



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



## Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love December 24, 2023

### PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 9AM - 12PM  
(902) 863-2338

For more information, refer to our website:  
saintninian.ca

 facebook.com/stninian.cathedral

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will close on December 22nd, 2023  
and reopen on December 29th, 2023

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

#### 2023

4th Week of Advent Saturday, December 23rd: 4pm

NO Mass for Sunday 24th@8:30am

4th Week of Advent Sunday, December 24th:  
10:30am

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th: 4pm  
Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th: 7:30pm  
(carols before 8pm Mass)

Christmas Day Monday, December 25th: 8:30am  
Christmas Day Monday, December 25th: 10:30am  
Saturday, December 30th: 4pm  
Sunday, December 31st: 8:30am  
Sunday, December 31st: 10:30am

### MEMORIAL BOWS 2023

Envelopes are available at the Parish Office to  
honour a loved one.

All proceeds are in support of  
St. Ninian Parish Foundation.



Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$25.00

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 17th, 2023:

Sunday Collection: 8746.66

Pre-authorized payments (Dec) \$10,081.00

### THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN

Let us pray for our deceased family and friends  
Conrad Poirier, Antigonish

### MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 28-29, 2023

#### Thursday, Dec 28th

Ian MacDonald, r.i.p.

Dan Mac Donald, r.i.p.

#### Friday, Dec 29th

CWL

Paul MacDonnell, r.i.p.

Buddy MacLean, r.i.p.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

At this time parishioners are thinking about Christmas Gifts. Why not make a **donation** to the St. Ninians's Foundation and help the parish? The Foundation administers donations to fund parish projects for which there is no other source of funding. **This year there are large unexpected costs that have to be paid due to the spring flood at St. Ninian Place.** Tax receipts will be issued for a donation of more than \$25. Donations in memory of a loved one are especially encouraged. Donations to the Foundation may be dropped off at the Parish Office.

Please provide an address for the receipt.

### CHILDRENS' ADVENT TREES

There are bundles of paper ornaments and ribbon available at the back of the church which will be distributed to all children. The five pillars of Advent are Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Faith. Children are encouraged to write on the card how they feel and then put them on the two trees at the back of the church.

We will watch how the childrens' ornaments decorate the Childrens trees.

# *A message from Fr. Danny...*

Nearly at the end of our Advent waiting, we hear of Jesus' conception and the beginning of Mary's waiting. As we join her in waiting for Christ, we often carry pain and uncertainty too and yet we are not left alone, the same Holy Spirit that was with Mary is with us. We are seen, we are known, we are loved.

There is a saying my mother often spoke in Gaelic, 'cha bhi e fad nis' that translates 'it won't be long now! This carries a timely message for this Sunday. While the challenges of decorating, shopping and maintaining a meaningful spiritual journey during this busy time was demanding, it's important to remember the reason for the season.

Songs of Joy and Peace on Earth proved a great success in our concert series. The songs and music were all very spiritually uplifting for the season. Tunes and Wooden Spoons, with host Mary Janet MacDonald, her beautiful presentation to her audience regarding the Cathedral and Toosje's cooking lesson was viewed by over 17,000 people.

The short season, weather and parish commitments kept me from venturing to the big city to do Christmas shopping. Therefore, it gave me the opportunity to shop local and I discovered great treasures in our town and county and wonderful salespersons.

I got 'er all done!  
Merry Christmas,  
God bless,  
Father Danny

## PARISH MEETINGS

### Tuesdays

Prayer Group will start again January 9, 2024.  
St. Vincent de Paul (first Tuesday of the month) at 7pm

### Wednesdays

Saint Ninian Choir rehearsal at 7pm in the church

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Confirmation class resumes January 7th, 2024

Grade 3-6 classes resumes January 10th, 2024

Grade 2 Classes resumes January 7th, 2024

## CALCULATION OF DONATIONS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES

With the approval of the Parish Finance Committee, the last day of income tax donations will be December 31 of the year. Any donations given in January will NOT be recorded as a donation for the previous year. It will be recorded as a donation for the year it was actually donated. The donations that are on hand on December 31st will be the donations recorded on your income tax receipt. Back dated donations after December 31 will not be accepted.

## CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Just a reminder that CWL Memberships are due by Dec 31. Dues this year are \$35.00. Options for payment are etransfer stniniancwl@gmail.com, making sure you put in your contact information in the message box, or pick up an envelope at the entrances of the Cathedral. If you need your envelope picked up, please call Elizabeth at (902)863-8693.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Many thanks who supported our Wreath Campaign

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Saint Vincent de Paul are looking for queen beds and double beds. If you have any to give please call 902-863-8050

Any other monetary donations can be made to the St. Vincent the Paul box at the Cathedral entrance to the right-side aisle. Thank you!

