

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



December 10th & 11th, 2022

THEME: Darkness cloaks our earth during these short winter days and still this is the time to seek joy. Christian joy is not always huge and cheery. We have John the Baptist in prison or Jesus dying a painful death on the cross. They know suffering but they persist. They dare to be joyful. We hope to do the same.

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

COLLECTIONS: \$ 1,750.00 - 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: As Christians, we are called and invited to find time to pause, to center ourselves and to ponder the true meaning of this sacred feast. It is not just a one-day dash and dine celebration. This is where we can learn to be mindful of what we are doing and of whose presence we are awaiting. The Christian churches wisely encourage parishioners and communities to reclaim this Season of Advent as a time to prepare for a new Encounter with Emmanuel: God with us in the coming of Christ in our midst.

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

FEASTS:

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patroness of the Americas	Tuesday: St. Lucy – Virgin & Doctor
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross – Priest & Doctor	

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate 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. Saturday, December 17th at St. Theresa Church from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 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.

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. at the Tap Room. 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.

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 # 1



SEASONAL EVENTS:

<p><u>Christmas concert Fundraiser:</u> 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.</p>	<p><u>An Afternoon of Carols & Song:</u> 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.</p>
<p><u>Christmas Concert:</u> December 18th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. St. Theresa’s Church. Local Choirs and groups. Good will offering.</p>	

PASTOR’S TIDBITS: We are grateful to the CWL for a donation of \$ 1,000 to the parish. **The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima this afternoon. (Sunday at 2:00 p.m.) Jace Campbell from our parish will be among the candidates.**