



## Bulletin

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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**December 04, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Masks are  
Mandatory in the  
Church**

**Please note change in  
Mass for Christmas Eve:  
Mass will be at 3:30 pm**

In Palestine Christians gather today in Jerusalem for the celebration of holy Mass. In Rome they proceed to the stational church "Holy Cross at Jerusalem" which serves to give the atmosphere of the Holy City.

Why "Jerusalem"? Excavations of ancient sites often reveal a number of strata. When enemies destroyed a city, a new one would rise on the same location, so that today there are several layers of remains, one city, as it were, above the other. Our Jerusalem likewise has four strata. The bottommost layer is the Jerusalem of the Jews, that venerable land where the Lord Jesus began His mission of redemption, where He suffered and died. This is the historical Jerusalem so dear to us Christians. Anyone making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land enters that ancient city with holy awe. That Jerusalem, however, lies buried deep.

For us another has been built upon it, the Jerusalem of Christians, God's kingdom on earth, the holy Church. This city still stands; it is the one which the divine King will enter at Christmas. Now we understand why we will hear so much about Jerusalem during the coming week. We should now clean and adorn our city, improving its streets and avenues through which the Savior will make His entrance. As a motto we should take the words of the precursor, St. John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; let every valley be filled, every hill be leveled." Holy Mother Church's message today is that the Savior is coming to the Jerusalem of the Christians, to the Church.

Above the second stratum there arises a third, the heavenly Jerusalem at the end of time. Already now the Church sings of this Jerusalem. For during Advent we await the Savior who will appear on the Last Day to take all into "the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven."

Finally, there may be recognized a fourth Jerusalem, our souls in sanctifying grace. This city too must be adorned and prepared, for the King will want to enter. That is our present task.

On Epiphany, the climax to the current season, the Church will cry out: "Arise, shine, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee." That is the goal. Today we must prepare for the great King's visit to our city. The whole coming week must be devoted to it. The Church prays: "Awaken our hearts to prepare the way for Your only-begotten Son that we may serve Him with purified hearts."

In the time of the Roman Empire, rulers rode from city to city for the purpose of official visitations. Their appearance, called epiphany or parousia, was a great event, one preceded by months of preparation. Something analogous takes place in the Jerusalem of our souls. From a high watchtower we see the Lord coming afar off. Suddenly John the Baptist appears; he hurries into the city to announce the King's approach. God condescends to manifest Himself to us in grace; but He demands the proper reception.

--Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace* by Pius Parsch

**Christmas/New Year's Schedule**  
**Christmas Eve, The Nativity of the Lord**

**Friday, Dec 24, 2021**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 3:30 pm  
Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise – 5:30pm

**Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord**

**Saturday, Dec 25, 2021**

St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois – 9:00am  
St. Peter the Apostle, St. Peter's - 10:30am

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Sunday Dec. 26, 2021**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 9:00am  
All three parishes at St. Peter the Apostle at 11:00am:

- St. John the Baptist
- St. Peter the Apostle
- Holy Guardian Angels

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Friday, Dec. 31, 2021**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 3:30 pm  
Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise – 5:30pm

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois – 9:00am  
St. Peter the Apostle, St. Peter's - 10:30am

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 9:00am  
All three parishes at St. Peter the Apostle at 11:00am:

- St. John the Baptist
- St. Peter the Apostle
- Holy Guardian Angels

Parishioners at these three parishes may choose to celebrate any of the feasts:

The Nativity of the Lord, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Epiphany of the Lord at Sacred Heart Church in Johnstown or a parish of their choice.

**Collection:  
November 27/21**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>
<b>Missals</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Donation to Shrine</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
	<b>\$170.00</b>

**Notices:**

**1: New Missals:** The new missals will be in the church this week. Cost \$5.00 per missal. If you want to purchase a Missal, please leave your payment in an envelope with your number.

**2: Christmas Toy and Gift Drive:** Christmas is coming and so is the Bras d'Or Lakers annual Christmas Toy and Gift drive for local families in need of assistance. This year's benefitting agency is the new Potlotek Food Bank in Chapel Island. We are asking for toys and children's clothing to be dropped off at the Fire Hall. These gifts are to be new and unwrapped. The food bank will distribute the gifts to their clients for their children. The reception and gift drop-off will be on Saturday December 4th between 2:30 and 4:00 PM. Covid protocols will be in place. Tea and snacks will be served, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. If you cannot attend in person, we encourage you to send a children's gift with somebody who is attending. Seasons Greetings,

Howard MacIntyre, Chair  
Edith Boyle, Vice-chair

**3: Christmas Bake Sale:** Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be hosting a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday December 5th. Come and do some Christmas Baking without the hassle. We will also be looking for donations to the Bake Sale, so if you have time to help bake that will be greatly appreciated. Time: 10am – 12pm. This will be our last event for the year. Proof of vaccine will be required.

**4: Decorating for Christmas:** We will be decorating the church on Monday December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. Please come and help decorate, everyone is welcome.

**5: Religious Christmas Cards for sale:** There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through [www.lifecyclebooks.ca](http://www.lifecyclebooks.ca) You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered several mixed packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10. Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

**6: Mass For Shut-Ins Christmas Day** - We will be airing Christmas Day Mass, Saturday at 1130am AT. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be the presider for that Mass this year.

**7: Synod:** Note that the website for the Synod is scheduled to be open on November 29 at this address: [www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch).

**Pray for the Synod**

As We Journey Together  
We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.