

ST. ANDREW PARISH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass – 10:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:00 pm

ST. ANDREW

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 9:00 am – Corrine Peacock
& Dennis Freizen

Wednesday 7:00 pm – Marie Amelda Soubliere

Thursday 7:00 pm – Shirley Melskie

Saturday, December 15, 2018 – 4:30 pm

Dan Briand

ST. CLEMENTS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7:00 pm – Marie Payant

Spiritual Welfare of Gerald and Nora Mercer

Wednesday 9:00 am - Intentions of Keegan and
Kelemoi and Wayne McGrath.

Spiritual Welfare of Gerald and Nora Mercer

Thursday 9:00 am – Ray During

& Spiritual Welfare of Gerald and Nora Mercer

Friday 9:00 am - Maria Nguyen & Anne Dang
& *Spiritual Welfare of Gerald and Nora Mercer*

Saturday: December 15th - 4:00 pm

Maria Nguyen & Carmyl Pike

REFLECTION

Second Sunday of Advent –



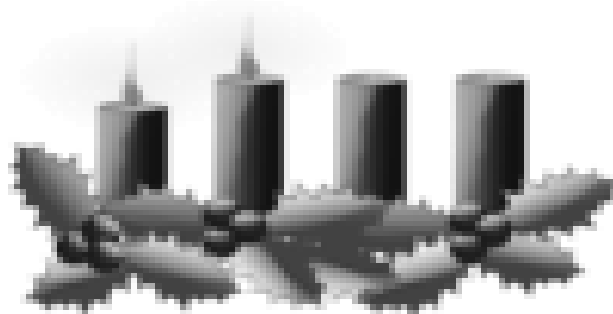
An Advent figure appears this Sunday in the Gospel - The vocation of John the Baptist - a voice crying out in the wilderness - “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

The Messiah’s coming was preceded by prophets who announced his arrival from afar, like heralds who announce the arrival of a great King. The whole life of John the Baptist is determined by the mission, even from his mother’s womb.

This is to be his vocation. His whole purpose will be to prepare for Jesus, a people capable of receiving the Kingdom of God. At the same time he is to give public testimony of Him. For this purpose he was conceived.

During this liturgical period the Church proposes the figure of John the Baptist for our meditation! As we meditate and reflect on John the Baptist and his vocation and apostolate, may we pray for the focus and commitment in our apostolate in the midst of the world we live in ... forgetting oneself and fostering a true concern for others.



FEAST OF ST. ANDREW / NEW PARISHES STRONGER TOGETHER

I want to thank all involved in organizing the potluck meal held last Saturday night at the Lion's Club to provide us with an opportunity to gather and socialize as a parish community.

In speaking with a number of people at the meal, it was suggested that this might be a wonderful way to meet with our brothers and sisters in the new parish configuration.

Each Church taking an opportunity to host the potluck in the parish and members from each Church joining to enjoy a meal and conversation together.

We will see in the New Year how this might transpire and be coordinated. Hopefully there will be some interest and be seen as an opportunity to get to know one another.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation



There will be two regional occasions in our area where we will have several parishes gather together before Christmas. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend one. Remember

there will also be our regular times in both Saint Andrew and Saint Clement before the Saturday evening Mass and before the weekday Masses or by appointment with a particular priest.

St. Peter Church (Maple Street) - Wednesday, December 12 at 7 pm - beginning with Evening Prayer and going into Sacrament of Reconciliation. (Several priests available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Saint Vincent de Paul (Forest Hills) - Wednesday, December 19 at 7 pm. (Several priests available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

SINGERS WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS



The folk choir is looking for singers to join us for the Christmas Eve Mass. All are welcome but you must attend at least one practice on either December 10th or 17th at 6:45 pm in the choir loft.

An optional practice will also be held on December 3rd. Please contact Kathleen Finlay at 902-443-2973 for more details.

VIDEO SERIES

The video series on Lectio Divina has begun and will continue each Tuesday in the St. Francis Room following the 9:00 am Mass. The course will conclude on December 18th, 2018. Each class will begin at 9:45 am and last roughly one hour. All are welcome.

The Advent video series on journey and prayer to the birth of Christ takes place Tuesday evening's beginning at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew Parish Center (Room B). This course too will conclude on December 18th.

There is no registration for either of these series. Just come and attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



As the Christmas season nears it is time to try and recruit a few people to help with preparing the church for Christmas. This will include putting up the decorations and erecting

the Manger Scene among other things.

Anyone who would like to help are asked to meet Pat and Kathleen on December 23rd at 2 pm. There is lots to do but many hands make light work.

F.O.O.D. ADVENT BACKPACK PROJECT



The Sorting Day for our Backpack Project will take place this coming Saturday, December 15, at 10:30 am at St. Clement Parish

Hall which is located at 16 Gaston Road in Dartmouth. If you still have bags left to fill, please ensure they are returned no later than Thursday, December 13th, to be sure we have them in time for your items to be included in the backpacks on Sorting Day.

If you have not yet taken a bag, please consider taking one today, and filling it with articles to be used to fill backpacks that will be given as Christmas gifts to the patrons of Feeding Others of Dartmouth.

We encourage you to plan on attending Sorting Day on Saturday – it is a great opportunity to witness stewardship in action in our community. It is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbours. We need people of all ages to help with sorting the presents and filling the backpacks. Many hands make light work and you can participate for as little as 30 minutes or stay until the last backpack is filled. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, December 15th. (If inclement weather is forecast we will move Sorting Day to Sunday the 16th at a later time of 1:30.)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Envelopes for Christmas Flower Donations in memory of deceased loved ones are now available at the back of the church. Please write the name(s) of your loved ones on the envelope along with your name and envelope number.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please help us keep our parish records up to date. Are you registered with the parish? Did you let us know if you moved recently? Does your tax receipt read properly? Please call the Parish Office or send us an email to let us know. Thank you.

UNITED FOR LIFE

"Nova Scotians United for Life once again invite all those whose dear baby has died unborn to come to "With my Angel at the Manger", Saturday, Dec. 15, 10am - 12 noon, St. Theresa's Church, Pius X room.

Here we celebrate being spiritually with our child at Christmas instead of trying to rush through Christmas because we feel the loss is too painful. Our children lived, if only briefly, and will always be a part of our family.

We will make a craft with baby's name on it and place it on the wreath which will also be put on Mary's altar over the Christmas season. And new this year we will learn to make finger rosaries in memory of our dear child.

Come, give your child this gift of yourself at Christmas time."

WEEKEND OF GRACE:



The early bird deadline for the 13th Annual Weekend of Grace for Women Conference, Lord Nelson Hotel, May 3- 5, 2019 is December 31, 2018. Keynote speakers are Catholic international evangelists Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, New Orleans.

This will be their only Canadian speaking engagement in 2019.

For more information call 902-435-1568 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION: THANK YOU!



Thank you for contributing to this year's Community Collection! Your donation will help, Archbishop

Mancini, his staff, and other church leaders to develop and provide the training, programs, resources, and support for all of us to create healthy vibrant communities of faith. It is within and through these communities that we witness and grow Christ's presence in our world today.

There is still time to make a contribution! The three ways you can donate:

Use your donor card and return envelope and mail to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Place your donation card in the return envelope and put it in your parish Sunday collection.

Make a donation online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click: Donate on the top right hand corner of the page. Please remember, all donations made before Dec 31 will be included in your 2018 tax receipt.

Thank you for your generosity.

2019 PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES



If you have not already done so, please pick up your package of offering envelopes for 2019.

If you are currently not receiving Parish envelopes and would like to obtain a packet of offering envelopes for the 2019 year or sign up for PAD, please contact Deacon Gordon at the Parish Office.

Thank you one and all for your continuous generosity to your Parish.

OCEAN VIEW NEEDS YOUR HELP

We pride ourselves on trying new things and continuing to grow the ways in which we help seniors in our community. But our small group of existing volunteers already have their hands full with programs and projects that are actively engaging our seniors.

How could Ocean View use your help? Offer a fun shopping outing, assist at meal time, assist with Adult Day Program, support seniors at home or offer other skills and talents or team

We know our seniors are relying on us all to work together to find creative ways to make life meaningful as they age.

More information about each of the volunteer opportunities listed above, along with a copy of our application form, is available at www.oceanv.ca/join-our-team



Also, when trying to find the right gift for someone consider visiting the Oceanside Cafe located on the ground floor and pick up some Eastern Passage Proud T-shirts as a gift – for only \$10 each! *All profits support Ocean View's fundraising efforts*

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT Featuring God Squad

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will be hosting a Christmas Benefit Concert featuring God Squad on Sunday, December 16th, 2018 at 8:00 pm (Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15.

Tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office by calling 902 435-2500 Ext. 0.

Come join us and enjoy all your favorite Christmas songs.

DO YOU HAVE A CATHEDRAL STORY?



Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica is an important part of life of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and has played an important part in the lives of many of the people in the diocese and beyond. In 2020, the Cathedral will celebrate its 200th Anniversary and we would like to know what part the Cathedral has played in people's lives.

In preparation to celebrate this milestone anniversary we're looking for your Cathedral stories. Have generations of your family been baptized in the Cathedral? Did you meet your spouse at the Cathedral?

Did a particular ministry or person associated with the Cathedral make a positive impact on your life? Did you encounter Christ in a particular way at the Cathedral?

Were you welcomed into the Catholic Church at the Cathedral? Did someone in your family take part in the construction of the Cathedral?

If you have a story to share we'd love to hear from you! Please email stories to: info@halifaxyarmouth.org

Please note "Cathedral Story" in the subject line of your email. Your stories should be 1500 words or less and can include one or two high resolution photos.

SUNDAY MISSALS



There are still Sunday Missals left and are available for the 2018/19 Liturgical Year (C) beginning on December 2nd, 2018, the 1st Sunday of Advent. The cost will be \$4.00 again this year just to cover the purchase price and shipping.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Religious Christmas cards are available for purchase near the entrance of the church beginning the weekend of October 20/21.

They are sold in packages of 10 cards, for \$10 per package or 3 packs for \$25.

Please contact the Parish Office for additional cards.

FRANCISCANS OF HALIFAX FURNITURE BANK



The Franciscans of Halifax have begun a furniture bank located at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 27 Farrell St., Dartmouth N.S. We will serve individuals and families who are in need of household items and are asking for donations of slightly used furniture, dishes, and other household items.

We are also pleased to pick up any household items, call Fr. Peter Hanna at 902-225-4722 Or email: fohfurniturebank@gmail.com

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: HOPE

We light the second purple candle on the Second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, "tiqvah", contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, "elpis" depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises.