

# Parish of Saint Leonard



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**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.*

## Our Sunday Gatherings

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

**Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

After 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday,

or by appointment.

Weekday Masses Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at

12:10 pm

## 4th Sunday of Easter

**April 20&21, 2024**

**First Reading: Acts 4: 7-12**

**Psalm 118**

**Second Reading: 1 John 3. 1-2**

**Gospel: John 10, 11-18**

### Supporting Ourselves as a Parish

*Weekend of April 13&14, 2024*

# Envelopes	178	\$4315.00
Loose		<u>\$ 295.50.</u>
Total		\$ 4610.50

We pray for our departed brothers and sisters. Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Melvin Bresowar, Brenda White, Joseph MacLean, Winnie Gatza, Joseph Archibald White, Harold Gottwald & Theresa White.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

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Mother's Day Turkey Dinner

Sunday, May 12 at 4 pm. Tickets \$25.00 Phone 902-862-6104



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Takes place on Mondays beginning 10 am ending at 3 pm with Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome to stop by!

**We Believe:** On this fourth Sunday of Easter that Jesus knows us and we know him. You see, Jesus is the Good Shepherd and not a hired hand. He gave his life for us. We've heard the story of the good Shepherd hundreds of times. What does it mean? When Jesus sees evil or hard times befalling us, he does not run away. He is there with us in battle. A hired hand may run away because a hired hand might not care. Jesus the Son of God cares deeply. In fact, Jesus loves us! Will we lay down our lives for him^

**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 St. Leonard Pastoral Centre at 782-777-1253 or [capermarian1954@gmail.com](mailto:capermarian1954@gmail.com)

**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 Parish Office. Please fill in name and address.

E-transfer: [bookkeeper@parishofsaintleonard.com](mailto:bookkeeper@parishofsaintleonard.com)

Pre-authorized Debit: call 902-862-2255 to arrange

Mail: 5310 Union Hwy, River Ryan, N.S. B1H 1B2

**Our Parish Hall – The Gaul Centre** - The renovations to the Gaul Centre following the rain storm of 2021 have now been completed. We are ready to make our hall available for bookings. We are looking for a volunteer to take Hall Bookings, please connect with Basil at 902-577-5140 if you feel you can help with this. Anyone wishing to rent the hall is asked to contact Basil Boudreau at 902-577-5140.

**Meetings:**

**The Hospitality Committee** will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**Parish Council Meeting** will meet on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**The Ways & Means Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre.

**Faith Formation – Please Note\*\***

**Regular Tuesday Evening** gatherings will continue at 6:30 pm. These sessions are open to children from 4 years old to 13 years of age and candidates for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation

**First Eucharist** is for children Grade 2 and older. First Communion takes place May 4&5 @ 4 pm & 11 am Mass.

**Confirmation** is for young people in Grade 9 or higher and will take place on Mondays at 7:30 pm. Confirmation will be held May 18 @ 4 pm Mass with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick officiating.

For more information, please contact St. Leonard Pastoral Centre at [capermarian1954@gmail.com](mailto:capermarian1954@gmail.com)

782-777-1253 Thank you and God Bless.

**Ultreya** will be held Thursday, April 25/24 @ Our Lady Of Fatima Church at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend for Mass & fellowship.

There will be a **Men's Cursillo** retreat weekend May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> at Camp Breton Dean in Mira. For more information please contact Kevin MacSween, 902-317-5424

**Women's Cursillo** retreat weekend will be held June 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> at Camp Breton Dean in Mira. For more information please contact Karen MacSween, 902-317-5425.

**Free Boxing Event sponsored by Family Services**

Calling all Male Caregivers & Children, Fatherhood Matters May 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm-2:00 pm, Ring 73, 85 East Avenue Glace Bay

Registration required

902-565-0672 [cgartner@fsens.ns.ca](mailto:cgartner@fsens.ns.ca)

Lunch provided (ages 6 and up, bring sneakers)

Healing Mass-April 27, 2 pm Our Lady of Grace Monastery Chapel. Mass will be celebrated by Father Albert MacPherson, O.S.A., Augustinian Healing Ministries. There will be anointing with blessed oil and prayers for healing of body, mind & spirit.

May 31, 2024-3 pm St. Ninian Cathedral Antigonish- Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick on the feast of the Visitation. Light lunch to follow at St. Ninian Place. On Saturday, June 1 @ 4pm (vigil of Corpus Christi) at his home Parish, St. Mary's in Mabou. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/84gSED31gMoVV99z9>

**Parish Secretary**-The Parish of Saint Leonard Faith Community is pleased to welcome our new Secretary, Belinda Ran. We are eager to get to know you and work side by side to serve our Parish family.

**Deacon Recognition Sunday**

Sunday, April, our Diocese celebrates Deacon Recognition Sunday. This event encourages pastors and parishioners to acknowledge and appreciate the three- fold ministry of deacons: Altar, Word and Service. Deacons will be on Mass for Shut-ins that Sunday. We hope that parishes with deacons will be able to extend their respect and gratitude to their deacons. Please pray for our deacons and for locations to the Permanent Diaconate. If anyone is interested in knowing more about Diaconate, contact your pastor or a deacon or the director of Deacons at the Pastoral Center, 902-539-6188, ext.235.

Thank you,

Rev. Bedford Doucette  
Director of Deacons  
Diocesan Pastoral Center

