



Second Sunday of Advent

~ Tri - Parish News ~

(Immaculate Conception, St. Andrew and Ste. Croix churches)

The Roman Catholic Communities of

Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton

St. Andrew,
St. Andrews

Ste. Croix,
Pomquet

8th of December 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

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Tri-Parish of Heatherton,
Pomquet and St. Andrews

Baptisms

Please contact the parish office
for a registration form and to
indicate day of baptism

Marriages

Please phone the Tri-Parish Office
or Fr. Dennis at least
12 months in advance to ensure the
marriage course is arranged

Funeral Receptions

Heatherton: 902-870-5432

St. Andrews: 902-863-5522

Pomquet:

PJ Baccardax Hall

902-870-7721

Centre Communautaire de Pomquet
902-386-2513 or 902-863-1022

Sacrament of Reconciliation

on request prior to Mass
and on Saturdays at St. Andrews
from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Contact the parish office
to request a Mass offering

December

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at Ste. Croix Church in Pomquet

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Church in St. Andrews

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Heatherton

Please Note:

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary 20 minutes
prior to Sunday Mass in St. Andrews.

~ Mass Schedule for the Week ~

Thursday, 12 December at 10:00 a.m. in Heatherton ~ Bessie Snair

Saturday, 14 December at 4:00 p.m. in Pomquet

Sunday, 15 December at 9:30 a.m. in St. Andrews ~ Jane Landry

Sunday, 15 December at 11:00 a.m. in Heatherton ~ Ed & Lori MacDonald

Holy Hour / Reconciliation

Holy Hour every Saturday at St. Andrew Church in St. Andrews from 1 to 2 p.m.
with availability for Reconciliation. **Please Note:** When there is a wedding or
funeral held on Saturday, the Holy Hour will be cancelled for that day. **Please
phone the office to hear a message to find out if the Holy Hour is cancelled.**

Sacraments Dates, ie baptisms, etc., must be confirmed through the parish
office. Phone 902-386-2810 or jolene3catholic@gmail.com to arrange these.

Knights' News: Coats for Kids is your opportunity to donate new or gently used
winter coats to K of C council 14596. Collection bins can be found at the entrance
of our three churches throughout the month of November. We accept donations
for men, woman, children and babies. Thank you.

The booklet, **Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas "Waiting in Joyful
Hope 2024-2024"** is now available by donation. Prepare for the coming of Christ
with this popular guide. During the especially busy Advent & Christmas seasons,
this booklet offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture
into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. Readers will grow in
their understanding of the word of God. This book will help busy people achieve
their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Advent & Christmas.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, 24 December

4:00 p.m. in St. Andrews

6:00 p.m. in Heatherton and 6:00 p.m. in Pomquet

8:00 p.m. in Paqtnekek

Christmas Day, 25 December

10:00 a.m. in St. Andrews

All electronic donations to the parish may be made using the following e-mails:

heatherton.parish1@gmail.com (parish operating) for Heatherton

heatherton.parish2@gmail.com (building fund/capital) for Heatherton

standrews.parish1@gmail.com (parish operating) for St. Andrews

standrews.capitol2@gmail.com (building fund/capital) for St. Andrews

pomquet.parish@gmail.com (parish operating) for Pomquet

pomquetp@gmail.com (building fund/capital) for Pomquet

On the evening of December 21 at 5:30 pm there will be a **Las Posadas** (The Inns) celebration at the Immaculate Conception Parish. Las Posadas is a popular Advent celebration in Latin America. It is traditionally celebrated for nine days before Christmas and has three main parts. It begins by praying the Rosary, then participants join Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem and their search for shelter. The evening concludes with food, fellowship and of course a pinata. One village celebration of Las Posadas is captured beautifully in Tomie dePaola's children's book "The Night of Las Posadas". You can enjoy a read aloud of the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79ArflFunZk> Because the celebration of Las Posadas is new for our community, we will have a short practice to learn the traditional song sung at the doors of the inns. Join us Monday, Dec. 16 from 6-7 pm in the Immaculate Conception Chapel for practice. More info on how we will celebrate Las Posadas is still to come!

Next Thursday, 12 December, the Tri-Parish Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and will be closed in the afternoon, for this week only.

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In the next week or so, Regina will be setting up the **schedule for ministries** for the months of January, February, March and April (Sunday, 9:30 am Mass). If you know that you will not be available on any particular weekend, and have not already informed Regina, please let her know as soon as possible so she can avoid placing you on the schedule for that weekend. Either call her at 902-386-2914 or e-mail her at reginatate@myyahoo.com. Thank you.

The CWL will be purchasing **Christmas flowers** for the church. If you wish to contribute to the cost of these flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Regina (902-386-2914) or Mary Ellen (902-386-2687). If you would like to have your name and those of your loved ones acknowledged in the bulletin, please make your contribution by December 15th.

It is time again to collect the annual **CWL dues** which are \$34.00 this year. Genna Maas will be collecting the dues over the next few weeks. E-transfer at rogers_genna@hotmail.com or call at 870-2429 to arrange payment.

Funds received this week with thanks include:

Regular Sunday = \$1,080.00	Loose = \$56.00
Books and Missalettes = \$40.00	Building = \$10.00

~ St. Andrew Parish News ~

The **St Andrews CWL** is now collecting dues for 2025. The price is \$35. Members may drop them to Loyola at MacDonald's Convenience or e-transfer to me at mkgarensars@gmail.com. I will also be collecting at church for a few Sunday masses. New members are welcome to join

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of **Christmas poinsettias** for St. Andrew Church in memory of a deceased loved one may do so before the deadline of Sunday, 15 December. Mary Carroll and Pauline MacIntosh will be at the church entrance before and after the Sunday Mass collecting names and donations before and after the Sunday Masses in St. Andrews. All donations are greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Funds received this week with thanks include: Regular Sunday envelopes = \$1,222.00 Loose = \$78.05

~ Ste. Croix Parish News ~

Altar Servers: We continue to be in need of Altar servers so please consider helping out and signing up on the clipboard at the back of the church. With enough volunteers, your turn should only come up once a month or so.

Funds received this week with thanks include:

Regular Sunday Envelope = \$930.00	Loose = \$ 24.00
Shepherd's Trust = \$10.00 Cemetery = \$20.00	Building Fund = \$10.00 Missals = \$40.00

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of **Christmas Poinsettias** for the church in memory of a deceased family member may place their donation in the weekly collection in a separate envelope with the name of the donor and the deceased. The deadline will be Sunday, 15 December in order to have all the names ready to publish in the bulletin. All donations are greatly welcomed and appreciated.

~ Community News ~

Heatherton 4-H Club meeting on Sunday, 8 Dec., 6 pm in the Heather Room at the Heatherton Community Centre.

Highland Academy Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, 12 December, 1 p.m. in the Heatherton Community Centre. Light refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. The snow-date will be Friday, 13 December.

"Countdown to Christmas Market" at the Heatherton Community Centre next Saturday, 14 December 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please check out the Facebook event page for information on the vendors participating with baked goods, jewellery, knitted goods, soap, photography, decorations, ornaments and much more. There will also be chili and biscuit for \$5.00 along with a beverage that can also be purchased (tea, coffee, pop or water). This will be a great opportunity to get some beautiful Christmas gifts, or a little treat for yourself at the same time be supporting local crafters and bakers.

Heather Club 60 Update: Auction 45's continues every Tuesday at 7 p.m. except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Open House from 10 a.m. until noon continues every Wednesday for cards or games except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The regular monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, 11 December at 2:00 p.m. A hot turkey dinner will be served for all members on Sunday, 15 December at 5:30 pm at Heather Club 60. If you haven't joined yet and wish to you must call Mary Ellen MacDonald at 902-386-2687 by Monday evening, 9 December in order to attend the dinner.

The St. Andrews Seniors Oak and Owl Club **Annual Bake Sale** on December 15 at the St. Andrews Community Centre. Squares, cakes, doughnuts, bread and biscuits and a variety of Christmas treats. The sale will start at 10 am.

~ Diocesan News ~

The following link is for the latest edition of the Antigonish Diocese newsletter, "The Seven Ears of Grain".
<https://mailchi.mp/8bd00cdccc29/seven-ears-of-grain-6418367>