



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

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MASS TIMES

Tue-Fri: 9:00AM
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM

BAPTISMS:

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MARRIAGES:

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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."



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Nativity of the Lord December 25th, 2022

COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 18th	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,497.25
Loose Money	\$ 940.00
Total Collection	<u>\$ 8,437.25</u>
Other	
Missals:	\$ 286.50
St. Ninian Foundation:	\$ 1,000.00
Memorial Bows:	\$ 260.00
Pioneer Cemetery:	\$ 1,150.00
C.A.R.E.:	\$ 100.00
Restoration:	\$ 200.00
Cemetery:	\$ 900.00
Cemetery (Adopt a Stone):	\$ 500.00
Building Fund:	\$ 500.00
# of Envelopes Received	215

Pre-Authorized Debit:

For the month of December 2022, we will receive 96 donations totaling \$8,656.00 equaling \$2,164.00 weekly.

Online Donations:

For the month of November 2022, we have received \$3,665.00 through Canada Helps. So far, this tool has allowed us to receive 52 donations totalling over \$10,200.00 year-to-date.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grade 2 (1st Communion); Grades 3-6
Continues in January. Date pending

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday Mass at 10:30AM.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Saturday, Dec. 24th: 4:00PM and 9:00PM
(Carols starting at 8:30PM)

Christmas Eve Saturday, Dec. 24th (StFX Chapel): 6:00PM

Christmas Day Sunday, Dec. 25th:
8:30AM and 10:30AM

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT SIGN-UP

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to consider how you contribute to your parish. Pre-Authorized Debit is a worry-free, reliable way to contribute to Saint Ninian Cathedral. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sign up for this method of contribution!

C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE NEWS

The C.A.R.E. committee is so happy to announce we have submitted the application to bring a young Afghan woman to safety. Currently in Pakistan, she is in great danger of being deported back to Afghanistan where she will be killed by the Taliban for standing up for human rights and education for women. The committee has also completed and submitted the application to bring a man and his child to safety in Canada. They are both currently in Kampala, Uganda. For more information on the work of this committee, contact Sue O'Brien (902 863 1479) or Manoela Strehl (902 549 2838)

2023 PARISH ENVELOPES

The 2023 Parish Envelopes are now ready for pick up at the Parish Office. For those who wish to help with the distribution of the envelopes, please contact the parish office.

WINTER STORM ADVISOR

In the event of a storm, the parish office will be closed in accordance to the Strait Regional School Board's decision. Please watch attentively as morning masses will also be cancelled in the event of school closures or delayed opening.

FUND RAISING INITIATIVE—ORANGE BARRELS

We have now established ourselves in the Antigonish community with the Antigonish Family and Children Services!

We are in need of community help in order to continue with the project of collecting recyclables. We would like to thank everyone for their support on helping raise money for our families in need.

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF...

+ Maria Graynor, granddaughter of Evelyn and Francis MacDonald from Brierly Brook

REFLECTION

Remember that behind the packages and the lights is the radiance that is our God. See the hope in the faces of the people around you. See it in the faces of your family and friends and coworkers. See it in your own face when you look in the mirror. Doing this will allow each of us to welcome that little baby on Christmas, the way that Mary and Joseph so willingly welcomed him into their lives. And know that God so lovingly welcomes us into His



Memorial Bows



A Memorial Bow has been placed in the memory of...

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| ◇ Fr. Hughie D. MacDonald | Arthur | ◇ Pearl Lee Sullivan | ◇ Catherine Duggan |
| ◇ Maria Fleuren | ◇ D.P. Chisholm Jr. | ◇ Iain Francis MacDonald | ◇ James Duggan |
| ◇ William Fleuren | ◇ Melissa Landry | ◇ Anthony + Peggy Mattie | ◇ Alex Duggan |
| ◇ Angus + Robert MacDonald | ◇ Joe Andy MacDonald | ◇ Josie + Henry Sullivan | ◇ Mary Gallant |
| ◇ Beaton family | ◇ Vlasta + Tony Chesal | ◇ Joe K. Chisholm | ◇ Donnie McNeil |
| ◇ Chisholm Family | ◇ Christena T. Cameron | ◇ Anthony Daniel Bowie | ◇ James "Jim" Grant |
| ◇ Hattie Mannelle | ◇ Leonard + Alvina Sampson | ◇ John D. Bowie | ◇ George Jean |
| ◇ Preston DeCoste | ◇ Danny+ Theresa MacDonald | ◇ Veronica Bowie | ◇ Henry Lefort |
| ◇ Gordan Jordan | ◇ Malcolm + Mary MacKinnon | ◇ William Joseph Bowie | ◇ Rose + Allan MacPherson |
| ◇ Simon Mannelle | ◇ Kennedy + Julia Chisholm | ◇ Bill + Hilda MacGillivray | ◇ Joseph + Beverly MacPherson |
| ◇ Evie Grew | ◇ Lynn MacDougall | ◇ Rose + Allan MacPherson | ◇ Neil MacPherson |
| ◇ Charlie DeCoste | ◇ Gina MacDonald | ◇ Joseph + Beverly MacPherson | ◇ David Michaud |
| ◇ Charlie + Mary DeCoste | ◇ Betty Chisholm | ◇ Neil MacPherson | ◇ John Knocton |
| ◇ Henry + Margaret Boucher | ◇ Charlie Chisholm | ◇ Mike Muise | ◇ William Murphy |
| ◇ Pauletta MacDonald | ◇ Mary MacDonald | ◇ Karen MacLean | ◇ Vincent Murphy |
| ◇ Ruth McKeown | ◇ Hugh MacDonald | ◇ Joe MacLean | ◇ Jessie Sears |
| ◇ Kimberly Fougere | ◇ Carol Anne Mattie | ◇ Joyce Murphy | |
| ◇ Josie + Cynthia Smith | | ◇ Anne MacEachern | |
| ◇ Walter, Theresa, Joan Mac- | | ◇ Skinner family | |

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year, our whole lives. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst, greet people with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn.

My thanks to all of you, for all you do even through the tough times and patience during the renovations that continue to enhance the beauty of this structure. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honour of serving as Rector. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be messengers of that joy, Amen.

*Christ's Joyful Peace & Love,
Fr. Danny MacLennan*



Christmas Greetings from Bishop Kirkpatrick

Given our Atlantic coastline, we all know about lighthouses. A lighthouse is designed to emit light to serve as a beacon for navigational aid, for maritime pilots at sea or on inland waterways. Lighthouses mark dangerous coastlines, hazardous shoals, reefs, rocks, and safe entries to harbours. I was inspired to write this reflection after learning of the memorial lobster trap Christmas tree tradition, made up of lobster traps with buoys and lights with a lighthouse on top. The buoys bear the names of people lost at sea. It is a memorial tree for all who did not return home. The lighthouse placed on top is to guide them home.

A lighthouse provides direction through the rough seas to the harbour of safe waters and home. We have lived through so many rough days together with Covid and most recently with the wind and rain of tropical storm Fiona and all the havoc that has followed. When we think of this image of the lighthouse, we might think of the bright star of Bethlehem guiding the pilgrims to the Christ-child. They too lived amid a sea of economic and political turmoil. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shone." These words from the prophet Isaiah reverberate during our celebration of the Christmas Season. There are so many concerns today: the illness or death of loved ones; rising costs of gas, food and everything essential; homelessness and food insecurity; access to medical care and viruses that continue to affect us; war and conflicts around the globe and millions of refugees with no place to call home; intergenerational trauma through residential schools; the future of our church as discernment continues for the upcoming Synod; and in general trying to carry on in faith amid so many issues. What are we to do?

We have every reason to hope that brighter and better days are ahead. The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. The Christmas Season reminds us of the goodness of our God and the people around us who are guided by God's love and concern for all people. This Christmas Season brings out the best in people who try to brighten the lives of others. Yes, it is a season filled with partying and buying but it is also a season filled with sharing. This Christmas Season is highlighted by our neighbourly concern, generosity, and unselfish love. Such love is a light that pierces the darkness of our world. Such love is prompted and celebrated. God sent us the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ to be the Light of the World to guide and direct us. As we celebrate the coming of that Light, we become a light for others. When we live our faith we become a light to our world. Our faith does not free us from problems and hardships, but enables us to find peace, to persevere, and to hope because we know we are not alone. Faith assures us that God is with us in our struggles, and that the love of God and the peace that Jesus promised are ours for the asking. The lighthouse calls us to look to him for direction, especially amid turbulent waters. He will guide and direct us to a safe harbour and peaceful waters. He will guide us home.

May you have a peaceful Christmas, filled with love and joy.

Fraternally,
+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*
Bishop of Antigonish