

HOLY ROSARY PARISH – WESTMOUNT, NS

PARISH PRIEST – FR. DOUG MURPHY

MASS TIMES: SATURDAY – 4:15 P.M. – SUNDAY – 10:00 A.M.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12th & 13th, 2020

THEME: “Be happy at all times.” That is the advice St. Paul gives us today, a day when we hear John the Baptist pointing beyond himself and proving to be a witness for the light as he urges us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.

COLLECTION: Last Weekend’s Collection – \$ 2,083.00

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Thank you to all parishioners who have registered for attendance at Christmas Masses. The response has been wonderful! The Liturgy Committee met this week and we have been able to accommodate all those who have registered. **The registration for our 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is at full legal capacity and unfortunately to comply with Covid-19 Nova Scotia Dept. of Health Guidelines for Religious Gatherings, we cannot accept any additional registrations or people at the door for the 7:00 p.m. Mass.**

There are still “limited spaces” available for both the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Masses. Please spread the word! Anyone interested in attending either of these two Masses, is asked to register on the form located at the Church entrance or to call Fr. Murphy at the Parish House at 902-562-0763 to register. If there is no answer, please leave your name, phone number and the number of people in your party on the answering machine. **Assigned seating is being done to ensure safety and social distancing practices are maintained.** Members of the Liturgy Committee will be at next weekend Masses and will be providing those who have registered with their seat number card.

During Christmas Masses, we are asking everyone to arrive at the Church early so that those in attendance can be safely seated in their assigned pews before Mass begins. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS ON CHRISTMAS DAY: On **Christmas Day, CTV will air Mass at 12:00 noon.** I am sure this will be much appreciated if people are unable to attend their parishes due to limited numbers allowed in buildings. Of course, this also is a way for shut-Ins to participate in Christmas celebrations.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Envelopes for 2021 are now at the church entrance. We thank all parishioners for their generous and consistent contributions to the support of the parish. All wage earners should consider it a personal responsibility to contribute to the support of the parish.

THANK YOU: **K of C 9476 says thank-you for making the Food Drive such a huge success.** St. Vincent DePaul and Loaves & Fishes greatly appreciated the donation of food and money, especially at this time of the year.

FEAST THIS WEEK: Monday- St. John of the Cross – Priest & Doctor

BULLETIN NOTICES: Bulletin notices can be sent to Donna Lewis by e-mail to grahamanddonna@hotmail.com or by phone at 902-564-2047. It would be appreciated if all notices could be received by Thursday at noon. Thank-you.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Holy Rosary before all Masses. **Day of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 19th at St. Marguerite Bourgeois Church from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary.**

MARRIAGE COURSE: May 29, 2021- For more information, call 902-849-4772.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The office of Religious Education has arranged for online classes. Finding God Sessions may be arranged by contacting the office in the Pastoral Center at 902-539-6188 Ext 226.



CWL: Caring for Our Common Home.

LOAVES & FISHES: Group # 2

LINENS: December –Lillian Wylde

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: Pope Francis has designated the Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In the document, “With a Father’s Heart”, Pope Francis says the pandemic has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation”. “All faithful will thus have the opportunity to commit themselves, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, to comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations which today afflict the contemporary world.”.