



SAINT THERESA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Parish Council: Kim Carroll 902-564-0097	Welcome all who join us in Worship! www.sainttheresasydney.com	
	St. Theresa Parish Hall: 902.564.8555	
	<i>Sat 4:15 pm Sunday 11:00am</i>	Secretary: Flora Marchand
Sacristan: Pat Parago	<i>Weekday Mass Thursday, Friday 12:10 pm</i>	
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>	



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17th, 2023

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. (Gospel)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Dec. 21, 2023 Thursday - Catherine Loretta Nadeau
- Dec. 22, 2023 Friday - Margaret MacKinnon
- Dec. 23, 2023 Saturday at 4:15 pm for Peter & Theresa Morrison
- Dec. 24, 2023 Sunday Mass at 11:00 am for the Fourth Sunday of Advent
Harold & Lillian Boyce & son John

Collection for December 10, 2023: Envelopes-\$2,052.10; Bldg. Fund-\$180.00; Christmas Cheer-\$105.00; Flowers-\$25.00; Food Bank-\$20.00; Pastor's Dues-\$300.00; Christmas Offering-\$200.00; Shepherds Trust-\$5.00; Initial Offering-\$5.00; Cemetery-\$50.00; Missal-\$66.00; PADS-\$418.62

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th: Mass at 4:15 pm and then a later one at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25th – one Mass at 11:00 am.

Decorating the Church for Christmas: the church will be decorated for Christmas at the 12:30 pm on Sunday, December 17th. For anyone wishing to help decorate it would be much appreciated. **If you would like to make a small donation for Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please place in an envelope and place it in the collection.** Thank you, Donna Sawlor & Maureen Campbell.

ENVELOPES 2024:

Your Parish envelopes for 2024 are located at the front entrance of the church on a table to your left. The boxes are in alphabetical order. Please take your box. Also please note that more than likely your envelope # has changed. It is imperative you destroy any 2023 envelopes once you begin using your new ones. If your address has changed, please put it on the first envelope you use. If you are unable to pick up your envelopes please call the parish office at 902 564 4222 and we will be glad to deliver them.

New Parishioners can find new envelopes on a table to the right. Please mark your info on the sheet provided with envelope #, name, address, phone number. 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.

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.

St. Theresa's Men's Club: There will be a meeting on January 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Development & Peace: Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act!

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023.

"The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment." — Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso **Act now!**

Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park (devp.org/act) **Please sign the petition sheet at the back of the church!**

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.

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

December 17th Our Lady of Fatima Church – Sydney River 7:00 PM

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!