

HOLY ROSARY PARISH BULLETIN

Westmount, NS

Parish Priest – Fr. Doug Murphy

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



March 8th & 9th, 2025

THEME: At the start of the Lenten Journey, we encounter the temptations of Christ. Christ shared the weaknesses of our lives before ever we were born and invites us in this Lenten Season to a renewed sense of devotion to God.

COLLECTION: \$ 2,348.00 (Income Tax Receipts are now available at the church entrance).

WELCOME: We welcome J.B. Dexter (Coast Guard College) to our community. JB received the Sacrament of the Eucharist last Sunday.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Evening Prayer of the Church on Sunday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS: No Mass: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mass at 6:30 p.m.: Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is a Day of Recollection for Priests in Port Hawkesbury.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Notices for the Parish Bulletin 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 received by noon on Thursday. Thank you.

JUBILEE 2025: Pope Francis opened the Holy Door on Christmas Eve at St. Peter's Basilica to officially begin the Jubilee Year in the Church. The Jubilee Year will close on December 28th. The Jubilee is an opportunity for all of us to enter a pilgrimage of hope. The theme for the year is "Hope Does Not Disappoint". During the Jubilee Year, the Church focuses on mercy, reconciliation and the invitation to a deeper relationship with God. During the year, we are called to search for signs of hope and be signs of hope in our families, for our neighbors, the imprisoned, the sick and dying.

SCHOLARSHIP: OC State Scholarship (\$1000.) applications are at local high school guidance offices. Connection to KOC via any family member; practicing Catholic; NS resident completing grade XII or attending

first year educational school beyond high school. Full details at the guidance offices. Deadline for applications March 20th.

KOC MEETING: KOC Council 9476 will be holding the March general meeting Sunday, March 9th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Coady House. If you haven't already paid your yearly dues, you can do it at the meeting.

ST. PETER'S JOURNEY: Join Us for St. Peter's Journey. The Catholic Women's League invites you to St. Peter's Journey: A Story of Faith, Repentance, and the Transformative Power of God's Grace experienced through scripture, art, music, and reflection. This powerful Lenten event offers a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for Easter. There will be two one-hour live performances: Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. Holy Redeemer Church and Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. St Marguerite Bourgeoys. All performances are free of charge. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fellowship after each presentation! Bring a friend and be inspired by the story of the man who became the rock of the Church!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION AND DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Mass will be held at Stella Maris Church, Louisbourg, on the first Saturday of the month of April through to August in devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Mass is at 9:00 am, Rosary begins half an hour before Mass, on April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother asked that faithful Catholics observe five First Saturday Masses. The Blessed Mother explained, "I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour (15 minutes) while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me." Father IK is available to hear confession prior to Mass, or at any of the weekday Masses prior, or upon request. All are welcome.

PASCHAE AMADEUS: CHORAL MUSIC FOR EASTER: Featuring the music of Brahms, Dett, Mendelssohn, and Mozart. Performed by the Cape Breton Chorale with Ryan Billington, Conductor and Paula Jane Francis, Organ/Piano, Brandon Mollon, Assistant Director. Sunday, April 13th St. Andrews Presbyterian 3 Queen St., Sydney Mines at 3:00 p.m. \$30 general admission. Tickets available through capebretonchorale.com, (902) 270-2591 or at the door.

THE MANY FACES OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER: You are invited to join us for two sessions on prayer and the many ways we can come to God in our prayer. On Saturday, March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. until noon and Saturday, March 29th from 10:00 a.m. until noon (Weather date if needed is Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Sessions will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall, 9 Brookland Street, Sydney. Sessions are facilitated by members of the Cape Breton Local of the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors. There is no fee although a donation is welcomed. Registration is required to reserve your space. To register, please contact: Gary Fancey (gafancey@netscape.net) (902-862-7580) or Julia Townsend (juliat@eastlink.ca) (902-562-8423)

TEA & TALK: Tuesday, March 18th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. An invitation to join with other women to share Tea and Talk at Holy Redeemer Convent, Whitney Pier. This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information, please phone 902-270-4840 or 902-539-6331.

PASTOR'S TIDBITS: The Cape Breton Post carried an article in Thursday's edition on our return to the church after three months absence. The article is on the bulletin board in the church entrance. Thank you to all who participated in our Return of the Church Celebration last weekend. It was heartfelt and genuinely appreciated by all. We were all relieved that the crisis with the furnace blower was settled. Thanks to Eugene (bell ringer), and to Naisha, Anita, Donna & Cheryl for the Reception. Thanks to Mike and Graham for installing the new hot water tank and to Joyce, Eugene, Graham, Donna and Cheryl for preparing the environment.