



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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2nd Sunday of Advent December 4th, 2022

COLLECTION INFORMATION

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| November 27th | |
| Sunday Envelopes | \$ 4,474.00 |
| Loose Money | \$ 646.00 |
| Total Collection | <u>\$ 5,120.00</u> |
| Other: | |
| Envelopes: | \$ 355.00 |
| Candles: | \$ 52.00 |
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| # of Envelopes Received | 180 |

Pre-Authorized Debit:

For the month of November 2022, we will receive 96 donations totaling \$8,696.00 equaling \$2,174.00 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):

Next Class November 27, 11:30am to 12:15pm, Rm #21 St. Ninian Place (lower level)

Grade 3 to Grade 8:

Started October 5th. Classes are from 6:30PM to 7:15PM in Saint Ninian Place

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday Mass at 10:30AM. Please pray for our Candidates

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24th:

4:00PM and 9:00PM (Carols starting at 8:30PM)

Christmas Day Sunday, December 25th:

8:30AM and 10:30AM

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF...

- + Audrey Irene Chaisson
- + Richard Brendan Timmons
- + Donald Joseph MacLellan
- + Angela Marie Roach

MEMORIAL BOWS

Again this year we will be placing two trees in the sanctuary that will be decorated with memorial bows bearing the names of those who have died. Donations should be placed in an envelope marked "memorial bows" and placed in the Sunday Collection. Any monies received will go towards the Saint Ninian Parish Foundation.

CEILING EXAMINATION

This week, we had two men specialists from Historic Plaster Conservation Services inspecting the church ceiling. It is necessary to assess the health of the plaster in order to proceed with our restoration efforts. A full report will be available within the next month.

C.A.R.E. COMMITTEE NEWS

The C.A.R.E. committee is busily preparing documents which will allow us bring a young woman, presently in Pakistan, who escaped the Taliban in Afghanistan. She is in great danger of being deported back to Afghanistan where she will be killed for standing up for human rights and education for women. Her sister is a WUSC student at St. F.X. University. She has been approved for one of the small number of expedited positions for Afghans, and we hope she will be brought to safety in the next few months. We will keep you informed on our progress in rescuing this young woman.

For more information on the work of this committee, contact Sue O'Brien (902 863 1479) or Manoela Strehl (902 549 2838)

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

December 17th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM

December 21st from 7PM to 7PM

2023 CALENDAR OF SAINTS AND ANGELS

Calendars arrived and will be available for pick-up (with cash payment) at the Parish Office. You can also pick up your calendar after weekend masses: Saturday after the 4PM mass and Sunday after the 8:30AM and 10:30AM masses.

Calendars are also available at 5c-\$1.00.

REFLECTION

*Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.
And the sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.
I've heard in in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
yet, never, in the extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.—Emily Dickinson*

POSTER CONTEST FOR YOUTH: "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a poster contest for youth ages 5 -7, 8-10 and 11-14. This Contest is a fun and easy way for youth to be involved in their faith. Posters must reflect the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme with a visual image. Posters can be completed at home and returned to the parish office.

Deadline for submissions is December 15, 2022.

NATIVITY PAGEANT AT CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Youth and young children are invited to take part in the pageant during Mass. Family members can assist wee ones. Watch for more information during the weeks of Advent.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

"Break Open the Word" gives parishioners an opportunity to reflect on Sunday gospels. This group will be back during advent season on Wednesdays at 9:30AM in Room 17. All are welcome!

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES: HOPE IS A STAR DECEMBER 17TH, 7PM SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL

We are very excited to announce the return of the Saint Ninian Cathedral Concert Series. This year, we will be celebrating Christmas through music in "Hope is a Star." The Saint Ninian Choir will be featured, along with the Antigonish Choral Assemblé, Nova Brass, and more. Admission by donation.

VENERABLE OBJECTS: THE MATERIAL CULTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN ANTIGONISH

Please join students in Dr. Barry MacKenzie's CATH 298 class (Catholicism in Canada) for the official opening of their new exhibit. On display at the Antigonish Heritage Museum, this student-curated exhibit brings together nearly forty different objects from various local collections. Ranging from artifacts connected to early Bishops of Arichat/Antigonish, Catholic societies, and local church-run institutions, to others related to the faith of Dutch immigrants and the Mi'kmaq, and much more, the exhibit tells the rich story of Catholics in the County through these "Venerable Objects." Official opening on Tuesday, December 6th at 7pm. All are welcome.

KOC CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Knight's of Columbus, Council 1105 are selling Christmas wreaths again this year. The prices are \$15 for undecorated and \$20 for decorated. To order, you can call Kenny at 902-870-3354.

"THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND CENTRE OF OUR FAITH"

"I am the living bread that came down from Heaven, says the Lords. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever." John 6
Did you know? According to a 2019 Pew Research Centre Survey, only about one third of U.S. Catholics believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? Results would likely be similar in Canada. Blessed Carlo Acutis called the Eucharist "his highway to heaven." He died in 2006 at the age of 15 and was beatified in 2020. He had a profound love and devotion for the Holy Eucharist. He is the first Millennial saint and is called the saint of the internet. Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloging every reported Eucharistic Miracle around the world. One of Carlo's quote was, "when we get in front of the sun we get a tan, when we stand before Jesus in the Eucharist we become saints." **Please take a few minutes before or after Mass to read about some of these Eucharistic miracles.**

CHRISTMAS CHEERS PROGRAM 2022

As the Christmas season approaches, members of the saint Vincent de Paul Society, rededicate ourselves to serve our community with love, respect, justice, and joy. And, once again, we appeal to you, the parishioners of Saint Ninian Parish, for support for our annual Christmas Cheers Program. All financial donations or gift cards will gratefully be accepted. Beautiful cards acknowledging gifts made in memory of a loved one are available at the Parish Office. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or greater.

Those wishing to be included in the Christmas Cheers Program may call the St. Vincent de Paul Help Line at (902) 863-8050. Registration runs from November 29th to December 10th. Please leave your name, address, phone number, number of people in your household, and the grocery store at which you prefer to shop.

SPOTLIGHT ON CWL

President Elizabeth Kell and her executive committee extend a warm invitation to all women of the parish to attend the Welcome Home Tea this Sunday, Dec. 4th at 1PM at the H=John Paul Centre. There will be entertainment, door prizes, and good conversation. You are reminded to also pay your membership dues (\$35). Envelopes are available at the church. St. Ninian Parish needs the CWL and the CWL needs you, the member, to be a part of this Catholic organization of women who serve the needs of the Church and community whenever the needs arise. Your commitment could be as easy as paying your membership even if you're unable to attend meetings. As time permits, you may enjoy helping out in some project. The benefits of belonging are eternal! Life is a series of new beginnings; make the CWL a priority in your life.

A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Hope
is a star



Saturday Dec. 17th
7:00

St. Ninians Cathedral

Featuring
Antigonish Choral Ensemble
Nova Brass
Artistic Director: Emery van de Wiel
Admission by Donation

