

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, Dec. 19 11 AM (Basement)
Thursday, Dec. 21 11 AM (Basement)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

December 24 Sunday Morning 10:30 AM
December 24 Christmas Eve 6:00 PM
December 24 Midnight Mass 12 Midnight
December 25 Christmas Day 10:30 AM
December 26 Boxing Day NO MASS

OUR FATHER'S ADORATION CHAPEL is open daily from 6 am - 11 pm except for cleaning on Sunday, 9 am - 1 pm. You may request to have a candle burn in the Adoration Chapel during this time. The stipend is \$7. Please contact the Parish Office. This week the candles in the Chapel burn for: In Memory of Brighton & Audrey MacDougald, Barb Allard, Fred & Iris McGregor; Private Intention (1); Special Intention (1). There are several hours available at the Adoration Chapel. Please contact Sharon Kelly or Cathy McCann at evasharon3@gmail.com or phone, [902-892-2494](tel:902-892-2494).

PARISH MINISTRIES: As the year-end approaches, we are preparing schedules for lectors and eucharistic ministers for 2018. If you would like to serve in one of these ministries, please contact Martha at the parish office. We will conduct training sessions for the new ministers.

ST. DUNSTAN'S BAPTISM MINISTRY: Congratulations to the Newly Baptized. During the month of December, the following children were received into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Keefe C., Rose J., Henry M. And Sawyer S.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donation may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" towards the cost of Christmas flowers by placing their name and your name & envelope number in the collection basket or drop into the Parish office. **Please have names submitted to the office by December 19 to be printed in the Bulletin.** Loved ones will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.

ST. DUNSTAN'S BASILICA will be presenting their annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 22 at 7 pm. Program includes "Mary Through the Ages"...an exploration of how various composers set the texts of the "Magnificat" and "Ave Maria" to music. Featuring over 50 singers and 30 piece orchestra under the direction of Leo Marchildon. Admission is by free will offering.

PARISH ENVELOPES: 2018 envelopes are now available. Anyone wishing envelopes for the new year, or have a change of address or phone number, please contact the parish office. Envelopes will remain in the church until Sunday, December 17. After this date, your envelopes will be available for pick up at the Parish office.

2018 CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA CALENDARS: Knights of Columbus Council #824 are once again pleased to offer these beautiful calendars. They are available at the parish office for a suggested donation of \$15. All proceeds are returned to Catholic Missions to support their work with First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE-CARITAS CANADA is still running the special collection for the 600,000 Rohingya refugees forced to flee Myanmar (formerly Burma). Parishioners who wish to contribute to this much-needed fund can donate at your parish any time between now and December 17. For cheques made out to your parish, please memo as "Rohingya Refugee Fund" and add your parish envelope number. For more information: <https://www.devp.org>

HOLY REDEEMER Candlelight Carol Service will be presented on Sunday, December 17 at 7:30 pm in the church on Pond Street. The Carol Service will be as it was in the past with readings, choir selections, group singing, solos, and congregational singing with the choir. The service will include a small orchestra of 10-12 excellent musicians from the Music Department of UPEI and some musicians from the community. The choir and orchestra will be conducted by Travis Boudreau. Come one, come all, and join in this wonderful way to prepare for Christmas.

SING NOEL: Sunday, December 17, at 3 pm at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, join the Confederation Centre Choral Music Programme directed by Donald Fraser. Special guest soloist Joey Kitson. Admission \$20. Tickets available at Centre's Ticketworks, or at the door.

THANK YOU from the Priests' Benevolent Fund would like to express a *sincere thank you* to all those who make contributions to the Priest's Benevolent Fund pledge campaign. If you require a tax receipt for 2017 contributions, cheques must be dated by Dec 31, 2017. Questions, please contact Mary Roche at (902) 892-5510.

THE LIGHTHOUSE KIOSK is fully loaded with new stock!! Just in time for Christmas. New to the kiosk are Catholic Truth Society booklets. Check them out! Watch for a **SUPER CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** - 2 weeks only while supplies last! Available at the entrance of the Basilica. Suggested donation amounts as posted on kiosk.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN RETREAT: January 19 - 21, 2018 at Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre. Theme: "*How to Become a Saint*" with Father Brian MacDougall. If you are serious about pursuing authentic Christian holiness in Christ then this is the retreat for you. For more information, call the Retreat Centre, 902-621-2385 or email ourladyofhope@gmail.com

CHARLOTTETOWN AREA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL: Plan to attend World Wide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with an inter-denominational Prayer Breakfast at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, Saturday, January 20, at 8 am. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Parish office. The concluding Service will be held Sunday, January 28 at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 7 pm.

APRIL 25 – MAY 6: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and KRK Island, Croatia with Fr. Zlatko Sudac, the renowned stigmatist. Cost of \$2980. includes taxes, airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner, and professional local guide. Info: Marie Desjardins at mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com or 207-868-5027.

OWEN CONNOLLY: The Making of a Legacy, 1820-2016 is a book about Owen Connolly and his estate. Coming to PEI in 1839 as a poor Irish immigrant, Owen rose from a dirt poor farmer to one of the wealthiest men on the Island. When he died in 1887, he left the profits from his estate to provide bursaries to poor, Irish Catholic students. Managed by trustees, his estate has paid out over \$3 million to assist students and continues providing bursaries today. Books are available at local book stores and from the author, Leonard Cusack at 902-675-2452.

MARRIAGES CAN go the distance, and the annual recognition of **Canada's Longest Married Couple** proves it. Nominate your loved ones by submitting the names of husband & wife, wedding date, current home address and the contact info of the person submitting the nomination to: Ernesto and Analillian Ayala 113-7471 Blundel Rd, Richmond, BC, V6Y-1J6, or canada@wwme.org, or 604-337-5845 Deadline Feb 28, 2018. All nominations will be recognized.

PAST BEQUESTS continue to provide funding to assist our seminarians with their education as they prepare to become priests for our Diocese. If you would like to help future Seminarian education and formation please consider providing a Gift to your Parish or Diocese now or at estate planning time. Visit us at www.dioceseofcharlottetown.com and click on the "Planned Giving" quick link.

ST. JEROME'S BOOKSTORE (St. Francis of Assisi, Cornwall Location) is now selling a variety of religious items, Phone 902-566-3876 to ensure someone is present.

PASTORAL TEAM:

Bishop: Most Reverend Richard Grecco
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Chair of Property & Finance: David Abbott
Refugee Committee: Dan Doran
St. Vincent de Paul: 902-393-0018

MASS INTENTIONS - WEEK OF DECEMBER 17

Sun.: 5:00 p.m. Virginia Makinika
Mon.: 12:05 p.m. John & Georgie (A) Dillon & DFM
Tue.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Wed.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. Andrews Lodge
Thurs.: 12:05 p.m. Aurele & Therese Thebeau
Fri.: 12:05 p.m. Special Intention
Sat.: 9:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Mary Theresa Gill

PLEASE NOTE: THE DAILY MASSES ARE NOW BEING HELD IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING: \$ 4,517.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: \$ 1,210.00
DIRECT DEPOSIT: \$ 475.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1 – 5, 8b – 12, 14a, 16
2nd Reading: Romans 16.25 – 27
Gospel: Luke 1.26 – 38