



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

2nd Sunday of Advent December 7th 2025



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PARISH OFFICE

Monday- Friday:
8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
121 St. Ninian, Antigonish NS
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MASS TIMES

Monday: 6:30
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tues-Fri: 9am
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Carleton MacNeil

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Our Mission Statement

"St. Ninian Cathedral is the Episcopal Seat for the Diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. We humbly welcome all who wish to nurture their faith through sharing the Word, breaking the Bread, and celebrating God's love for us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to worship and serve God through prayer and service to God's people, and by striving to live our lives in the likeness and image of God."

MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday: Saint Juan Diego

Mary Anne Chisholm - RIP
SIL

Souls in Purgatory - RIP

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Doris Gillis - RIP
Michelle MacDonell - RIP
Eric Proudfoot - RIP

Thursday: Saint Damascus I

Harold Langille - RIP
Anne Murphy - RIP
Gerard Pettipas - RIP

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas

Pauline Bradshaw - RIP
Lavonne Thompson - RIP
Angus Boyd - RIP

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

**December 10th, at 6:30
SNP**

All are invited to hear traditional Christmas carols and a nativity play performed by the religious education students.

DISCOVER CHRISTMAS:

Friday, December 12th, 1pm

Heatherton Community Centre (Gymnasium)

The Annual Highland Academy Christmas Production will feature Christmas carols, recitations, and two short plays.

ST. NINIAN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

**December 13th, 7pm
THE LIGHT WE SHARE**

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY:

Bambinelli Sunday is a tradition on the third Sunday of Advent where children bring the baby Jesus figurines, or "bambinelli," from their family's Nativity scenes to church for a special blessing. Families are asked to bring baby Jesus from their nativity for a blessing.

REST IN PEACE:

Ron MacDougall, Sydney Mines
Elizabeth 'Liz' MacLean, Halifax and
Antigonish

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

**Monday, December 8th,
Mass at 6:30pm
Incense will be used at this Mass.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Tuesday, December 9th 6:30-9pm

ADVENT HOLY HOUR:

**Tuesday, December 16th, 6:30-7:30pm
With Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday, December 20th, 11am-1pm
Monday, December 22nd, 6-7pm**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

**December 24th: 4pm and 8pm
December 25th: 10:30am
Both masses will be preceded by
caroling.**

CWL AFTERNOON TEA:

**Sunday, January 18th, 2pm
SNP**

Confirm your attendance by
December 14th by contacting
**Betty Farrell: 902-863-0463
or Toosje Van de Sande: 902-863-
3234**

MEMORIAL BOWS:

Honour a loved one this Christmas by purchasing a memorial bow to adorn the trees in our church. Envelopes are available at the church entrance and can be placed in the regular collection. All proceeds are in support of St. Ninian Parish Foundation Ceiling Campaign.

CHRISTMAS CARDS:

The St. Ninian's Parish Foundation is selling Christmas cards featuring Leduc's nativity scene as part of our ceiling fundraising drive. \$10 for four and available through foundation members or at the parish office. Cards were donated by Antigonish 5c to \$1.

KOC CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

Pick up from 57 The Heights Rd.
\$25 for decorated wreaths
\$18 for undecorated wreaths
Contact Casey: 902-863-3234

CALLING ALL WOMEN TO JOIN OUR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

For questions, contact Toosje Van De Sande at 902-863-3234.

CHURCH ENVELOPES (UPDATE):

As we were preparing to print we received a call that the envelopes would arrive at the office in an hour. We are hoping to have them ready for pickup by Wednesday. Apologies for the delay.

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

November 30th, 2025
Sunday Collection: \$6112.62
Priest's Pension: \$20
Religious Education: \$100
Christmas: \$10
Missals: \$326
Candles: \$463
Pre-authorized payments (November): \$11,632

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CHEER:

St. Vincent de Paul are accepting requests for their Annual Christmas Cheer. Please call 902-863-8050. Cut-off date is December 12.

THANK YOU!

To the **Opportunity Shop** who have donated \$15,000 towards the ceiling restoration fund.
ST. NINIAN PARISH COMMUNITY THANKS YOU.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE CONGRATULATIONS:

The Antigonish Malayali Association came 2nd in the Major Non-Commercial float category for their depiction of the Nativity using St. Ninian Cathedral props and parishioners!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Envelopes are available at the church entrance.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Sundays after 10:30am Mass

Free chanter and piping classes

Mondays at 6pm

Free piping and drumming classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm

Vestry Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Rosary

Wednesdays after 9am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

Breaking Open the Word:

Thursdays after 9am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after 9am Mass until 3pm



Jesus said that John the Baptist is the greatest of all prophets: “there is none greater than John” (Mt 11:11a). Why? Because the other prophets prepared the people for a Messiah who would come in the long-distant future, but John the Baptist prepared the people for the Messiah who was about to arrive, and when Jesus finally did appear, he was given the exclusive privilege of being the only prophet to announce that the Messiah had, in fact, come. As Jesus approached John pointed to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” (Jn 1:29,36).

John also preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Mk 1:4). John wanted his listeners to renounce sin, be washed of their past impurities, and be in the state of grace when Jesus appeared. Likewise, as we anticipate the memorial of the coming of Christ, if we wish to be well prepared for the solemn feast of Christmas, we would be wise to renounce our own sin, be washed of our past impurities, and be in the state of grace on Christmas when Jesus comes to us once again. The Baptist kept Jesus first above all things (Jn 3:30), and so should we!

-2005, Rev. Michael A. Van Sloun

Message from Fr Danny

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, we are introduced to the person of John the Baptist. His role was to prepare the people of Israel by challenging them to open their eyes and concentrate on the signs of the Kingdom. While Advent is a season of hope and joy it is also It also includes a call to a change of life. We can only prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord by truly ridding ourselves of what has become problematic or have become obstacles and are experiencing the life God wants us to possess.

This week I received a message from Fr., Elliot in sunny Florida, wanting me to say ‘hi’ to everyone and a congratulations to all who celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Xavier and received the X-ring.

Last Saturday evening I attended Christmas at Sherbrooke Village. It was lovely to see all the homes decorated and store fronts exhibiting the Christmas theme for buyers. It was well worth the drive, unfortunately I should have dressed warmer.

Winter has finally hit us, really by surprise on Thursday night. The kids were happy to have a day off especially when it didn’t work out for them on Wednesday. Although the temperature is dropping it’s nice to see the new thermometer showing a rise in donations for the ceiling. Have a wonderful week and enjoy all that Advent has to offer.

God Bless. Father Danny



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
OF WELCOMING
REFUGEES.



THE LIGHT WE SHARE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 2025

7:00PM

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL

FEATURING

ST. NINIAN'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

ANTIGONISH CHORAL ENSEMBLE

MARY BETH CARTY, JOHN PELLERIN, HEATHER MACISAAC

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: EMERY VAN DE WIEL

ADMISSION BY DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS TO
C.A.R.E & S.A.F.E



A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC