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December 14th, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the words of Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus. (Gospel)

	<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
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	Friday Charismatic Prayer Group 2:00 pm in Glebe House Office!	
<u>Note</u> Office Closed on Fridays	Office Hours – Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs. 9:00 till noon	

Collection for: Nov. 30, 2025: Envelopes - \$1427.90; Bldg. Fund - \$260.00; Christmas Cheer: \$115.00; Food Bank -\$5.00; Missals - \$18.00; Candles-\$5.00; PADS - \$338.08;

Collection for Dec. 7, 2025: Envelopes - \$2892.55; Bldg. Fund - \$315.00; Pastors Dues - \$140.00; Christmas Cheer - \$1185.00; Christmas Offering\$190.00; Candles- \$20.00; Missals - \$115.00; Food Bank -\$100.00; Donation-\$500.00; PADS – \$356.54

Christmas Schedule: St. Theresa's Church Christmas Eve 4:15 pm; Christmas Day11:00 am; St. Mary's Polish Church – Christmas Eve 8:00pm

Religious Education: St. Theresa's Church is now taking registration for Religious Education classes, including classes for First Holy Communion, Confession and Confirmation. All parents who would like their children to receive these sacraments, please call 902-562-0070, 902-549-3768, or 902-564-4222. All children must be at least seven years of age or older.

St. Theresa CWL Rosary Project continues with 164,638 rosaries. Any parishioners who pray the rosary and wish to have it 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 to be recorded. No names are required on these sheets.

Christmas Flowers- Anyone wishing to donate to the Christmas Flowers just put it in an envelope mark who it is memory of and your name and envelope number.

St. Theresa's CWL Meeting: will take place January 11, 2026 at 2:00 pm in Parish Hall.

St. Theresa's Men's Club Meeting: will take place Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Reconciliation for Christmas: will take place at Lady of Fatima Church on December 20th, from 10: am till 3:00pm.

10 am to 11am - Fr. Antolin Asor & Fr. Anthony Eboh; 11am to 12 noon - Fr. Douglas Murphy;

12 to 1pm - Fr. Bedford Doucet; 1pm to 2pm - Fr. Bill Burke; 2pm to 3pm - Fr. Conrad Edwards & Fr. David Rankin

St. Theresa's Parish Centre Memorial Wall: The St. Theresa's Hall Committee met earlier this year and approved the establishment of a Memorial Wall in the Parish Centre. The portrait of George and Georgina Gallant is on the wall at the top of the stairs to right of the Hall street entrance. The family made a donation to the Parish Centre for the placement of the picture on the wall. If you would like to have a portrait on the wall as a memorial of your family or loved one(s) then please visit the Parish Office or contact any one of the members of the Hall Committee. Feel free to see the picture that is there for sizing and placement. Thank You

Resurrection Cemetery: Resurrection Cemetery is requesting that all persons who have a burial lot reserved (unpaid lots) to contact the cemetery office (902-564-6304) as soon as possible. At the time of reserving a lot – lots were reserved for a one-year period with the intention of making payment after one year. Currently, these payments have been long overdue. To have a burial lot listed in your name and secure the lot for a future burial, you must have a pre-cemetery contract either paid in full or have monthly installments withdrawn from your bank until the lot is paid in full. Reserved lots will remain in our reserve until December 15, 2025. After December 15, 2025, if you have not contacted the cemetery office to arrange a payment plan for the reserved lot(s), it will be placed into the cemetery inventory for future sales. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Car Draw is back! You could drive away with a brand new car and help out our parish in the process! Tickets are \$50.00 each or 3 for \$125.00! You could win a NEW Chevrolet TRAX 2RS. The draw will take place on Dec. 31st. If we sell out before New Year's Eve the draw will take place earlier. Only 2000 tickets.

Christmas Cheer Vouchers: Vouchers can be picked up on Thursday December 18, 2025 between 1-2pm at the Parish Hall (side entrance).

Hanging Of the Greens at United Heritage Church: The Hanging of the Greens will take place Sunday, December 14th at 3:00pm as we share music and explore the stories behind the symbols we decorate with during this sacred time of year. A freewill offering will be taken in lieu of tickets. Get there early to secure your seat.

Evening of Holiday Music with Donnie Campbell: Date: Sunday, December 14th, 2025, Time: 6 to 8pm. Place: T.J. Tracey Cremation & Burial Specialist, 6 Churchill Drive, Sydney, NS

Handel's Messiah - A Musical Celebration of Advent Join us for a moving performance of **Handel's Messiah**, performed by a choir and orchestra with members from across the CBRM. This cherished Oratorio captures the longing and hope of Advent—prophecies fulfilled, light breaking into darkness, and the joyful announcement of Christ's birth. Through Handel's inspired music and Scripture-filled text, we are invited to prepare our hearts once more for the coming of the Messiah. All are welcome to this uplifting celebration of the Advent season. Join us at **Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 PM**. Admission is free with a silver collection.

St. Mary's Parish East Bay CWL invites you "Come to the Ceilidh" At East Bay Firehall Sunday, Dec 14, 2:00-4:00 With Donna Marie DeWolfe, Allan Dewar, Philip & Marley Whyte. Admission is \$10.00 (12 & under FREE).

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. Our Registered Charity number is: #106880147 RR0081. Thank you and many blessings you and your loved ones! **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

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