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# All Saints Parish

CUMBERLAND COUNTY/STRONGER TOGETHER

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**December 13th, 2020**

**Third Sunday in Advent**

**“Alleluia. Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia.”**

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions*  *Week*

*Intention For:*

*By:*

<b>12-Dec</b>	6:00pm	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Jim Coade</b>	<b>Glen &amp; Anita White</b>
<b>13-Dec</b>	9:00am	<b>St.Thomas More</b>	<b>Donald MacKinnon</b>	<b>Mike Lynch &amp; Liz Roscoe</b>
<b>13-Dec</b>	11:15am	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Phil LeBlanc</b>	<b>Liz McGregor</b>
<b>16-Dec</b>	9:30am	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Lillian Deschenes</b>	<b>Doris Boyle</b>
<b>17-Dec</b>	9:30am	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Edna Wilson</b>	<b>Doris Boyle</b>
<b>18-Dec</b>	9:30am	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Marion Rent</b>	<b>Doris Boyle</b>

PRAYER REQUESTS



*We keep in our prayers those who are sick, alone, shut in, afraid or suffering in any way, especially: Veronica Richards, Louitta Sears, Peter LeBlanc, Wayne Duffy and Glenna O'Quinn*

*We pray for those who have died. May God gather them into his welcoming arms, especially, Frederick Gamble.*

## **COVID TRAVEL UPDATE**

**Based on revised COVID travel requirements in New Brunswick (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>) and government recommendations in Nova Scotia due to increasing cases of COVID in both provinces, we are reminding all parishioners of the current guidelines:**

“Travel into New Brunswick: Does the Atlantic bubble still exist? Exceptions that allowed travelers to enter New Brunswick from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador without the need to register their travel or self-isolate for 14 days **have been suspended.**”

“Do I need to register my travel into New Brunswick? Registration for cross-border travel into New Brunswick from Nova Scotia, PEI or Newfoundland and Labrador **is now mandatory**. Register your travel through [www.gnb.ca/travelregistration](http://www.gnb.ca/travelregistration). Failure to register can result in penalties. Registration is required even for those who are exempt from self-isolation.”

**\*\*\*All Nova Scotians** have been advised to stay within their own communities and to **avoid Halifax Regional Municipality and Hants County**.

**~In the spirit of compassion and care for others, we are trusting that those seeking access to our buildings have adhered to all these requirements.**

## Weekday Masses

Holy Family Church-Amherst

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30am

Saint John the Baptist-Springhill  
**further notice)**

Tuesdays 7pm **(cancelled until**

## Eucharistic Adoration Schedule:

Holy Family Church Amherst

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 10-11am

St. Brigid's Church Parrisboro

May-October only

St. Thomas More Church Pugwash

May-October only

## Reconciliation Schedule:

St. John the Baptist Springhill

After 7pm mass on Tuesdays

St. Thomas More Pugwash

By appointment

St. Thomas Aquinas Joggins

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 3:30-3:50pm

Holy Family Amherst

Following the 9:30am weekday masses

St. Cornelius Streets Ridge

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 3:30pm-3:50pm

St. Paul the Apostle River Hebert

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 3:30-3:50pm

St. Brigid's Parrisboro

By Appointment

**"God is good all the time. All the time, God is good." ~ Father Charles**

## Advent Reconciliation Schedule for All Saints Parish

Saint Cornelius-Streets Ridge	December 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:15pm-3:45pm
Saint Paul the Apostle-River Hebert	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm-3:00pm
Saint Brigid's-Parrsboro	December 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm-3:00pm
Saint Thomas More-Pugwash	December 11 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm-2:00pm
Holy Family-Amherst	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm-5:00pm
Saint John the Baptist-Springhill	December 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm-7:00pm

## CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS SCHEDULE *December 24<sup>th</sup>*

Holy Family - Amherst	Mass	4:00pm
Saint Thomas More-Pugwash	Liturgy	4:00pm
Saint Cornelius-Streets Ridge	Lay Service	6:30pm
Saint Brigid's-Parrsboro	Liturgy	7:00pm
Holy Family -Amherst	Mass	7:30pm
Saint John the Baptist-Springhill	Mass	9:30pm

## Christmas Day Mass Schedule *December 25<sup>th</sup>*

Saint Thomas Aquinas-Joggins	Mass	11:00am
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## New Year's Day- Mary, The Holy Mother of God

*January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021*

Holy Family Church <b>(note change in time)</b>	Mass	10:00am
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**NOTE:** Pre-registration is required for both masses at **Holy Family Church** on December 24<sup>th</sup>. (Limited seating is available).

**PHONE ONLY (667-2523), from 9-12pm, Monday-Friday.**

**Prayer Line # - 902-664-9396**

*For anyone needing special prayers for themselves or for someone you love.*

**Power of Prayer:**

Since Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, our parish has prayed [3,333,229 Hail Mary's.](#)

\*\*\*Please remember to email, drop a note in the collection or call the office and leave a message with your Hail Mary Count.

**In December, as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, we pray for all families in our Parish and the world.**



**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 4th Sunday in Advent**

Reading #1      2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Reading #2      Romans 16. 25-27  
GOSPEL          Luke 1.26-38

**PARISH NEWS**



**Christmas Flowers**

Those wanting to donate towards Christmas Flowers at Holy Family Church, can either make arrangements to come to the office during regular hours (9am-12pm), or drop a marked envelope in the weekend collection basket.



**E-TRANSFERS .....**

When sending money to the Central Office for any transaction, please remember to write in the note/memo section what the transfer is for.

Thank you!! 😊



## *Holy Family Church Auctions & More (All Saints Parish)*



**Christmas Treats/Baking Sale coming this week!! Fill your freezer (and tummies) & support our parish at the same time! This will be the last auction for 2020!!**

**We want to thank everyone who has contributed in any way over the last number of months for these auctions! A group of dedicated volunteers have given countless hours to this effort and we are so grateful!!!**



### **HOLY FAMILY CWL NEWS:**

Greetings! It is that time of the year when our 2021 National CWL annual dues (\$25.00) are being collected. Due to Covid19 restrictions, our general meetings and related functions have been suspended. Therefore, collection of 2021 dues will be managed differently.

Place cash or a cheque made payable to **Holy Family CWL** in a sealed envelope. On the envelope, write **Holy Family CWL 2021 dues**. Here are several options for remitting your payment. Place in the locked mailbox by the entrance doors at the church. **Cheques only.**

- 1) Ring the doorbell at the church between 9:00 am and noon Monday to Friday and give your envelope to Mary or Evelyn in the office.
- 2) Place in the offering basket at mass on weekends.
- 3) By mail via Canada post to: Holy Family CWL  
63 Church St., P.O. Box 1075  
Amherst NS B4H 4E2
- 4) For those who live in town and are not mobile, call Shirley Leblanc at 902-667-8848 or Diane Yarymowich at 902-667-0921 and they will pick up your dues at your home. If you have any questions or problems, please call one of the above.

**NOTE: your receipts will be mailed to you in December along with a league mailout. Thank You**

	Holy Family	St. Brigids	St. Cornelius	St. John the Baptist	St. Paul the Apostle	St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Thomas More	TOTAL
Envelopes	18,381.50	1,915.00	320.00	774.00	445.00	1,108.00	1,510.00	24,453.50
Loose	34.95	340.00	82.50	570.00	0.00	5.00	108.00	<u>1,140.45</u>
Total	<u>\$18,416.45</u>	<u>\$2,255.00</u>	<u>\$402.50</u>	<u>\$1,344.00</u>	<u>\$445.00</u>	<u>\$1,113.00</u>	<u>\$1,618.00</u>	\$25,593.95

## Financial Update: All Saints Parish Ordinary Revenue October 2020

Please remember donations can still be made during MASS or if you have not returned to attend MASS, you can make donations the following ways:

D – Dropped off at Central Office,

E – E-Transferred to [finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca),

M – Mailed to P.O. Box 1075, Amherst, NS B4H 4E2

P- PAR can be set up to accept your donations directly from your account.

**We thank you for your continued financial support.**

### Christmas Cheer Program 2020



Monetary donations are still being gratefully accepted. The cost to sponsor a box is \$95.00 and the cost for a turkey or ham is \$20.00. Monetary donations are used to

purchase perishables required to fill the boxes, (i.e. butter, oranges, turkeys, etc.). New hats, scarves & mittens are also welcomed, all sizes.

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this important community effort. It truly is such a special gift for so many families and individuals!!



## *News from the Archdiocese*

# Message from the Apostolic Nuncio



For months we had planned to celebrate the succession of Archbishop Dunn and the retirement of now Archbishop Emeritus Mancini. However, due to COVID – 19 our plans changed. Many people prepared to come and celebrate this special day with us, including the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi. Archbishop Bonazzi was to bring the greetings and apostolic blessing of the Holy Father personally to the Archbishops and the faithful during this time of transition.

We recently received the words the Nuncio was to share. We offer them today as we recognize the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as well as the diocesan anniversary for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

To read the full text of his message [click here \(pdf\)](#).

## **December 12: National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**



On 12 December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This project, with the approval of the Bishops of Canada, has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council). This year, the reflection by the Council draws on theme of the United Nations 2019 year of Indigenous Languages. “We all like to be spoken to in our mother tongue. So too in the faith, we like to be spoken to in our “mother culture”, our native language (cf. 2 Maccabees 7:21,27), and as a result our hearts become better disposed to hear the Word of God.”

To recognize this day the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) offered a statement Message for this national day. You can find the text of this message by [clicking here \(pdf\)](#).