



SAINT THERESA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22nd, 2024

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting the infant leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Gospel)

Parish Council: Kim Carroll 902-564-0097	<u>Welcome all who join us in Worship!</u> www.sainttheresasymdney.com	
	St. Theresa Parish Hall: 902.564-8555	
Weekend Masses:	Sat 4:15 pm Sunday 11:00 am	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 President Patricia Parago 902-539-8865
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>	

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE St. Theresa’s Church:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024 Mass at 4:15 pm

Christmas Day, December 25, 2024 Mass at 11:00 am

St. Mary’s Polish Church: Caroling at 7:30 pm, Christmas Eve Mass at 8:00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS: NO MASSES Thursdays & Fridays until further notice!

Sat.Dec.21-Joe MacIntyre,Jr. Sun. Dec. 22- William & Rose Burke

Collection for: Dec.8, 2024: Envelopes-\$1,561.75; Bldg. Fund-\$195.00; Pastor Dues-\$218.00 Food Bank-\$110.00; Christmas Cheer-\$175.00; Missals-\$21.00; Candles-\$295.00; Flowers-\$145.00; PADS-\$350.54

Collection for Dec. 15, 2024: Envelopes-\$1,896.00; Bldg. Fund-\$225.00; Pastors Dues-\$50.00; Food Bank-\$15.00; Christmas Cheer-\$240.00; Christmas Offering-\$170.00; Cemetery-\$50.00; Christmas Flowers-\$90.00; Missals -\$48.00; PADS-\$350.54

ENVELOPES FOR 2025: Your envelopes for 2025 are at the front entrance of the church in alphabetical order. It is important that you destroy any old envelopes. New Parishioners wanting envelopes can call the Parish office at 902-564-4222 Monday to Thursday.

St.Theresa’s Parish First Communion: will be starting First Holy Communion Classes and First Confession classes in January 2025. If you have children ready to receive these sacraments, please register by calling St. Theresa’s Parish. For more information please call: 902-564-4222 or 902-549-3768.

St. Theresa CWL Rosary Project: *The St. Theresa Rosary Project of the St. Theresa CWL continues with 151,083.* 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.

Grand In The Hand December Draw: will take place on Saturday, December 21st, before the 4:15 pm Mass, \$1000.00 to the winner and the other thousand to be paid on the Debt. January draw will take place January 25th, Blocks will go on sale before the New year only 200 blocks are sold!!!!

St. Theresa's Men's Club: will hold their next meeting on January 05, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

St. Theresa's Men's Club wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

Change of Time for Christmas Day Mass for Shut-Ins: Mass is Christmas Day at 11:00 am

The Week for Christian Unity. usually held in January, is scheduled this year for the week of Monday, January 20th, through to Friday, January 24th, 2025 Venue to be announced

Christmas Flowers: In Memory of Jim MacArthur, his two brothers and his Parents From Emily MacArthur; In Memory of the Deceased members of the Beaton & Nardocchio From Ken Beaton; In Memory of my Husband Michael Bartlett, Son Jamie Bartlett From Sheila Bartlett; In Memory of Frank Bennett from Anna Bennett & Family; In Memory of Frank Bennett From Shelly Bennett-Trifos, In Memory of Winnifred & George McIntyre, Allan McIntyre, Robert McIntyre From Frances & Kevin McIntyre; In Memory of George & Refina MacNeil, Alfred & Irene Youden From Alf & Gloria Youden; In Memory of Walter Hagen, Sr., Walter Hagen, Jr., Deceased Members of the Hagen Family and the O'Flaherty Family & Florence Hagen From Ada Hagen, Donation for Flowers from Kevin McCormick.

St. Marquerite Bourgeoys and MacIntyre Chevrolet are selling tickets on a brand new car! Tickets are available for sale on a Chevrolet Trax LS. Cost of the tickets is \$50.00. Only 1200 tickets sold. They can be purchased at the church office during regular working hours or from the following members of Parish Council: Ronnie Martin 902-562-8530 or Tom Ripley 902-565-4452. Tickets will also be sold before and after week-end masses. The winning ticket will be drawn on New Year's Eve at 4 o'clock mass. Good luck everyone!

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine: A word of sincere appreciation for all of you who contributed so generously to our fund-raising campaign this year. We have reached a little over half of our goal of \$50,000.00. Some of our projects have been completed and some will wait till the Spring. Thank you for your support. Have a Joyous Christmas and Blessings to you in 2025. Board & Management

Development & Peace, Thank You for helping us reap our rights together!

In Laudate Deum, Pope and Francis reminds us that "everything is connected" and "no one is saved alone"(LD,19). This is why peasant farmers in the Global South need solidarity to ensure that their rights are respected.

"The rights enshrined in UNDROP provide a clear pathway for peasants in countries like Nigeria to enjoy access to land, and gifts of nature, and to live with dignity. They expect Canada to make laws to hold her companies accountable and prevent them from polluting the environments and abusing people and the planet in our country." *Nnimmo Bassey, Executive Director, HOME F*

If you haven't already done so, please sign our campaign letter at devp.org/act to ask Canada to adopt **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation**

The Road to Bethlehem The final presentation of **The Road to Bethlehem** will occur on Sunday evening, December 22nd at 7:00 pm in Wentworth Park. Take time away from the hustle and bustle and join us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. In song, word, and reflection we retell the story of Mary & Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. This is a Christmas Festival for the entire Christian Community, especially children. Join us! The Road to Bethlehem is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 9476