

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



December 20th & 21st, 2025

THEME: The prophet Isaiah looked forward to the birth of a child as a sign that God is with us. The child is named Emmanuel indicating that he saves and is the presence of God.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COLLECTIONS: **Regular: \$2,247.00** (2026 Church Envelopes are now available at the church entrance)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund in memory of deceased family members may do so by placing your donation with your name and the name of your loved one in the collection basket. We thank those who have already donated to the Christmas Flower Fund.

IMO Dan & Aggie MacCormack – The MacCormack Family	IMO Jack, Francie, Debbie & David O'Brien – Jackie & Brenda
IMO Bernie Lind – Phyllis Lind	IMO Dougie & Marie MacDougal – Clark & Elizabeth Acker
IMO Susie MacInnis – Alex & Family	



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. & Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the choir will be singing Christmas Carols prior to Christmas Eve Mass.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS LEARNING THEIR PRAYERS? Someone who wants to review the basic Catholic prayers? Teaching grandchildren their prayers? Pick up the brochure Let us Pray: Popular Prayers and Selected Teachings of the Catholic Church at the church entrance.

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

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

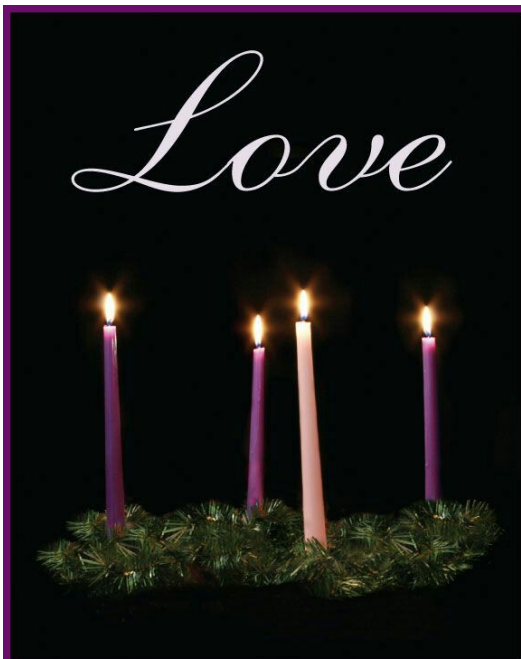
Friday: St. Stephen – The first recorded martyr of the New Testament	Saturday: St. John – The beloved Apostle	Next Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
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The **Giving Tree** is now set up at the back of the church. Parishioners are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items. All donations collected will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be distributed to those in need this Christmas.


THE CAPE BRETON ADVENT CALENDAR: The Cape Breton Advent Calendar is now live! Featuring the Photographic Artistry of Steven MacNeil and meditations for the most special time of the year. There are even games! Prepare your heart for Christmas with the Cape Breton Advent Calendar! Enjoy a daily Scripture passage paired with a beautiful photograph by Steven. This Advent Calendar is a free service for Cape Breton provided by Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount and is accessible anywhere through the Internet. Visit each day and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Watch for the Cape Breton Advent Calendar on Facebook or tuerchen.app/0wSONibkc4ab462u. Please share this message on Facebook.

THOUGHT: Dearly beloved, today our Saviour is born, let us rejoice! Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up. Life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no person free from sin, came to free us all. (St. Leo the Great)



Fourth Sunday of Advent

On the brink of Jesus' coming into the world, we anticipate, yet try to remain grounded in this present moment. Let us not neglect the gift of this very time and place; our waiting, our joy, our expecting; these are gifts! May we embrace them and reverence the goodness of this moment. Just as Mary journeyed to see her cousin Elizabeth in final preparation for Jesus' coming, we gather with our loved ones and those with whom we can share our joy as we look toward the miracle of Christmas.



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