

## CHRISTMAS 2023

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isa. 9:2)  
On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared Covid-19 viral disease a pandemic. Canada's provinces and territories declared state of emergencies as cases of community transmission were confirmed. To varying degrees the provincial governments implemented prohibitions on schools, day care and church worship gatherings. Closures on non-essential businesses, banning any border entry; hospital operations and doctor's appointments were heavily restricted.

Still reeling from the pangs of the pandemic, on December 21, 2021, the Archdiocese filed for creditor protection in order to determine the best way to settle the victim's claims and creditor liabilities.

The legal proceedings led to the sale of church properties and the withdrawal of savings from the parishes' accounts. On August 6th this current year, it added to one's exacerbation the final closing of a number of community churches of the Parish of Our Lady of Angels and the loss of the parish status of St. Francis Xavier.

The pandemic, the court judgment on the Archdiocese liability, the loss of churches and assets have brought down darkness along our path. The faithful are deeply hurt, angry and disheartened. Others needed some respite in church attendance and support. Some may need prayers and kindness, hopefully soon they may be back into the fold.

In the midst of darkness, confusion, sufferings and hurt, there is light. Christ is the LIGHT. The King of Peace could turn hatred into love; our grievances into forgiveness; and sadness into joy. The light of Jesus shine through our good deeds and words giving glory and praise to God. Parishioners who have remained steadfast in faith served as an inspiration and strength of the parish. Parishioners who continuously offered their time, energy and services makes the presence of Christ alive among us.

Let us celebrate Christmas with praise and thanksgiving.  
Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

On behalf of Fr. Charlie Kelly and Fr. Jerome Hann, may the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

*Fr. Jose*



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2023  
The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas  
December 25, 2023

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Pastor: Fr. Jose Joaquin  
Secretary: Kay Whiffen

Marriages: Please contact the office at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding date.  
A Marriage Preparation Course is required.

Baptism: By Appointment.

Prerequisite for Baptism -- 1) Baptismal Preparation Course  
2) Birth Certificate for child

***Sanctuary Lamp***

In loving Memory of  
Eugene & Rita Hannam, John, Connie & Jack Moore

**Please Note: This is a Two Week Bulletin**

**Schedule for Week of  
December 26, 2023 – January 1, 2024**

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family**

**Sat. 2:00 p.m. Arnold's Cove Mass – Hilltop Manor**  
**Int:** + Ernest Ryan, +Edith Lynch, +Corey Ennis

**Sat. 4:00 p.m. Southern Harbour**  
**Int:** +Dominic & Kitty Leonard, +Dean Picco,  
+Carol Ann Ryan

**Minister of the Word:** Clara Leonard  
**Church Cleaners:** Group#5: Lana Parsons, Denise Ryan, Nellie Wareham, Roseanne Flight

**Sat. 7:00 p.m. Dunville Int:** +Peter & Winnifred King, +Julia &  
Clarence Browne, +Peter, Joseph, William, Rita,  
Brett & Billy King, +Betty King-Multer &  
+William Multer

**Minister of the Word:** Wayne Power Jr.  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Joan Meaney

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Feast of Holy Family**

**Sun. 9:30 a.m. Dunville Int:** +Mary & Maurice Cochrane, +Arch Moores,  
+Paul Cochrane, +Clara Cochrane, +Pat Pearson

**Minister of the Word:** Doris Smith  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Diane Cheeseman

**Sun. 11:15 a.m. Dunville Int:** Parish Intentions  
**Minister of the Word:** Fred Taylor  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Maureen Whiffen

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**

**Sun. 4:00 p.m. Dunville Int:** +Margaret Newman, +Robert Hapgood,  
+Martha & Ray Foley

**Minister of the Word:** Gladys Morgan  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Bridget Foley

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day**

**Mon. 9:30 a.m. Dunville Int:** Parish Intentions  
**Minister of the Word:** Wayne Power Sr.  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Joan Meaney

**Mon. 11 :15 a.m. Long Harbour**  
**Int:** +Doreen Greene, +William Best, +Deceased  
members of Ennis Family

**Minister of the Word:** Adrian Norman

**Schedule for Week of  
January 2 – 7, 2024**

**Wed. 10:30 a.m. Dunville Int:** +Sr. Patricia Maher, +Eddie Pomroy, +Bill Greene

**Sat. 4:00 p.m. Long Harbour**  
**Int:** +Frank Keating, +John, Gladys & Wally Burke  
+Doreen Greene

**Minister of the Word:** Patricia Burke

**Sat. 7:00 p.m. Dunville Int:** +Jonathan Ryan, +Joan Flood,  
+Catherine Moores

**Minister of the Word:** Jacinta Traverse  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Lucy Duke

**Sun. 9:30 a.m. Dunville Int :** Parish Intentions  
**Minister of the Word:** Jerome McGrath  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Anne Marie McGrath

**Sun. 11 :15 a.m. Dunville Int:** +Patrick Gambin, +Ruth Patterson,  
+Anthony Kelly, +Edward & Eliza Hartley

**Minister of the Word:** Mary Griffiths  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Maureen Whiffen

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**Fundraiser – 50/50 Draw:** Tickets for the month of December are now available.  
Tickets can be bought on by e-transfer: [olagrandyourhand@gmail.com](mailto:olagrandyourhand@gmail.com)

**Electronic Funds – Transfer:** We can now accept transfers –  
[ourladyofangelsparish@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofangelsparish@gmail.com) for donations to our Parish.

**Parish Office Closed: December 25, 2023 – January 2, 2024**

**Prayer for Peace**

Lord God,  
No one is a stranger to you  
And no one is ever far from your loving care.  
In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war,  
Those separated from their loved ones,  
Young people who are lost,  
And those who have left home or who have run away from home.  
Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be,  
And help us always to show your kindness  
to strangers and to all in need. Amen.