



~ Tri - Parish News ~

(Immaculate Conception, St. Andrew and Ste. Croix churches)

The Roman Catholic Communities of

Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton

St. Andrew,
St. Andrews

Ste. Croix,
Pomquet

1st of December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Parish Office

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Tri-Parish of Heatherton,
Pomquet and St. Andrews

Baptisms

Please contact the parish office
for a registration form and to
indicate day of baptism

Marriages

Please phone the Tri-Parish Office
or Fr. Dennis at least
12 months in advance to ensure the
marriage course is arranged

Funeral Receptions

Heatherton: 902-870-5432

St. Andrews: 902-863-5522

Pomquet:

PJ Baccardax Hall

902-870-7721

Centre Communautaire de Pomquet

902-386-2513 or 902-863-1022

Sacrament of Reconciliation

on request prior to Mass
and on Saturdays at St. Andrews
from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Contact the parish office
to request a Mass offering

December

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at Ste. Croix Church in Pomquet

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Church in St. Andrews

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Heatherton

Please Note:

The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary 20 minutes
prior to Sunday Mass in St. Andrews.

~ Mass Schedule for the Week ~

Thursday, 5 December at 10:00 a.m. in Heatherton ~ Donald MacLellan

Saturday, 7 December, 4:00 p.m. in Pomquet ~ Anthony Morell

Sunday, 8 December at 9:30 a.m. in St. Andrews

Sunday, 8 December at 11:00 a.m. in Heatherton ~ Donalda Kinsman

Holy Hour / Reconciliation

Holy Hour every Saturday at St. Andrew Church in St. Andrews from 1 to 2 p.m. with availability for Reconciliation. **Please Note:** When there is a wedding or funeral held on Saturday, the Holy Hour will be cancelled for that day. Please phone the office to hear a message to find out if the Holy Hour is cancelled.

Sacraments Dates, ie baptisms, etc., must be confirmed through the parish office. Phone 902-386-2810 or jolene3catholic@gmail.com to arrange these.

We are considering having RCIA courses (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) in our parish. Please phone the Tri-Parish Office at 902-386-2810 if you would be interested in joining or helping organize this.

Knights' News: Coats for Kids is your opportunity to donate new or gently used winter coats to K of C council 14596. Collection bins can be found at the entrance of our three churches throughout the month of November. We accept donations for men, woman, children and babies. Thank you.

The **Sunday Missals** for 2024-2025 are now available at a cost of \$5.00 each. If you wish to purchase one, please ask the ushers at the weekend Masses or phone the office at 902-386-2810 to make arrangements to pick one up.

The booklet, **Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas "Waiting in Joyful Hope 2024-2024"** is now available by donation. Prepare for the coming of Christ with this popular guide. During the especially busy Advent & Christmas seasons, this booklet offers brief, down-to-earth reflections that bring prayer and Scripture into everyday life in a thought-provoking and lasting way. Readers will grow in their understanding of the word of God. This book will help busy people achieve their goal of enriching their prayer life during the seasons of Advent & Christmas.

Copies of the Daily Prayers calendar for the month of December are now available near the bulletins. Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests, deacons and others serving in our diocese, by praying each day.

Living with Christ for the month of **December** is now available for \$5.00 .. includes full liturgical texts for daily and Sunday Masses calendar of saints, with brief bios & quotes for inspiration and pastoral reflections.



Christmas Eve, 24 December

4:00 p.m. in St. Andrews

6:00 p.m. in Heatherton and in Pomquet

8:00 p.m. in Paqtnkek

Christmas Day, 25 December

10:00 a.m. in St. Andrews

Please Note: The Tri-Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 6 December due to a planned power outage that day at the Heatherton Community Centre. Sorry for any inconvenience this closure may cause.

All electronic donations to the parish may be made using the following e-mails:

heatherton.parish1@gmail.com (parish operating) for **Heatherton**

heatherton.parish2@gmail.com (building fund/capital) for **Heatherton**

standrews.parish1@gmail.com (parish operating) for **St. Andrews**

standrews.capitol2@gmail.com (building fund/capital) for **St. Andrews**

pomquet.parish@gmail.com (parish operating) for **Pomquet**

pomquetp@gmail.com (building fund/capital) for **Pomquet**

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In the next week or so, Regina will be setting up the **schedule for ministries** for the months of January, February, March & April (Sunday, 9:30 am Mass). If you know that you will not be available on any particular weekend, and have not already informed Regina, please let her know as soon as possible so she can avoid placing you on the schedule for that weekend. Either call her at 902-386-2914 or e-mail her at reginatate@myyahoo.com. Thank you.

The CWL will again this year be purchasing **Christmas flowers** for the church. If you wish to contribute to the cost of these flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Regina (902-386-2914) or Mary Ellen (902-386-2687). If you would like to have your name and those of your loved ones acknowledged in the bulletin, please make your contribution by December 15th. Thank you.

It is time again to collect the annual **CWL dues** which are \$34.00 this year. Genna Maas will be collecting the dues over the next few weeks. E-transfer at rogers_genna@hotmail.com or call at 870-2429 to arrange payment.

There will be a CWL meeting on Monday, 2 December at 7:00 pm in the Heatherton Community Centre.

Food Bank: The last Sunday before Christmas for the Food Bank collection will be on 15 December. After that any donations will go with the January and February Sundays.

Funds received this week with thanks include: Regular Sunday = \$590.00 Loose = \$84.00
Shepherds Trust = \$50.00 Advent reflections = \$5.00 Living with Christ = \$10.00 Sunday missal = \$15.00

~ St. Andrew Parish News ~

The St Andrews CWL is now collecting dues for 2025. The price is \$35. Members may drop them to Loyola at MacDonald's Convenience or e-transfer to me at mkarensars@gmail.com. I will also be collecting at church for a few Sunday masses. New members are welcome to join

Funds received this week with thanks include: Regular Sunday envelopes = \$1,061.00 Loose = \$65.00
Missals = \$55.00 Shepherd's Trust = \$25.00 Building = \$50.00

~ Ste. Croix Parish News ~

Altar Servers: We continue to be in need of Altar servers so please consider helping out and signing up on the clipboard at the back of the church. With enough volunteers, your turn should only come up once a month or so.

Funds received this week with thanks include: Regular Sunday Envelope = \$985.00 Loose = \$42.00
Missals = \$30.00 Cemetery = \$20.00 Building Fund = \$110.00 Bequest = \$25,000.00

~ Community News ~

For the past 15 years, Pomquet Development Society members have been preparing and delivering **Christmas Baskets** to the seniors of Pomquet Parish who are 80 years old and older. In order to avoid missing anyone for Christmas 2024, please contact Colette at 902-870-3051 with the name of any senior of Pomquet Parish who has turned 80 in the last year or anyone 80+ we may have missed in previous years. If you received a basket in 2023, you don't need to contact us.

Christmas Fair, 7 December, 11a.m.-3pm. Paqtnekek Community Complex/Gym (136 Afton Loop), Afton Paqtnekek First Nation. Music, Food and Gifts. Get your gifts and decorations while supporting local vendors.

Highland Academy Annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, 12 December, 1 p.m. in the Heatherton Community Centre. Light refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. The snow-date will be Friday, 13 December.

The **"Countdown to Christmas Market"** at the Heatherton Community Centre on Saturday, 14 December 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please check out the Facebook event page for information on the vendors participating with baked goods, jewellery, knitted goods, soap, photography, decorations and much more. There will also be chili and a biscuit for \$5.00 along with a beverage that can also be purchased (tea, coffee, pop or water). This will be a great opportunity to get some beautiful Christmas gifts, or a little treat for yourself and at the same time be supporting local crafters and bakers.

The St. Andrews Seniors Oak and Owl Club **Annual Bake Sale** on December 15 at the St. Andrews Community Centre. Squares, cakes, doughnuts, bread and biscuits and a variety of Christmas treats. The sale will start at 10 am.

~ Diocesan News ~

The following link is for the latest edition of the Antigonish Diocese newsletter, "The Seven Ears of Grain".
<https://mailchi.mp/c101155b4d25/seven-ears-of-grain-6418067>