



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



Joy
Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

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8:30 am-12:30 pm - 1:30 pm-4:30 pm
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MASS TIMES

Tue-Fri: 9:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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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COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 1, 2024

Sunday Collection: \$7017.00

Priests Pension: \$60.00

Christmas Offering: \$510.00

Christmas Flowers: \$175.00

Memorial Bows: \$810.00

Missals: \$128.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Special Intention for the Living
Eileen Bonnar, rip

Wednesday

Hugh V. Gillis, rip
Mary C. Kell, rip
Ronald Gillis, rip

Thursday

Jay and Luke Brown, rip

Friday

Gerry and Greta MacDonald, rip
Mary Beaton, rip
Douglas Reginald Chisholm, rip

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION OF ADVENT!

As we enter the Season of Advent, we also prepare for and anticipate the Jubilee Year of Hope, a time that invites us to reflect deeply on the profound gift of hope that sustains us in our daily lives. Advent is a sacred invitation to awaken our hearts to the promise of Christ's coming, both in history and in our personal lives. In the spirit of being "Pilgrims of Hope," as we light the candles on our Advent wreaths we are called to recognize the light that breaks through our darkness, symbolizing the light of Christ illuminating the path towards renewal and transformation. As we journey through this Season, let us embrace the opportunities presented to us, moments of prayer, reflection, and community that can deepen our connection to God and each other. May we support one another as we renew our hope, both as individuals and as a faith community.

Wishing you a blessed Advent Season
filled with joy and hope.
Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bambinelli Sunday is a tradition, instituted by St. John Paul II. This custom is a way for us to connect the family Nativity scene at home to the celebration of the celebration of Christmas in the Cathedral. After the homily children will be asked to come forward with their baby Jesus, or they may remain in their seats, and all hold the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) to be blessed.



KNIGHTS WREATHS FOR SALE

Please place your orders now.
They are \$25 decorated and \$17 undecorated.
Contact Elliott Anderson 902-863-8495



CHRISTMAS GIFTS

At this time parishioners are thinking about Christmas Gifts. Why not make a **donation** to the St. Ninian's Foundation and help the Parish? The Foundation administers donations to fund parish projects for which there is no other source of funding. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one or as a gift in honour of a friend or family member. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$25.00.

Donations to the Foundation may be dropped off at the Parish Office, or through Canada Helps.

BLESSED CARLOS YOUTH GROUP

Join the Bl. Carlo Acutis Youth Group this Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m., downstairs St. Ninian Place (past the office) for pizza, games and Christmas card writing, before walking to Highland-Crest Home to visit with the residents to spread some Advent and Christmas cheer! (Pick-up at Highland-Crest Home, 44 Hillcrest Street at 8 p.m.) All youths Grades 9 and up are welcome. If you are coming for pizza, please RSVP to Clare at (902)870-4850 or clarelazzuri@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL BOWS AND MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Honour a loved one this Christmas by purchasing a memorial bow to adorn the trees in our sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the church entrance and can be placed the regular collection.

All proceeds are in support of St. Ninian Parish.

Those wishing to donate their own Christmas arrangements can bring them to the Parish Office during office hours.

HELP US DECORATE OUR ADVENT TREES!

Inside the front entrance of the cathedral are two Advent trees waiting for ornaments that reflect the themes of Advent -- Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Please take time to fill out an ornament, available on the tables behind the back pews, and then place it on one of the trees.

Thank you.



Congratulations Confirmation Graduates!

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR LIFE WITH HAPPINESS

Cameron Barker
Joseph Bond
Nolan Brown
Ella Chisholm
Charles Curry
Olivia Curry
Brian Delorey
Hunter Delorey
Robert Fiander
Eve Fiander
Harley Fiander
Eilidh Keay
Samuel Lazzuri
Cohen MacDonald
Daniel MacDonald
Nolan MacDonald
Nolan MacDougall
Abigail MacEachern
Edyn MacFarlane
Julia MacIntosh
Brody MacNeil
Colin MacNeil
Atia McNeil
Breagh O'Brien
Julian Promise
Landon Sampson
Kale Van de Sande
Gerrit Versteeg
Maria Versteeg
Mark Walker
Mhairi Wilmott
Torilyn Worth

PARISH MEETINGS

St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday December 23rd at 7pm Room 021

WEEKLY EVENTS

Prayer Group

Tuesday December 17th at 6:30 pm

Bible Study

Wednesday at 9:30 am

Saint Ninian Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday at 7:00 pm

New Members Welcome

Breaking Open the Word

Thursdays at 9:30am

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND STORYTELLING

Sunday at the Heritage Museum 1-3pm

Featuring Len PDMac Donald and Barry MacKenzie

Admission by Donation

ST. NINIANS COZY STUDY CAFE

MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH

The Parish is hosting the Cozy Study Cafe at St. Ninian Place for students, to help during exam time.

. If anyone could donate some sweets, cookies, fruit or make a pot of soup, chili or even cash to help pay for the soup ingredients would be so appreciated.

Please call Valerie for more information at 902-870-1907. Thank You

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

-Christmas Eve -

3:30 pm Nativity Pageant

4:00 pm Mass

7:30 pm Carols with 8:00 pm Mass

-Christmas Day-

8:30 am Mass and 10:30 am Mass



Breath OF HEAVEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

7:00PM

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL



A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Message from Fr Danny

We can give our whole lives for the good of our neighbours! Christ, the one greater than John, comes to us in poverty, He was born in a stable and He will give Himself fully on the cross. There is none greater than Christ, and He tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend.

This Third Sunday of Lent is also known as Gaudete- Rejoicing Sunday. It is a reminder with the visual rose colour, that God who loves us is still in charge and we await his coming with great joy.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation of thirty-two candidates who were well-prepared, thanks to their catechist and volunteer, Justin MacLennan. The candidates who took an active role in the liturgy performed very well and there was a beautiful sense of reverence from candidates, their parents and families. A great lunch took place afterward in SNP with food provided by the candidates' families.

After Mass on Wednesday, in SNP, Shaul Levi, an exchange student from Israel, whom I became acquainted with, and studying at St. FXU, shared his perspective on life in and around his home near Tel Aviv today, offering a refreshing contrast to the media's portrayal of his country. He gave an excellent history on Israel, spoke about the quality of life and the experiences of everyday people. His talk put a more human side to what it is like living in a war-torn country.

Shaul returns home on Monday, and we wish him safe travels, happiness, and peace.

On Thursday afternoon I attended one of the most beautiful and fun-loving Christmas Concerts presented by the students of Highland Academy in Heatherton. It was uplifting to hear young girls and boys singing Christmas carols, performing beautiful skits, recitations, and a fun-loving Nativity Play... well done students and staff!

As we enter the third week of Advent and try to give more time to prayer, I'm also to complete my Christmas shopping, and as I said last year, our shops in Antigonish have excellent quality products and everything we need. Shop local!

God Bless - Fr. Danny