

Parish of Saint Leonard

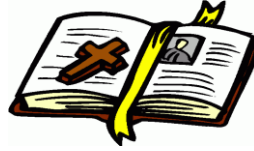
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Our Mission: To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ in our welcome, witness and celebration of all that we are as people of God.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 1: 10-13,17 -18

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12 - 23



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2023

We remember.... Our celebrations of Baptisms, Matrimony and Christian Burial....

We welcome parishioner **Kyle Andrew Young**

Please pray for the repose of the souls, of the following people who have died this past week, **especially Isabel Darling, Collins MacLellan, Tommy Hogan, Everett Durdle and Annette Campbell**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Monday, in the side Chapel, the side door will be open from 10am until 4 pm. Feel free to stop by and stay awhile, invite a friend to join you.

CWL Meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 2:00 pm in the Pastoral Centre. A good turnout would be appreciated.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - The Lord hears the Cry of the poor (Psalm 34:17). We believe in a God who is revealed to us by the very act of hearing the cry of the poor. What is this cry of the poor? It is not only a voice of suffering, a voice of supplication; it is a voice for justice. The cry of the poor calls out for justice and God responds. Time and time again, God enters history on the side of the poor and the powerless. It is through this action that God's power and God's love is revealed. Furthermore, God invites us to participate in this revelation of holy power and love. By actively participating in God's defense of the poor and oppressed, our own relationship to God is deepened. Development & Peace also want to add their voice to the cries of the poor; however, they need you, your compassion and your support. There are a variety of ways that you might help by becoming a member of Development & Peace. You can do this by accessing their web page at devp.org or by phoning this toll free number 1-888-234-8533

Ultreya -All are invited to the upcoming first Ultreya meeting after the Christmas break! will take on place Thursday, January 26, 2023, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, McMahan room in the basement. Start time is 7:30pm and the event will be livestreamed on the Cursillo Facebook page.

We Believe... When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

Faith Formation Update

Confirmation Classes will on resume Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:30 pm

Faith Formation Classes will resume Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 6:30 pm

Both at the Pastoral Centre
on Union Highway
Mary Clare Sampson 902-574-8800

faithformation@parishofsaintleonard.com

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 Mary Clare at 574-8800 or e-mail at maryclaresampson9590@gmail.com

Supporting Ourselves as a Parish

Weekend of December, January 14 & 15, 2023

Sunday Envelopes (124)	\$ 2,315.00
Loose	<u>46.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,361.00

Thank You for Volunteering

The Parish of Saint Leonard extends a sincere "Thank You" to all the wonderful volunteers who delivered the contribution envelopes.

Volunteering is about giving and we are thrilled about all the support you have given us.

God's blessings to you!

The Worldwide celebration of Prayer for

Christian Unity is a time of shared prayer, reflection and fellowship inviting Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationship and to live and witness together throughout the year.

You are invited to attend a service at Calvin Church on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 3:00 pm to pray for Christian Unity.



*To be nobody but yourself –
in a world which is doing its best,
night and day, to make you like everybody else –
means to fight the hardest battle which any
human being can fight and never stop fighting.*

Parish Donations

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

Contribution envelopes: Available at the church or by contacting the office 902-862-2255

e-Transfer: bookkeeper@parishofsaintleonard.com

Pre-Authorized Debit: Call 902-862-2255

By Mail: 5510 Union Highway,
River Ryan, NS, B1H 1B2

Drop off: at the Parish Office
5310 Union Highway

Sincere thanks to all those who financially support the Parish of Saint Leonard. Your generosity ensures that we can meet our weekly operating expenses.

Storm Procedures

Storm cancellation policy – In the Parish of Saint Leonard, when school is cancelled all parish Masses (except funerals) are cancelled, as are all parish meetings and activities and Faith Formation classes to allow for snow removal.

Parking concerns- You are reminded that the entrance at the left wing (winter chapel) is barrier free, with an automatic door opener and a wheel chair for anyone who may wish to use it. There are a number of parking spaces in front designated for those with mobility issues. As always we ask that as you enter the main parking lot you use the next available space to avoid inside spaces being left open while the perimeter is blocked. Please exercise patience when entering and exiting the parking area prior to and following mass. CBRM traffic division have posted No Parking signs on the Glebe House side of George Street and no parking for 15 feet on either side of the main entrance/exit on Mount Carmel Avenue.

Heating concerns – Just a reminder – During the cold weather season with heating costs in the church so high, please keep the outside doors as well as the porch doors closed as much as possible.

**Thank you for you cooperation at this time of year,
when safety is so important!**
