



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



## Love

### Forth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

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#### OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Monday, December 23rd: 8:30am-11:30am

Tuesday, December 24th: Office Closed

Friday, December 27th: 8:30am-11:30am

Monday, December 30th: 8:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday, December 31st: 8:30am -11:30am

Wednesday, January 1st: Office Closed

### Christmas Masses

#### **Christmas Eve Masses- Tuesday, December 24th**

**4:00pm Mass - (Nativity Pageant at 3:30pm)**

**8:00pm Mass - (7:30pm Carols)**

#### **-Christmas Day- Wednesday, December 25th**

**8:30am and 10:30am Mass**



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[www.saintninian.ca](http://www.saintninian.ca)

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

**December 15, 2024**

Sunday Collection: \$8399.15

Christmas Offering: \$320.00

Christmas Flowers: \$275.00

Memorial Bows: \$1415.00

Cozy Cafe: \$525.00

Missals: \$81.00

Candles: \$350.00

Pre-authorized payments (December): \$10,852.00

### THE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

is located at 314 Main Street Antigonish, next to the John Paul Centre. The store that provides mainly low-priced affordable, pre-loved clothing for the Antigonish and surrounding communities. There are also some other treasures, books, footwear, household items, pictures, and seasonable artifacts. The store is open Monday to Friday from 10 to 4, Saturday 10-2 and closed on Sunday and holidays. The store is operated by volunteers and it is the Catholic Women's League of St. Ninian Cathedral Parish that were the founders and manage the running today.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Two Priests will be available for individual reconciliation.

Saturday December 21st from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monday December 23rd from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### *Weekday Mass Schedule*

**Tuesday, December 24th**

9:00 am Mass

**Friday, December 27th**

9:00 am Mass

**-Mary Holy Mother of God-**

**Tuesday, December 31st (New Years)**

4:00 pm Mass

**Wednesday, January 1st**

10:30 am Mass

### *Sunday Masses*

**-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary Joseph-**

**Saturday, December 28th**

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 29th**

8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass

### LORD WE LOOK TO YOU TODAY TO PROVIDE PEACE AND COMFORT IN OUR MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES

**Shaun Quirk**, Calgary formerly Lanark

**Frank W MacCulloch**, New Glasgow,

Brother in-law of Peter Koltek

**David Kernick**, Dartmouth

### MAY THE WATERS OF BAPTISM RUN FREELY OVER THESE CHILDREN BEING BAPTIZED TODAY

**Patrick Daniel Harmes**, son of Sarah and Andrew

**Charlotte Emilia Schmidt**, daughter Alison and Ben

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you considering returning to the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic?

A program for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church with adult programming or through Baptism or Confirmation will begin this January.

We already have several people interested, and we warmly invite you to take this step of faith with us.

For more information contact the Parish Office at [admin@saintninina.ca](mailto:admin@saintninina.ca), or 902.863.2338, or come in for a visit.

### 2025 ENVELOPES ARE READY

Envelopes are ready to pick up at the Parish Office!

### COLUMBARIUM INSTALLED AT ST. NINIAN CEMETERY

You may have noticed the installation of two additional columbarium at St. Ninian Cemetery. They stand behind the center piece that was installed a few years ago. These additions provide a peaceful and dignified resting place for remains, offering families an option for their loved ones.

Columbariums have become a popular choice, that is a growing trend toward cremation and the desire for dignified final resting place. Please contact

Paula Kirk at 902-863-3335 for more information.

### MASS FOR SHUT INS

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick will be celebrating Christmas Day

Mass at 11am on CTV

<https://youtube.be/JgCFnYT-nCM>

### OPENING MASS IN OUR DIOCESE FOR JUBILEE 2025:

Dec. 29, 10:30 am

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish

All are invited as Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick celebrates Mass to open the Jubilee Year in our diocese.

The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

is an opportunity for all people to enter into a pilgrimage of hope.

Whether we celebrate locally in our dioceses, cathedrals, or Canada's National Shrines, our local shrines or make a pilgrimage to Rome, we are called to search for signs of hope and be signs of hope in our families, for our neighbours, the imprisoned, the sick, and dying, the young and old.

The Jubilee Year will remain open until December 28, 2025.

For more on the Jubilee:



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Christmas 2024

My dearly beloved in Christ,

As we gather this Christmas, we are reminded of the profound mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming man in the humble form of a child. This sacred Season fills our hearts with joy and hope, a light shining brightly in the darkness of our world. It serves as a powerful reminder that, even in times of uncertainty and challenge, God is with us, guiding and renewing our spirits.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we also turn our eyes toward the horizon of the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. This significant year is an invitation to embark together as pilgrims of hope on a journey of renewal, reconciliation, and revitalization in our faith communities. It is a call to deepen our relationship with Christ and one another, to embody the love and compassion that Jesus demonstrated.

In this spirit of hope, I encourage you to reflect on how you can share the light of Christ in your own lives. How can we be messengers of peace in a world often troubled by war and division? How can we extend compassion and support to those in need, particularly the marginalized and suffering? Let this Christmas Season inspire us to embody the hope we celebrate, a hope that is active, transformative, and full of promise.

Let us commit to prayer, reflection, and action throughout the coming year. May we engage in community service, foster relationships with those around us, and participate in parish activities that promote spiritual growth. Together, let us nurture a culture that echoes the message of Christmas, which is one of love, peace, and hope for a brighter future.

May this holy Season of Advent fill your hearts with peace and joy and may the light of Christ illuminate your paths. As we prepare for the Jubilee Year of Hope, I pray that you may feel God's love and be inspired to share that love within our Diocese and beyond.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a hopeful and Happy New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick  
Bishop of Antigonish

## *Message from Fr Danny*

Today's gospel invites us to journey with Mary to where she meets her cousin Elizabeth. Both defied the laws of nature with the power of God's promise and their faithful acceptance. Together they embrace and share each other's good news.

I had a few adventures this past week, from the joy of baptism to the sorrow of death. Last Saturday, I had the joy of baptizing, James Thrope in St. Ann, Guysborough. It was nice to get back to Guysborough and see many friends and former parishioners who gathered for the event.

On Monday, I drove Shaul Levi, a St. FX exchange student, to the airport for his journey home to Tel Aviv. A four-hour delay to his departure from Halifax to Toronto caused a bit of panic but he made his connection in Toronto and the next day I received a picture from his flight window of landing home in Israel. This trip allowed me to get into Halifax and visit with family and make the 'Costco Run.'

On Friday, I was in St. Joseph Church, SW Margaree at the invitation of Doreen MacLellan's family to preach at her funeral, our families are good friends.

Last Saturday evening, the 'Breath of Heaven' concert highlighted the wonderful talent of our area. Everyone, a Cathedral full, were spiritually moved and uplifted by choirs; the instrumentalists, decorations and all that went into this beautiful evening of sacred music. Thanks Emery!

A month ago, I had mentioned that a cast iron drain pipe broke, and some ceiling tile was damaged in the new boardroom. Just a week ago Friday, the work was completed, new pipes, gyprock and ceiling tiles repaired, and all was good until the next evening. After the Saturday concert Emery, was looking for his keys, and went into the office area to discover water coming down in three rooms, a toilet overflowed upstairs and the water eventually made its way to the office area, again! There is ceiling damage, thankfully no damage to floors, walls, or furniture. I keep asking, what is God trying to tell me!

Be prepared for winter weather—it looks like a storm is heading our way.

Stay safe and warm!

Take time this Christmas to give thanks for blessings of our family, our friends, and our parish. There are thousands who lack even the basic essentials, may we pray for them and for peace in the world.

Wishing you all a blessed Fourth Week of Advent.

*God Bless and Merry Christmas*  
*Fr. Danny*