



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

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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

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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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## 3rd Sunday of Advent December 11th, 2022

### COLLECTION INFORMATION

<b>December 4th</b>	
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 5,809.00
Loose Money	\$ 780.00
Total Collection	<u>\$ 6,589.00</u>
<b>Other</b>	
Christmas Offering:	\$ 50.00
Restoration:	\$ 50.00
Priest Pension:	\$ 20.00
# of Envelopes Received	194

#### **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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Day Sunday, Dec. 25th:**  
8:30AM and 10:30AM

### SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF...

+ Evelyn Ann Cameron, Fairmont

### SOLEMN ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

December 15th at 6:30pm

### 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.

### 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)

### ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES WITH VISITING PRIESTS

Main Church (confessionals)  
Dec. 17th from 10am to 1pm;  
Dec. 21st from 5pm to 7pm

### 2023 CALENDAR OF SAINTS AND ANGELS

Calendars are available for pick-up (with cash payment) at the Parish Office and after weekend masses. Calendars are also available at 5 cents - \$1.00.

### WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Ian James MacGillivray son of Andrew and Kali MacGillivray. Congratulations!

### 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.

## REFLECTION

*John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.*

*A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of those who are easily influenced,  
and who have no convictions of their own.*

*But the humble reed can teach us something.*

*The fact that it is light means that it is at the mercy of every wind that blows.*

*But it has great strength too.*

*The greatest storm cannot uproot it.*

*Even when giant oaks come crashing down, the slender reed still stands secure.*

*Lord, teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness,  
and give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.*

### 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.

Email Leonarda at religiouised@saintninian.ca to volunteer.

### BREAK OPEN THE WORD

"Break Open the Word" gives parishioners an opportunity to reflect on Sunday gospels. We are gathering during the 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. **Proceeds will go towards Antigonish Affordable Housing program. East Coast Credit Union has generously agreed to match donations up to \$2,000.**

### KOC CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Knights 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.

### 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.

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

The greatest treasure that Jesus left us is the treasure of the Eucharist.

John 6-54 "Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day."

The following text is taken from the spiritual diary of Elizabeth Kindlemann. Imprimatur number 494-4/2009.

Jesus speaks... "when receiving Holy Communion, look deeply into your soul and feel the effects My Precious Blood produces within you. Do not be insensitive to that! It is not by habit that you should come to My table, but rather propelled by a love that will be fuelled as it touches Mine, and which through Me, and in union with you, will burn away the sins of your soul..."

### 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.

### SPOTLIGHT ON CWL

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

A BIG thank you to all the wonderful ladies who came to the Welcome Home tea on Sunday. It was an enjoyable start to a new beginning for our organization in this parish.

We ask you to remember to submit your membership dues (\$35) before the end of the year if you haven't done so already. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Membership Gift Certificates are a timely and appreciated Christmas gift for your wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, or neighbor. Please call Irene Lefort at (902) 863-5579 or Ann at (902) 863-2430.

Best wishes to everyone for a blessed and enjoyable Christmas and New Year filled with many blessings.

# A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC



Proceeds to  
Antigonish Affordable  
Housing Society

MATCHED BY  
 CREDIT  
UNION  
EAST COAST



is a star  
Saturday Dec. 17th  
7:00

## St. Ninians Cathedral

Featuring  
Antigonish Choral Ensemble  
Nova Brass  
St. Ninian's Cathedral Choir  
Artistic Director: Emery van de Wiel  
Admission by Donation

