundraiser:

Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Hall – Bras d'Or. Tickets \$ 12.00. For tickets call the parish office at 902-736-9633.

An Afternoon of Carols & Song:

Sunday, December 11th 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Leonard's Parish Church. For tickets – call Viola at 902- 549-3393, Karen at 902-317-5425 Proceeds to Parish of St. Leonard and Nora's Home.