

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

NOTE: Simbang Gabi change is Mass times

Mon.:	9:00 a.m.	Doris Kelly
Tue.:	12:05 p.m.	Michael & Sadie Campbell
Wed.:	6:00 pm	Deceased of the Parish
Thur.:	12:05 p.m.	Bethanie Sinnott
Fri.:	6:00 p.m.	Catherine Hasiuk
Sat.:	4:00 p.m.	John & Georgie Dillon
Sun.:	10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of St. Dunstan's
Sun.:	5:00 p.m.	Betty Shephard and DFM

DEC 3 OFFERINGS	\$ 3,107.00
DEC 3 PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT	\$ 2,593.00
DEC 3 E-TRANSFER COLLECTION	\$ 40.00
DEC 3 FUEL COLLECTION	\$ 509.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

AUTOMATIC DEBIT AND E-TRANSFER are options for those who would like to contribute using those means. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday: 9 to noon, 12:30 to 3 pm.

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC 17

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

PARISH NEWS

ADORATION CHAPEL: Please contact Jodi or Brady Grant bradyandjodi@gmail.com or (902-218-8282). You may request to have a candle burn in the Adoration Chapel. (\$7). Please contact the Office. This week, candles in the Chapel burn for: Souls in Purgatory (1); Special Intention (2); Thanksgiving (1).

FUEL COLLECTION to help defray our yearly heating costs is taken up at the end of each weekend Mass. Envelopes are available with the bulletin monthly. Sincere thanks for your ongoing generous support.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS: Daily or Weekly are available for order from Novalis: www.living@novalis.ca or 1-800-387-7164.

MORNING PRAYER: Mondays and Fridays 8:35.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve, 4 pm; Midnight and 10 am Christmas Day.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: Monday, 4 pm -5 pm; Tuesday, 11-11:45 am; 7 – 8pm; Thursday, 11-11:45 am; Saturday, 2:15-3:15. An Advent scripture reading and Examination of Conscience is available on our parish website: www.stdunstanspei.com

SIMBANG GABI (EVENING MASS): You are cordially invited to celebrate *Simbang Gabi*, a cherished Filipino Advent tradition, with our parish community. *Simbang Gabi* is a series of novena prayers and masses over nine days, leading up to Christmas. A time for reflection, prayer, and joyful anticipation of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Table sharing follows the celebrations. **Beginning this Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm. Glastonbury Hall.** All welcome!

ALTAR SERVERS: Boys and girls, grades 5 and up, welcome. Training will be available. Please contact the parish office 902-894-3486. The names will be forwarded to the servers who will lead the training.

THANK YOU! To all who brought food and participated in last Sunday's Pot-Luck. To those who helped with set-up and clean-up, sincere thanks!

CATECHETICS: Sincere gratitude to Anne Marie Valois who nurtured the talent and led our children's choir at the International Potluck, and to Madelyn Driscoll who accompanied the children on the organ. The children were so dedicated the practices and learning their new song. A lovely way to start the Advent Season!

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA CALENDARS available from the K of C this weekend. Suggested donation \$15, for Canadian northern dioceses.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Donations may be made "In Memory of Loved Ones" towards the cost of Christmas flowers by placing their name, your name & envelope number in the collection basket or drop into the Parish office. Please have names submitted by December 18 to be printed in the Bulletin. They will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.

2024 ENVELOPES are now available at the entrance. If you used envelopes in 2023, there should be a set there with your name on it. If you would like to begin to use envelopes, new sets are available. Please provide the info requested on the sheet provided. Your financial support is needed and greatly appreciated. For those who would like to contribute by E-Transfer or Automatic Debit, please contact the Parish Office for details, 902-894-3486.

A GLOBAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Carols from around the world form the centrepiece of the upcoming concert entitled "*A Global Christmas*". Over a dozen international carols, many sung in their native tongue, serve to acknowledge the many cultures that grace our Island. Also on the program is "Fantasia Noel," a reimagining of classic carols updated for a new generation. Leo Marchildon directs 55 singers and a 30- piece orchestra in this gift to the city of Charlottetown. At St. Dunstan's Basilica on Friday December 22 at 7 pm. Admission is by free will offering.

SATURDAY 4 PM MASS: as last year, will be celebrated in the lower church *beginning January 13* and continuing for the cold-weather months. In some ways, it's not as convenient as in the main church, but it is sufficient for our needs, and believed by the Property and Finance Committee to be fiscally and environmentally responsible. Thank you for your consideration.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS.

ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT: Martha Spirituality Centre 7 pm on Tuesday, December 19. Donations for the Upper Room accepted. To register drjoancsm@gmail.com

A VERY FORTE CHRISTMAS: The annual Christmas-card concert of the Forte Men's Choir, **December 17th** at 2:30 at the Kirk of St. James. Tickets \$15 at-the-door. Info: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778



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For immediate release

December 5, 2023

Joseph Dabrowski, Bishop of the Diocese of Charlottetown, today expressed his deep regret for the reprehensible acts of sexual abuse committed by Father Maurice Praught.

Father Praught, in a court appearance today, pleaded guilty to four counts of sexual exploitation perpetrated in the 1990s.

"I sincerely apologize to the victim and his family for the abuse, pain and harm that was perpetrated by Father Praught, and I offer my most earnest apology for the failures of the Church.

I pledge my commitment to doing everything in my power to maintain our vigilance in protecting children and vulnerable adults and to provide compassion and outreach to the victim-survivor of abuse," said Bishop Joseph.

The Diocese of Charlottetown has implemented a sexual abuse response policy since 1992. Our current safe environment policies are accessible online.

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