

# All Saints Parish Weekly Update

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The office is open from 9am to noon Mon - Fri



**December 19<sup>th</sup> the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*"Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord come to me?" Luke 1.39-45*

**"Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ comes uninvited." Thomas Merton.**

## Mass Intentions

A mass intention can be offered at any time for anyone. Contact the office at 902-667-2523 to request yours. It can be in honour of a loved one, living or deceased, or for a special event.

*Mass Intentions*

*For:*

*From:*

Dec 18	Holy Family	Special Intentions	Glen & Anita White
Dec 19	Holy Family	Will Chisholm	Holy Family CWL
Dec 24	Holy Family	Douglas des Barres	Elaine Thompson

We keep in our prayers and hearts, all who are sick, alone, shut in, afraid or suffering in any way, especially,

Peter Belliveau, Sylvia Belliveau, Ethel Belliveau, Nelson McRae (brother of Sheila Barton), Kim Nix, Paul Chu, Madeline Ryan, Tania Long, Dureen Coade (sister of Glen White), Wayne Duffy, Eddie St. Peter and Dot Chambers.

*We pray for those who have died, especially Arlene Goodwin, sister-in-law of Gordon Goodwin. May God gather them all into his welcoming arms and comfort those who are left to grieve.*

## Mass & Lay Service Schedule

Parishioners of **Holy Family Church** are asked to **REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE Mass** by calling the office, MONDAY – THURSDAY from 9am to Noon. If you leave a message, there will be no return call to confirm UNLESS there is “no room at the inn”.

**The first 60 people to register will be in the church, with the remaining in the hall.**

**If you are unable to attend either Mass at Holy Family, there is Mass in Springhill at 9pm Christmas Eve and in Joggins on Christmas day at 11am.**

December 18 <sup>th</sup>	December 19 <sup>th</sup>
4:00 pm Mass River Hebert (Fr. C) 4:00 pm Streets Ridge (Fr. M) 6:00 pm Amherst (Fr. C)	9:00 am Mass Parrsboro (Fr. M) 9:00 am Mass Pugwash (Fr. C) 11:00 am Springhill (Fr. M) 11:15 am Mass Amherst (Fr. C)

DECEMBER 24 <sup>th</sup>	December 25 <sup>th</sup>
4:00 pm Mass Holy Family Church in Amherst (Fr. C) 4:00 pm LS St. Thomas More Church in Pugwash 6:30 pm LS St. Cornelius in Streets Ridge 7:00 pm Mass Holy Family in Amherst (Fr. C) 7:00 pm LS Saint Brigid’s Church in Parrsboro 9:00 pm Mass St. John the Baptist in Springhill (Fr. C)	11:00 am Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas Joggins (Fr. C)  December 29 <sup>th</sup> 11 am Mass Holy Family December 30 <sup>th</sup> 11 am Mass Holy Family December 31 <sup>st</sup> No Mass

January 01 <sup>st</sup>	January 02 <sup>nd</sup>
11:00 am Mass at Holy Family in Amherst (Fr. C) 4:00 pm LS at St. Thomas Aquinas in Joggins 6:30 pm LS at St. Cornelius in Streets Ridge	9:00 am Mass Parrsboro (Fr. C) 9:00 am LS Pugwash 11:00 LS Springhill 11:15 am Mass Amherst (Fr. C)

### COVID 19 UPDATE FOR ALL CHURCHES IN THE PARISH

**New restrictions were effective December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Physical distance** of two metres (six feet) must be maintained in our Churches. Parishioners are asked to follow the direction of the Ministers of Hospitality as they enter and leave the buildings.

**Masking is required** throughout Mass/lay services, whether people are seated or not, except for officiants or singers when they are speaking or singing. Individuals, businesses, and organizations all have responsibility for ensuring mask requirements are followed and can all be subject to enforcement action. Gathering limits of **50 per cent of capacity to a maximum**

**of 150 people indoors** and 250 outdoor for all faith services, including weddings and funerals. Proof of vaccination is not required for a regular faith service, such as daily or weekly services. Services that are part of your faith's annual calendar (such as Christmas and Easter services in Christian faiths) are considered the same as regular daily/weekly services.

Proof of full vaccination is required for weddings and funerals.

There is no change in the requirement for proof of full vaccination for discretionary activities. It is still required for attendees and volunteers, even in places where gathering limits and physical distance will apply.

Choirs can sing if the physical distance requirement can be met in the Church. There should be **no congregational singing** at this time due to the highly infectious nature of the omicron variant.

**Since Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, All Saints Parishioners have prayed:**

**3,623,159 Hail Mary's**

**You can call your prayers in to the central office at 902-667-2523**



**Holy Family CWL Members are asked to pay their 2022 dues. Payment can be dropped off at the Central office during business hours or put in the collection basket at Mass. If you would like to have them picked up, please call Shirley LeBlanc at 902-667-8848.**

### **CWL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER**

On behalf of the Holy Family CWL, we would like to thank each and everyone who bought tickets for our Christmas draw. Through your generosity, we were able to raise \$1500. The lucky winner was Bernadette O'Brien.

On behalf of the Executive and members of the CWL, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Celebrate cheerfully and responsibly. We hope 2022 brings you health and good fortune.

*Dianne Yarymowich, President.*

### **Mary Mother of Mercy Prayer Group**

Prayer meetings will be **resuming at Holy Family Church** starting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on **JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**For assistance with transportation please call 902\*667\*9128**



**The office will be closing in the afternoon Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> for Christmas and will reopen on Tuesday Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**



## Financial update for November

ASP Ordinary Revenue	Holy Family	St. Brigid's	St. Cornelius	St. John the Baptist	St. Paul the Apostle	St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Thomas More	TOTAL
<b>ORDINARY REVENUE</b>								
Sunday Envelopes	11,450.20	1,715.00	336.00	861.00	855.00	1,522.00	1,142.00	17,881.20
Sunday Loose	66.00	9.00	43.00	72.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	255.00
Fuel Collection	0.00	595.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	595.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,516.20</b>	<b>2,319.00</b>	<b>379.00</b>	<b>933.00</b>	<b>855.00</b>	<b>1,522.00</b>	<b>1,207.00</b>	<b>18,731.20</b>

If you have not returned to MASS, you can make donations in person at the central office, by e-transfer to [finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca) (noting what it is for), by mailing a check to the central office or setting up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account or credit card.

**CHEQUES MUST BE PAYABLE TO ALL SAINTS PARISH**

*Thank you for your continued support*



## Knights of Columbus

*Bingo takes place every Monday evening at 6:30 pm*

*5 Robie Street*

*Doors open at 5:00 pm Covid restrictions in place*

## Christmas Greetings from our Chalice children, Tobias and Kim

Dear sponsor Holy Family Parish

May the holidays enlighten your homes and fill you with love and blessings. May Christmas and the arrival of the baby Jesus bring you everything you like.

I love you very much.

Tobias





Dear Holy Family Parish,

Merry Christmas and happy new year to you!

This Christmas, I am hoping to be with my family. I want us to be complete and eat altogether. We will only have our celebration at home because it is safer than going out because we might get the virus outside. I am praying that his pandemic will end soon. To make my Christmas significant, I will greet my friends and relatives a "Merry Christmas" too through social media. In that way, I could show them all my love and the real sense of this celebration. Thank you so much for your untiring support. I hope that you would be able to help more other people. Happy holidays!

Love, Kim Gabriel Tamayo

## ARCHDIOCESE OF HALIFAX-YA RMOUTH



### Where will the shelters be located?

Thanks to the generosity of our parishes, we potentially have eight shelter locations in Halifax Regional Municipality and are exploring additional shelter sites in other municipalities. Each site will have between one and five shelters. Specific locations will be announced once parishes have communicated internally and sites have been reviewed by engineers.

### Are the shelters safe?

Our shelters have been designed by professional engineers from Well Engineered Inc. in consultation with municipal building inspectors. Halifax Regional Municipality is fast tracking building permits for our locations.

### How much will this cost?

The cost of materials, assembly, and installation is \$11,500 per shelter. Engineering and organizational labour is donated "in-kind", and the cost of some materials was reduced for the project. We are responsible for raising this cost through donations and/or grants.