



~ 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

15th of December 2024
3rd Sunday of Advent

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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, 19 December at 10:00 a.m. in Heatherton ~ *Brendan MacDonald*

Saturday, 21 December at 4:00 p.m. in Pomquet

Sunday, 22 December at 9:30 a.m. in St. Andrews ~ *Rie MacIntosh*

Sunday, 22 December at 11:00 a.m. in Heatherton ~ *Joe MacPherson*

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.



Christmas Eve, 24 December

4:00 p.m. in St. Andrews

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

8:00 p.m. in Paqtnkek

Christmas Day, 25 December

10:00 a.m. in St. Andrews

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

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

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

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

On the evening of December 21 at 5:30 pm there will be a **Las Posadas** (The Inns) celebration at the Immaculate Conception Parish. Las Posadas is a popular Advent celebration in Latin America. It is traditionally celebrated for nine days before Christmas and has three main parts. It begins by praying the Rosary, then participants join Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem and their search for shelter. The evening concludes with food, fellowship and of course a pinata. One village celebration of Las Posadas is captured beautifully in Tomie dePaola's children's book "The Night of Las Posadas".

You can enjoy a read aloud of the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79ArflFunZk>

Because the celebration of Las Posadas is new for our community, we will have a short practice to learn the traditional song sung at the doors of the inns. Join us Monday, Dec. 16 from 6-7 pm in the Immaculate Conception Chapel for practice.

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The CWL will 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 this Sunday, December 15th.**

The decorating of Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas will take place Sunday, 22 December directly following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend and help prepare our church for the Christmas season.

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.

Funds received this week with thanks include:

Regular Sunday = \$785.00	Loose = \$69.30
World Mission = \$10.00	Priest's Pension Fund = \$5.00

~ 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

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of **Christmas poinsettias** for St. Andrew Church in memory of a deceased loved one may do so before the **deadline this Sunday, 15 December.** Mary Carroll and Pauline MacIntosh will be at the church entrance before and after the Sunday Mass collecting names and donations before and after the Sunday Masses in St. Andrews. All donations are greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Funds received this week with thanks include:

Regular Sunday envelopes = \$1,967.00	Loose = \$117.00
Christmas Flowers = \$40.00	Building = \$240.00
Shepherd's Trust = \$130.00	

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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 = \$1,295.00	Loose = \$61.75
Building Fund = \$10.00	Christmas Flowers = \$20.00

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of **Christmas Poinsettias** for the church in memory of a deceased family member may place their donation in the weekly collection in a separate envelope with the name of the donor and the deceased. The **deadline will be this Sunday, 15 December** in order to have all the names ready to publish in the bulletin. All donations are greatly welcomed and appreciated.

~ Community News ~

The Heatherton and Area Community Centre would like to invite everyone to our annual evening of **Christmas Carols** with Ty Wallace this Sunday, 15 December at 6:30 pm. There will be a tree lighting and building mural unveiling followed by carols with Ty Wallace. Everyone welcome!

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.

Heather Club 60: Auction 45's every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Open House from 10 a.m. until noon continues every Wednesday for cards or games except Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

~ Diocesan News ~

The following link is for the latest edition of the Antigonish Diocese newsletter, "The Seven Ears of Grain".

<https://mailchi.mp/8fdf72a3a437/seven-ears-of-grain-6418560>