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**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 2023**

**Pastor: Fr. Michael Barker**

**Mass Schedule December 17-24, 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Hr. Main</b>	<b>Parishioners/ Memorial Book Intentions/</b> John Flynn & Elizabeth Hynes/ William, Anna Marie, Jack, Willie, Chris, William C. Buckle/ Ed Hawco & John Lewis/ Mary E. & Raymond Hickey/ Simon Hickey & Betty Ann Fewer & Ellen Hickey
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holyrood</b>	<b>Memorial Book Intentions/</b> Mary T. & Stanley Ryan/ Catherine Florence Penney/ William J., Marjorie, Kenneth & Billy Dunphy/ Cyril Flynn/ John Devereaux/ Bob Power, Margaret & Ambrose Power/ Bernard & Betty Lewis/ Edward & Mary Fahey
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holyrood</b>	<b>Advent Penitential Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>Private Mass</b>		Lincoln Paladino/ Michael Cleary/ Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Colliers</b>	<b>Advent Penitential Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Tobin's</b>	<b>Residents of Personal Care Home</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Marysvale</b>	<b>Advent Penitential Service</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>	<b>Private Mass</b>		John Veitch/ James & Marion Lewis and the Lewis & McDonald families/ Annie Hawco/Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 21</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Eason's</b>	<b>Residents of Personal Care Home</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>Private Mass</b>		Bill & Annie Murphy/ Lawrence & Bill Murphy/ John & Marc Andrew Connor
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Woodford's</b>	<b>Residents of Personal Care Home</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hr. Main</b>	Donny Ezekiel/ Bert, Mary & George Dalton and deceased family members
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holyrood</b>	John Leo, Nora Penney & family/ Catherine Penney/ Vivian Penney/ Shirley & Mike Cronin/ Fred Doran/ Eugene Crowley, Bill Besso & Murial Maloney
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Holyrood</b>	Keith, Philip, Theresa & Daphne Duke/ William & Elizabeth Crawley/ Cyril Patrick Flynn/ Brendan Hunt/ Pat Hamlyn/ Lawrence & Nora Healey and the Healey & Hickey families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hr. Main</b>	Agnes & Gerald Strapp/ Kathleen & Arnold Mahoney/ Debbie Strapp & Karl Meister/ Don Hawco/ Jack & Mary G. Corbett/ Alban Murphy

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**A light will shine on us this day: The Lord is born for us**

Day	Readers	Sacristans	Eucharistic Ministers	Music Ministry
December 23 4:00 p.m. Hr. Main	Bob Myers	Gerry Furey	Josephine Duggan	Sherry Myers & Maria Woodford
December 23 6:00 p.m. Holyrood	Theresa Ennis	Jeanette Mahoney	Angela Duke	Choir
December 24 6:00 p.m. Holyrood	Nellie Lucas	Jeanette Mahoney	Mary Piccott	Choir
December 24 8:00 p.m. Hr. Main	Josephine Duggan	Gerry Furey	Josephine Duggan	Bob Myers & Maria Woodford

**Hr. Main for the Month of January:**

**Holyrood**

**Church Cleaners:** Barb Penney (co-ordinator), Paula Corbett, Betty Woodman, Rhonda Dalton, Sandra Corbett & Lisa Costigan

**Collection Monitors:** Denise Brown & Mary Dalton

**Linens:** Rose Trahey

**Sacristans to care for the church:**

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>: Ann Marie Marrie

Holy Cross Parish Eucharistic Ministers schedule is available at the church entrance.

**Revenue for Holyhood**

**Collection for December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Sunday - \$776.30; Dues - \$390.00; Flowers - \$390.00; Community Support- \$2169.00; Restoration - \$555.00 *in memory of:* Annie Hawco - \$230.00, Edward Corbett - \$85.00, David O'Brien - \$5.00, Leonard Brophy - \$10.00; Memorial - \$20.00 *in memory of:* Annie Hawco - \$5.00, Leonard Brophy - \$15.00; Cemetery - \$205.00 *in memory of:* Edward Corbett - \$5.00; Garden Party - \$50.00; Christmas Offering - \$20.00

**Revenue for Hr. Main**

**Collection for December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Regular Sunday - \$680.00; Fuel - \$340.00



**DECEMBER 17 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:**

Today we celebrate *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because of the first word in Latin of the entrance antiphon, *Gaudete (Rejoice)*. The Entrance

Antiphon reads, *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.* It orients our prayer and Mass today and we realize that the Lord is indeed near. As Catholics, we are called to be people of joy today and every day of our existence. The Lord is always present in our midst: in the Eucharist, in Sacred Scripture, in our hearts, and in our community. We have reason to rejoice!

**Thank you** to Cloudberrries Choir for their donation of \$300.00 to Holy Cross Parish.



**Sts. Peter & Paul Food Hampers.** Your continued support of food and monetary donations for the Christmas Food Hampers will be greatly appreciated. All donations are still being accepted. Parishioners requesting food hampers, kindly phone Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Office at 229-3237. **Your requests are held in confidence.**

**The hampers will be distributed on December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.



**Congratulations and Best Wishes to Abel Edward Murray,** son of Cindy Murray & Jamie Kehoe, who was baptized on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. May God continue to bless this child with love especially from his parents and godparents.

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**Prayers & Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Leonard Brophy** of Holy Cross Parish who passed away on December 8, 2023 and **Margaret Dalton** also of Holy Cross Parish who passed away on December 8, 2023. May their souls and all the souls of the

faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace.



**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 17<sup>th</sup> as distribution is Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Names for the hampers should be submitted to the parish (229-6250) no later than Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, as we need time to prepare and order some items. The parish thanks you again for your continued support.



<b>Mon., Dec. 25, Christmas Day</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Holyhood</b>
<b>Sun., Dec.31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Hr. Main</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holyhood</b>
<b>Mon., Jan. 1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Hr. Main</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holyhood</b>
<b>Sat., Jan. 6</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hr. Main</b>
		<b>Memory Tree Mass</b>

**Bishop Daniels** announces the following Pastoral Appointments effective January 31, 2024:

Rev. David Joy, currently pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Harbour Breton is appointed pastor of Assumption Parish, Avondale, Immaculate Conception Parish, Colliers, and St. Anne's Parish, Conception Harbour.

Rev. Tom Duffenais, currently Administrator of St. Ignatius Parish, St. Alban's is appointed also as Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish, Harbour Breton.

**Operation Santa Claus** will be holding a card game at the Star of the Sea on December 19<sup>th</sup> starting 8:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to enter a team can simply show up at the Star, Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 draw during the card game.



**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.**

**Holy Cross & 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.

