



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE\*

TUE-FRI	9:00 AM**
SATURDAY	4:00 PM
SUNDAY	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
RADIO MASS	Sunday, 8:25AM

## CONFESION

SATURDAY	3:15PM—3:45PM
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\* Schedule subject to change. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

\* When there is a funeral, the funeral takes the place of week day mass.

## COLLECTION INFORMATION:

### December 12th

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3419
Special Envelopes	\$ 715
Recovery	\$ 5
Loose Money	\$ 153
Total Collection	\$ 4292
# of Envelopes Received	94

Pre-authorized debit: For the month of December 2021, we will receive 90 donations totaling \$8,096 equaling \$2,024 weekly

## RECTOR:

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19th, 2021



As Christmas approaches, people's hopes soar.

However, the substance of these hopes is often dictated by commercial interests.

Little wonder, then, that when the sun goes down on Christmas Day, many feel disappointed.

Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise will always be disappointed, not because they promise too little, but too much—of the wrong thing.

What our hearts long for is a taste of what the angels announced to the shepherds:

'Behold, I bring news of a great joy; today a saviour has been born to you.'

This joy is the real hope of Christmas.

Let us open our hearts to receive it.

## SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF...

+ Donald MacEachern	+ Myrna MacDonald
+ May Doucet	+ Leola Farrell

## 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 can be placed in an envelope marked "memorial bows" and place it in the Sunday collection or drop the envelope off at the Parish Office, (902) 863-2338. If you wish to donate, please do so by Tuesday, Dec. 21st. Any monies received will be put into the St. Ninian Parish Foundation

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—DEC. 24TH, 27TH & 31ST

The Parish Office will be closed on Dec. 24th, Dec. 27th, and Dec 31st. We would like take this moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you so much for supporting us through another challenging year. We appreciate our community's unending support!

(902) 863-2338

121 St. Ninian St, Antigonish NS

MON-FRI 9:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-4:00PM

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# ST. NINIAN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion Class (Grade Two): Classes resume in January. Dates to be announced.

Grades 3-6 Classes: Classes resume in January. Date to be announced. \*

Grades 7-8: Done for the year. Congrats!

\* Grade 4: Sacrament of Reconciliation is postponed until the New Year.

## MASS SCHEDULE DEC. 20TH—26TH

Please contact the parish office for more information.

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

Church	9:00PM	Daily Mass
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### WEDNESDAY

Church	9:00PM	Daily Mass
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### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY—CHRISTMAS EVE

Church	6:00PM	Mass
Church	7:15PM	Mass
Church	8:30PM	Carols
Church	9:00PM	Mass

### SATURDAY—CHRISTMAS DAY

Church	8:30AM	Mass
Church	10:30AM	Mass

### SUNDAY—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Church	8:30AM	Mass
Church	10:30AM	Mass

## NEW RESTRICTIONS

Due to the recent outbreak of Covid-19, and the arrival of the new Omicron variant, the province has stated new restrictions taking effect Friday, Dec. 17th. We ask everyone to read carefully through the following, and follow the rules as advised by NS Public Health and Bishop Kirkpatrick.

- + Return to physical distance requirements of 6 feet between individuals or between groups of no more than 20 people from the same household or pre-established close social group.
- + Return to gathering limit of 50% or a maximum of 150 indoors.
- + Masking is required throughout services, whether people are seated or not, except for officiants or singers when they are speaking or singing.

We WILL NOT be taking registrations for any of the upcoming masses. Attendance will be on a first come, first served basis.

## TURKEY DRIVE

The folks at the Food Bank are preparing for 300+ families this Christmas. One way you can help is by placing an envelope with your donation in the Sunday collection basket marked "Turkey Drive", along with your name and address.

Income tax receipts will be issued.

**Thank you for your caring-Thank you for sharing!**

## CHRISTMAS CHEERS PROGRAM 2021

As the Christmas season approaches we, 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 St. Ninian's Parish for support for our annual Christmas Cheer Program. All financial donations or gift cards will gratefully be accepted. Beautiful cards acknowledging gifts made in memory of a loved one, or as an alternative form of gift giving to honor someone in your life, are available at the Parish office. Tax receipts for donations of \$20 or greater will be available in the new year.

## HISTORY CABINET—THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank everyone who has helped our Nativity Scene display. Special thanks to those who have provided different Nativity scenes, and Barry MacKenzie for putting it together.

## THANK YOU—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for setting up the crib outside of the Church.

## CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY LIVESTREAM

For those who feel more comfortable joining us from home this year, we will be livestreaming the 8:30PM Carols and the 9:00PM mass or Christmas Eve, as well as the 10:30AM Mass on Christmas Day.

## 2022 PARISH ENVELOPES

The Parish envelopes for 2022 are now ready for distribution. We are in need of generous parishioners to deliver these envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested and indicate which area you wish to make deliveries. If you do not currently have envelopes and wish to, please call the Parish Office: (902) 863-2338

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—POSTPONED

Due to Covid, we are not having Children's Liturgy of the Word until into the New Year, when we pray the situation will be better. Peace and joy to all, and we pray all will stay safe! Leonarda, of

*"And in the end...everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love" - Pope John Paul II*