

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday Dec. 9th	7:00 p.m.	Dan, Vera, Colleen & Collin Dwyer; Mary Cobb; Cheryl Smart
Wednesday Dec. 10th	9:30 a.m.	Phyllis (Pearl) Smith; Bride Maddox; Robert Blackwell; Andrew Winsor
Thursday Dec. 11th	9:30 a.m.	Granville Hunt; Reg Durdle; Margaret Crane (Note – change in time of Mass for this day)
Friday Dec. 12th	9:00 a.m.	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Patrick Littlejohn; Ronald & Ricky Brown; James & Agatha Galway
Saturday Dec. 13th	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance Margaret, John & Agatha Flynn; Patrick McGrath; Patrick & Agnes Neary; Cyril Jackman; Robert Quigley; Richard, Veronica & Sr. Paschal Dwyer; Steve & Anne McLean; David & Helen Whalen; Bridget & Peter Cantwell; Margaret (Ezekiel) Petrie
Sunday Dec. 14th	10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	For Parishioners Living and Deceased St. Michael’s Parish Advent Penance Celebration

Collection for Week of Nov. 29th and Nov. 30th, 2008

Offertory - 113 Envelopes-----	\$1,496.00
Dues – 39 Envelopes-----	471.00
Furnace Donation – 1 Envelope-----	20.00
Flower Donation in Memory of-----	435.00

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Feasts for the Week: Monday Dec. 8th, 2008 Immaculate Conception of Mary
Friday, Dec. 12th, 2008 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Knights of Columbus Ticket Sweep: All of those who have tickets for the Knights of Columbus Grocery Draw are asked to return them in as soon as possible. Thank-You

Knights of Columbus Meeting: Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus will be holding their next general meeting on **Friday, December 12th, at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Michael’s Hall. All members are please asked to attend.

Advent Penance Celebration: On **Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the Advent season. All parishioners and friends are invited. Please make a special effort to attend.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Dec. 13th	5:00 p.m.	Readers:	Teresita McCarthy & Des McCarthy
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Ros Hurley; Fred Carroll; Helen Pitts; Jody Whelan
		Presentation of Gifts:	Mary Power & George Jackman
		Ushers:	Leo Byrne; Brian Tulk; Chris Murphy; Fred Carroll
Sunday Dec. 14th	10:30 a.m.	Readers:	Ros Fitzgerald & Patricia King
		Eucharistic Ministers:	Vanita Bartlett; Geraldine Fitzgerald; Sarah Burt; Sister Phyllis
		Presentation of Gifts:	Tom Cole Family
		Children’s Liturgy:	Beverly Rees
		Ushers:	Tom Cole; Kevin Delahunty; Ray Whalen

Funeral Masses: In Canada, a Funeral Mass may be celebrated any day **except Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Sunday.** During the Christmas Season **no** Funeral Masses are permitted on **Christmas Day & New Year’s Day** which are **Holy Days of Obligation.**

Flowers in Memory: Donations for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones will now be accepted. You may place the offering in an envelope with the name of your loved one and we will purchase the flowers for you. Thank you for your kindness.

Dates to Remember:

Advent Penance Celebration.....December 14th, @ 4:00 p.m.

Christmas - New Year’s Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve..... Wednesday, December 24th @ 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass..... Wednesday, December 24th @ 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day..... Thursday, December 25th @ 10:30 a.m.

Regular Saturday Mass..... Feast of St. John Apostle: December 27th @ 5:00 pm.
Regular Sunday Mass Feast of Holy Family: December 28th @ 10:30 a.m.

New Years Eve..... Wednesday, December 31st @ 5:00 p.m.
New Years Day..... Thursday, January 1st, 2009 @ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home: Our parish extends a warm welcome to all who have returned home to be with family and friends for the Holidays. We hope you enjoy your stay as you celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Mr. Philip Melvin, a Seminarian at St. Peter's Seminary, has petitioned to be ordained to the diaconate for the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Archbishop Martin Currie has agreed to ordain him on **Friday, December 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish**. Please continue to pray for Philip as he prepares for his Ordination.

R.C. Cursillo Advent Morning of Reflection: There will be a R.C. Cursillo Advent Morning of Reflection held on Saturday, Dec.13th from **10:00 AM - Noon** at **St. John's College** on Prince Philip Drive. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Annual Benevolent Irish Society (BIS) Raffle: Friday- Dec 12th, 5:00 - 9:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday- Dec 13 & 14th..... 2:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: BIS Irish Hall, 30 Harvey Road, St. John's

Al-Anon or Alateen: Are you or family members bothered by some else's drinking? If so maybe Al-Anon or Alateen family groups can help. For further information please call 722-2666.

Handel's Messiah: Friday & Saturday, December 12 & 13, 2008, Basilica at 8pm. Join us for this Glorious Christmas Tradition featuring: The Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra. For tickets call 722-4441; also available at Jungle Jim's; Belbin's Grocery; O'Brien's Music; Fred's Records and The Guv'nor. **Tickets NOT available at the Basilica Office or at the door.**

Away In A Manger: The Christmas exhibit entitled "Away in a Manger" featuring 207 nativity scenes from around the world will be on display in the Basilica Museum from **Nov. 24 - Dec. 17. Exhibit Hours: Tues.-Sun., 1-4 pm, Wed., 7-9 pm.** Admission: Adults \$3 Children under 12 Free. Monday's and weekday mornings are reserved for school tours. Group Appointments are available. Enjoy some quiet time viewing these wonderful works of art, all with their own unique interpretation of the Christmas Story. Bring a gift to place under the Christmas tree - your gift will be given to a needy family this Christmas. **For more information contact the Basilica Museum at 726-3660 or ldohey@nf.aibn.com.**

Junior Choir Practice: The members of the Junior Choir are asked to come to Choir practice on **Monday, Dec. 8th, at 3:30 p.m.** This will be preparation for the 8:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Come and bring your friends.

Concert: Operation Sunshine is having a Christmas Concert at the Wabana Boys and Girls Club on **Sunday, Dec. 14th, 2008. @ 7:00 p.m.**

Quote: "Peace is not just the absence of war. Like a cathedral, peace must be constructed patiently and with unshakable faith." [Pope John Paul II](#)



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7th, 2008

This week we light the Second Candle: (The Candle of Peace.)

The Second Candle reminds us that Jesus comes to bring Peace to both the world and to people's hearts. Without Christ there is no peace in this world. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "The Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said, "Those who make peace shall be called the children of God." When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found. Peace is like a light shining in the dark.

Although Advent is a season of preparation, it is not to be viewed as a penitential season, like Lent, so we sing the Alleluias in the Gospel acclamations and hymns. We do not sing the Glory to God in the Highest during Advent in anticipation of the feast of Christmas. Not for penitential reasons! It is so that, we can sing it with greater gusto at Christmas Mass, with the angels of Luke's Gospel and all throughout the Christmas season. By our full, active participation in the liturgies, through our singing, praying and silence let us make this a holy season. A recent statement from a new music guideline is saying that the most important instrument in our churches is: THE HUMAN VOICE. Advent is a new beginning, a great time to begin using our most important instrument, our own voices, at all our liturgies, where **EVERYONE** is a singer!

First Reading: Isaiah 4: 1-5, 9-11

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3; 8-15

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Prepare the way of the Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLE:	IN LOVING MEMORY OF PATRICK & AGNES NEARY
BULLETIN:	IN LOVING MEMORY OF PATRICK & AGNES NEARY