

Saint Dunstan's Basilica Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023

MASS READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC 24

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

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 (3);

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; Thursday, 11-11:45 am; Saturday, 2:00-3:15. 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. Novena Prayers begin at 5:45 followed by Mass. Sharing table follows the celebrations. If you'd like to take something along for the sharing table, it would be appreciated. All welcome!

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

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.

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 this 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 seen, 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 7pm on Tuesday, Dec 19. Donations for the Upper Room accepted. To register drjoancsm@gmail.com

IN WANTING TO BRING BEAUTY TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, *l'Équipe Réveil* presents the beautiful community project of *the Living Manger – La Crèche Vivante*, which will take place at the Village Musical Acadien on Thursday, December 21 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). This is a Francophone event but is open to all, and will include an activity for children, hot chocolate, cookies, a beautiful gift bag to take home, and the star of the evening, a play with live music about the real Christmas story – A Living Manger! Cost: Free, but donations appreciated! Come celebrate with us!

MARTIN AND EARLA AT OUR LADY OF HOPE RETREAT CENTRE invite you to join them in celebrating an old-fashioned Christmas Tea of thanksgiving on Sunday December 17th from 1 until 4 pm. This is a time for you to thank HIM for all your blessings!

ADVENT: A FAVOURABLE TIME

Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.

It is the desire of many people tormented by hunger, by injustice and by war. It is the desire of the poor, the weak, the abandoned.

This is a favourable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.

Pope Francis



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MASS INTENTIONS – WEEK OF DECEMBER 18

NOTE: Simbang Gabi changes in Mass times

Mon.: 6:00 p.m. Larry McGuigan
Tue.: 6:00 p.m. Jonah Benson
Wed.: 6:00 p.m. Families of St. Dunstan's
Thu.: 6:00 p.m. Ann Olesky
Fri.: 9:00 a.m. Mannus & Eleanor Halman
Sat.: 4:00 p.m. Special Intention
Sun.: 10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Dunstan's
Christmas Eve.: 4:00 p.m. Paddy & Patti Murphy
Christmas: Midnight Special Intention

DEC 10 OFFERINGS \$ 4,849.00
DEC 10 PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT \$ 605.00
DEC 10 E-TRANSFER COLLECTION \$ 525.00
DEC 10 FUEL COLLECTION \$ 3,470.00
DEC 10 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 1,380.00

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.