



SAINT THERESA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Council: Kim Carroll 902-564-0097	<u>Welcome all who join us in Worship!</u> www.sainttheresasydney.com	
	St. Theresa Parish Hall: 902.564.8555	
	<u>Sat 4:15 pm Sunday 11:00am</u>	Secretary: Flora Marchand
Sacristan: Pat Parago	<u>Weekday Mass Thursday, Friday 12:10 pm</u>	
Men's Club: Ken MacNeil 902-562-2386	No weekday mass if Funeral *	CWL: Pres. Barbara Burke 902-564-0880
Hall: Alex LeBlanc 902.564-8555	Thursday Prayer Group 2:00 pm in the church	
	<u>Office Hours – Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs. 9:00 till noon</u>	



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

*Yet, O Lord, you are Our Father; we are the clay and you are the potter.
We are all the work of your hands.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 07, 2023 Thursday Rev. Sandy MacNeil
 Dec. 08, 2023 Friday Dan Morrison
 Dec. 09, 2023 Saturday Walter Hagen, Sr,
 Dec. 10, 2023 Sunday Shirley MacNeil

Collection for NOVEMBER 26, 2023: Envelopes-\$1,652.80; Bldg. Fund-\$220.00; Christmas Cheer-\$130.00

Food Bank-\$15.00; Shepherds Trust-\$5.00; Missal-\$24.00; PADS-\$405.92

Important Reminder for Parishioners: In December of this year your envelope boxes for 2024 will be located at the back of the church. Please remember to destroy any previous year boxes, as your envelope box number will change. Also, if you could please put your name on the front of the envelope, it would be a great help for data-in-put. This makes it so much easier for us. It takes time to continually look up numbers in the system and there are often many to look up. So, any help in this regard will be appreciated. If you cannot personally pick up your envelopes, or have someone pick them up for you, please call the office at 902 564 4222 and we will be glad to mail them or deliver them. Thank you.

St. Theresa CWL Rosary Project: *The St. Theresa Rosary Project of the St. Theresa CWL continues with 138,114.* Any parishioners who pray the rosary and wish to have it recorded in the bulletin can take a sheet available at the main entrance of the church, to fill out and put it in the collection basket at mass. No names required on these sheets.

Advent Tree: our Advent Tree is available again this year. Anyone wanting to place names of our love ones, family or friends, please see me before or after mass. Or call me at 902-539-8865 and I will record them and place them on the tree. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Pat

St. Theresa's Men Club Meeting will be held Sunday, December 3rd in the hall at 7:00 pm

St. Theresa's Parish is now taking Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and confession.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confession is for children in Grade 3 and up. It is also for any children who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. January 7, 2024 there will be a parent Reconciliation Meeting. The meeting will be held at St. Theresa's Hall at 12:30 pm. For more information please call St. Theresa's Religious Office at 902-562-0070 or 902-539-2936.

Christmas with Cape Breton Choral: Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 pm Christ the King, 19 Trinity Avenue, Sydney, N.S. \$30.00 General Admission. Tickets: by calling 902-270-2591, from members, online at capebretonchorale.com with a limited number being available at the door.

Join us this Advent on The Road to Bethlehem, a religious festival held in five parishes during Advent. The Road to Bethlehem celebrates Advent with song, readings, and a play performed by children called Las Pasadas (the Inns). This is an opportunity for you and your family and friends to experience the true meaning, promise, and joy of Christmas.

- December 3rd St. Marguerite Bourgeous Church - Sydney 7:00 PM
- December 6th St Ann's Church – Membertou 7:00 PM
- December 10th Holy Rosary Church – Westmount 7:00 PM
- December 13th Stella Maris Church – Louisbourg 7:00 PM
- December 17th Our Lady of Fatima Church – Sydney River 7:00 PM

The Road to Bethlehem is a project of the Knights of Columbus Council 9476

Development & Peace: Together, let's support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras Development & Peace –Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner ERIC-Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain: 1. **Justice** 2. **Reparations and Protection** 3. **The cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits** 4. **The restoration of their national park.** "It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired. Daniel Marquez, Guapinol & former Political prisoner.

Let's ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in for solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at: devp.org/act.

Hanging of the Greens: Mark your calendars! United Heritage Church's annual tradition-Hanging of the Greens-will take place Sunday , December 10th at 3:00 pm. Performers will include the Cape Breton Chordsmen, the Breton Songbirds, the Celtic Chorus, soloists Paul Gatchell and Emma Francis, the Ella Reeves Memorial Handbell Choir, and the United Heritage Church Choir. There will be a freewill offering. We hope to see you there!

A Warm Welcome to Our **New Parishioners!** Interested in joining Saint Theresa's Parish Family Please let us know who you are and we will be happy to offer you more information and introduce you to our Parish life. Just fill out the form at the entrances or online) place it in the basket. It's great to have you with us! We encourage you to use our 'Pre-Authorized Donation' (PAD) service and boxed set of envelopes. Choosing the PAD service makes it easier for you to support us and is a welcomed benefit to the Parish as our expenses continue year round. Please help support us by picking up a PAD form and a boxed set of envelopes found in the Church foyer. Please consider remembering St Theresa's Parish in your Will and include us in the bequeath section of the obituary notice. Our Registered Charity number is: #106880147 RR0081. Thank you and many blessings to you and your loved ones! The Office is now able to accept Visa, MasterCard and AmEx. As well as PayPal. **Envelopes:** There are envelopes in the Centre Entrance and at the office for Memorial Donations to the Hall or the Church or the Cemetery. We have also added a Donation Button to the Web Site

This week Diocese:<http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/images/ThisMonthintheDiocese.pdf>

Please Pray for one another!