

Parish of Saint Leonard



***Our Mission** To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ in our welcome, witness and celebration of all that we are as people of God.*

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Our Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12:10 pm

Thursday 12:10 pm

Friday 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on the third weekend of each month.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, or by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Psalm: 25

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2

Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-36



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Stella Burns, Albert Aucoin, Sheila Laurie, Sandra (Angel) Hurley-Bennett, John Francis Tonary**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



We Believe

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. Through prayer, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

Baptismal Preparation

Parents who wish to have their child baptized are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session. To register or for more information, please contact Marian Grant at 782-777-1253 or capermarian1954@gmail.com. Baptisms are held on the third weekend of each month.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes are on Tuesdays between 6:30--7:30 pm.

Confirmation Classes are on Mondays between 7:30--8:30 pm.

Registration for Sacraments is ongoing. Contact Marian Grant at 782-777-1253 for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During our 4:00 pm Saturday and 11:00 am Sunday Liturgies, children are invited to take part in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. We encourage all parents/caregivers of children ages 4 to 12 years, and particularly the First Eucharist Candidates, to attend the 4:00 pm Saturday or 11:00 am Sunday liturgies to give them the opportunity to know and understand God's Word.

Supporting ourselves as a Parish

Weekend of November 23 & 24, 2024

Envelopes	169	\$3347.00
Loose		\$ 279.70
Total		\$3626.70

Donations to our parish are appreciated and can be submitted in the following ways:

Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church or at the Pastoral Centre.

E-Transfer

bookkeeper@parishofsaintleonard.com

Mail

5310 Union Highway, River Ryan, NS B1H 1B2

Pre-authorized Debit

Call 902-862-2255 to arrange



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

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Sacrament of Reconciliation	St. Leonard	December 15	2:30 pm--4:30 pm
	St. Anne's, Glace Bay	December 21	10:00 am--4:00 pm
Nativity of the Lord	Christmas Eve	December 24	4:00 pm 7:00 pm
	Christmas Day	December 25	10:00 am
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Saturday	December 28	4:00 pm
	Sunday	December 29	9:00 am 11:00 am
Mary, the Holy Mother of God	New Year's Eve	December 31	4:00 pm
	New Year's Day	January 1	10:00 am

Contribution Envelopes 2025

We are preparing our list for distribution of Contribution Envelope 2025. We ask that all regular donors fill out the front of their envelopes in the next couple of weeks with their full name and complete address including postal code. If you are not presently using envelopes and would like to receive envelopes, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, or at the Pastoral Centre (5310 Union Highway), or phone the parish office (902-862-2255) with your information. Tax receipts will be issued for your annual Income Tax Return.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Our spacious **Gaul Centre is now available for rental**. Whether you're planning a birthday party, wedding reception, corporate event, or any special gathering, we may have the ideal space for you. Some restrictions may apply.

- \$350 (Liquor Events, Wedding, Dances, etc.)
- \$150 (Non-Liquor Events, short event limited to 4 hours, etc.)

For inquiries and bookings, please call Basil Boudreau at 902-577-5140.

We look forward to hosting your next celebration!



Saint Leonard Ways & Means Committee are offering **Pen Sets (Black Pen & Keychain Flashlight)** for sale to help offset the costs of running the parish.

These sets would make great gifts for Christmas, Birthdays, or just to say Thank You to a friend. They can be yours for \$8.00 a set and are available at the Pastoral Centre or from the following members of Committee: Basil Boudreau 902-577-5140, Winnie Odo 902-322-1864, Patsy MacSween 902-565-1567, Wanda MacDonnell 902-862-8808.

Thank you for your support in aid of our parish.



Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert

The **Men of the Deeps** will be coming to the Parish of Saint Leonard on Saturday, **December 14, 2024** at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$25.00 and can be obtained from Pastoral Centre, St. Leonard Church after weekend Masses and New Waterford Pharmasave.

A Message from the Shrine in Mabou

On Saturday, December 7, there will be a Christmas Shopping Sale at the Shrine Gift shop in Mabou.

From 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, all gifts except for the candles will be 50% OFF. We still have some wonderful gifts for Baptism and Confirmation. All are 1/2 price while they last. We also have many other gifts for friends and family. Hope to see you here!

Calvin United Church Presents Touch of Christmas on December 10 between 7 pm and 9 pm.

Tickets are \$10 and available at: Pharmasave, Needs on Plummer Ave., Needs on Emerald St., Calvin United Church Office, or by contacting Roger Guyaux 902-862-3751.

The Combined Christmas Giving Committee will be conducting the distribution of Christmas packages on Sunday **December 8** from 11 am-3 pm at Lions Club. This will be the only day, please don't miss it.

Merchandise Bingo -- December 7 between 1:00-3:00 pm. Doors open at 12:00. St. Theresa's Hall. St. Peters Road, Sydney. Door book \$15.00 with a chance to win door prize. Extra books \$10.00, canteen available.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys and MacIntyre Chevrolet are selling tickets on a brand-new car Chevrolet Trax LS. Tickets are \$50.00. They can be purchased at the church office or from Ronnie Martin 902-562-8530 or Tom Ripley 902-565-4452. The winning ticket will be drawn on New Year's Eve at 4 o'clock mass.

There will be a **Mass in French** at the Centre Communautaire Étoile de L'Acadie (15 Inglis St, Sydney) on Saturday, December 14 at 5:30 pm.

Potluck supper to follow along with French Christmas music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome!

Nora's Home Fundraiser, \$5 an entry, 3 entries for \$10. Travel Bag and accessories made by Nancy MacKinnon. travel bag, cosmetic bags, cell phone over the shoulder carrier and all you need for an enjoyable getaway. Draw will be Dec 14 at the Men of the Deeps concert and winner will be announced on site. Entries at norashomeindia@gmail.com or contacting Viola Penny 902-549-3393, Janet O'Connell 902-565-4851, Karen MacSween 902-317-5425, Linda MacPhee 902-577-7272.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up at the entrance to the Church. Parishioners are invited to decorate the Giving Tree with new hats, caps, socks, mittens, and toys. These items are collected and distributed to those in need in our community.

Memorial Christmas Tree

As we have done in the past, we will once again have a **Memorial Christmas Tree (Bow Tree)** as part of our Christmas décor.

If you wish to participate in the purchase of flowers, wreaths, Christmas decorations in memory of your deceased loved ones, please deposit your contribution in the collection basket along with the name(s) of the people you wish to be remembered and your envelope number. You can also drop off names at the Pastoral Centre.

The Memorial Tree will be decorated with bows, each bearing the name of a deceased parishioner you wish to remember. At Christmas, we will publish an "In Memoriam" section of the bulletin, listing the names of the persons or families remembered. Please submit any requests no later than **December 15, 2024**.

