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First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

Pastor: Fr. Michael Barker
Mass Schedule December 3 - 10, 2023

Sunday	Dec. 3	9:30 a.m.	Hr. Main	<i>Parishioners</i> / Frances, Loretta & Andy Myers/ Catherine Walsh (Kitty)/ Joseph Sr. & Joey Martin & all deceased members of Moore & Martin Families/ George & Mary (Dish) Woodford/ Renee Walsh & Simon Hickey
Sunday	Dec. 3	11:00 a.m.	Holyrood	Adele Hunt/ Reg Anthony and deceased Anthony & Mansfield families/ Duncan & Marcella McNeil/ George & Anna Murphy/ Kenneth & Joseph Walsh/ Lawrence & Mary Marrie and the Marrie and Daley families/ Keith Duke
Sunday	Dec. 10	9:30 a.m.	Hr. Main	Bill & Annie Murphy/ Lawrence & Bill Murphy/ Ed & Christy Costigan/ Raymond Russell & Bill & Stella Rousselle & deceased family members/ Dr. Richard & Maureen Kennedy/ Veronica, Michael & Albert Slaney
Sunday	Dec. 10	11:00 a.m.	Holyrood	<i>Parishioners</i> / Eugene Crowley, Paula Flynn & Clara Rose/ Rose & Patrick O’Kelly/ Jane & Elizabeth Bennett/ William Paul Bennett/ Michael & Lena Wade/ Michael Wade, Jr.

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Day	Readers	Sacristans	Eucharistic Ministers	Music Ministry
December 10 9:30 a.m. Hr. Main	Emily Brown	Theresa Earles	M.A. Kavanagh	Dave Woodman & Guitar Group
December 10 11:00 a.m. Holyrood	Gerrienne Devereaux	Jeanette Mahoney	Tracey Healey	Choir

Hr. Main for the Month of December:	Holyrood
Church Cleaners: Volunteer Fire Department	Sacristans to care for the church: Dec. 31 st - Jan. 20 th : Ann Marie Marrie
Collection Monitors: Paul Howse & Gerald Dalton	Sunday Missals are available in both parishes at a cost of \$5.00 each
Linens: Debbie Buckle	






Saturday, December 23	4:00 pm	Hr. Main	
(4 th Sunday of Advent)	6:00 pm	Holyrood	
December 24 Christmas Eve	6:00 pm	Holyrood	
December 24 Christmas Eve	8:00 pm	Hr. Main	
December 25 Christmas Day	10:30 am	Holyrood	
Sunday, December 31	9:30 pm	Hr. Main	11:00 am Holyrood
Monday, January 1	9:30 pm	Hr. Main	11:00 am Holyrood
Saturday, January 6	7:00 pm	Memory Tree Mass, Hr. Main	

<p>Revenue for Holyrood</p> <p>Collection for November 26th: Regular Sunday - \$1454.65; Restoration - \$140.00; Memorial - \$10.00</p> <p>in memory of: Keith Duke</p>

<p>Revenue for Hr. Main</p> <p>Collection for November 26th: Regular Sunday - \$1027.00; Fuel - \$95.00; Insurance - \$50.00; Dues - \$40.00</p>



DECEMBER 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: This is the first Sunday of Advent and the first Sunday of the new liturgical year (Year B). There are three aspects of anticipation to Jesus’ coming in the Advent season: the celebration of his birth some 2000 years ago (past), receiving Jesus in our lives today (present), and his coming again at the end of time (future). Today’s readings emphasize the third aspect when Jesus comes again in glory. In the Gospel, Jesus says, “Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.” Let us take time during this Advent season to examine our lives to prepare for that final day when we will meet God face to face.



Prayers & Sympathy to the family and friends of **Annie Hawco** of Holy Cross Parish who passed away on November 24, 2023. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.



Sts. Peter & Paul and Holy Cross Christmas Flowers. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation for flowers in memory of a loved one, may do so by placing donations in the collection basket marked Christmas Flowers. Anyone wishing to donate flowers, please contact Maria Woodford (Hr. Main) or the Parish Offices. **We will remember our loved ones in a special way at our Christmas Masses.**



Sts. Peter & Paul Food Hampers. Your continued support of food and monetary donations for the Christmas Food Hampers will be greatly appreciated.

2nd Week - December 3rd: Tea, Coffee, Tin Milk, Sugar, Hot Chocolate, Syrup, Bread, Cake, Cookies, Candy

3rd Week - December 10th: Fresh Vegetable Hampers, Potatoes, Bread Crumbs, Savoury, Onions

4th Week - December 17th: All donations are still being accepted.

Parishioners requesting food hampers, kindly phone Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Office at 229-3237 early in December with your hamper request. **Your requests are held in confidence. The hampers will be distributed on December 18th.**

PLEASE NOTE: The Town Recreation will be hosting a food drive on Saturdays. The dates will be December 2nd , 9th & 16th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The drop off location is the basement of the Town Hall. As usual, food donations can be dropped off at the church on Sundays, the Parish Office, the Hr. Main Post Office and also the town hall any day of the week. Any and all donations would be kindly appreciated.

Holy Cross Parish Christmas readers schedule is available at the church entrance.



Holy Cross Parish Christmas Hampers. With Christmas quickly approaching, we are once again asking for your support in helping fill this need. Any and all donations are appreciated throughout the year (and can be left at the back of the church) but in particular at this time we need items like: Juice, Cereal, Tea, Sugar, Hot Chocolate and toiletry items like body wash and shampoo, etc. We’d appreciate having your donations in by Sunday, December 17th as distribution is Wednesday, December 20th. Names for the hampers should be submitted to the parish (229-6250) no later than Friday, December 15th, as we need time to prepare and order some items. The parish thanks you again for your continued support.



Sts. Peter & Paul Memory Tree. **Forms for the Memory Tree 2023 are available at the entrance to the church. To ensure inclusion in the book, forms are to be returned by Sunday, December 3, 2023. While we will make every effort, we cannot guarantee anything received after December 3rd will be included in the book. Please return your completed form, in the envelope provided, to either the Parish Office, Town of Hr. Main Office, placed in the Sunday Collection Basket or dropped off to Mark & Mary Anne’s at 553 Conception Bay Highway in Holyrood. Thank you for you continued support.**



Holy Cross and Sts. Peter & Paul Parish 2024 envelopes are available at the church entrances. If you would like to receive envelopes, please contact your parish office. Please note that this year, some of your numbers have changed as some parishioners are now opting to e-transfer instead of using envelopes.

The Holyrood MGA 50+Club will hold their Christmas turkey dinner and dance at the Star of the Sea on Friday, December 15th at 7:00 pm. Music by Jerome Cole. Members \$20.00; Non members \$30. For tickets call Mary at 229-7850 or Sadie at 229-4094.

Cloudberryes Choir proudly presents “Christmas at the Movies” at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:30 pm. Director: Sherry Crowley, Accompanist: Judy Parsons Kirby. Tickets \$10.00 at the door or from Choir members.

Topsail United Church has organized a Winter Coat Drive this winter to give back to our community. We are accepting donations of winter coats in all sizes (child, youth and adult). Drop off will be on December 9th from 10 am - 1 pm at Topsail United Church, main Entrance facing Topsail Road. Pick up on December 16th from 2 - 5 pm at Topsail United Church Main Entrance. We want to stress that there is a “no questions asked” policy for pick up! You can pick up for yourself or someone else you know who is in need this winter.

