

## Scared Heart Roman Catholic Parish

### Our Mission

*We are a welcoming community gathered as disciples of Jesus Christ to worship God, to serve others and to grow as loving members of God's family*

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
December 28, 2025

#### Pastoral TEAM:

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Parish office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday 9:00 – 3:00

#### Cemetery Revival Team:

Wanda Saunders

Arlene Morrison

Bernice Gallant

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### Wednesday, December 31 -9:30 am

+Michael Handrahan

#### Thursday, January 1 – 10:30 am

Special intention by a parishioner

#### Friday, January 2 -9:30 am

+Michael Handrahan

#### Saturday, January 3 – 7:00 pm

+Marla McNeill

#### Sunday, January 4 - 11:00 am

For the People

### ADORATION

**FRIDAYS morning 8:30 - 9:30 before the Eucharist**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Confessions are available before Masses on Saturdays at 6:15 to 6:45 pm and Sundays from 10:25 am to 10:50 am.

**Bulletin Announcements** will be accepted until 12:00pm on Tuesday. Please call the parish office at 902-853-2344 or email bulletin notices to [sacredheartparish@eastlink.ca](mailto:sacredheartparish@eastlink.ca).

#### DECEMBER 21ST COLLECTION SUMMARY:

##### SACRED HEART:

REGULAR COLLECTION:	\$	2032.00
DIRECT DEPOSIT:	\$	500.00
BUILDING FUND:	\$	45.00
MISSALS:	\$	35.00
CANDLES:	\$	40.00

Thank You: Your continued generous support is appreciated. Donations can be made by dropping your collection envelope at Mass or in the mail slot at the parish office or by e-transfer to [sacredheartparish@eastlink.ca](mailto:sacredheartparish@eastlink.ca) or by direct deposit. If you change your direct deposit amt please inform the office of the change. Forms are available at the parish office.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Please remember in your prayers the following: Quentin Fraser, George Luttrell, Kerry Fraser, Karla Foley, Anne Skerry, Bonnie MacNeill, Kim Reilly, Doug Mallette, Jeanie Collicutt, Floyd McCue, Deanna McCue, JoAnne MacIsaac, Shirley Gavin, Anne Marie Corcoran, Pearl Bulger, Allen Adams, Linda Campbell, Eileen Bernard, Evelyn MacNevin, Evan Crocker.

Please submit names to be added to this list to Fr.

Jacques by Tuesday each week to ensure they make the bulletin.

#### **DECEMBER 31**

SACRED HEART MASS, ALBERTON, 9:30 AM

ST. ANTHONY'S MASS, BLOOMFIELD, 4:00 PM

#### **JANUARY 1, 2026**

SACRED HEART MASS, ALBERTON, 10:30 AM

**The CWL Monthly Meeting:** CWL meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm. All new and returning members are welcome.

**CWL Prize Bingo** will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next bingo is January 6, 2026.

#### **Knights of Columbus Meeting:**

Knights of Columbus meetings are on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Your attendance is appreciated.

Even the smallest light can change the darkness-just as Christ's birth changed the world forever.

#### **Sue's Social and Bingo for All Seniors**

Will be held every third Wednesday of the month, from 11:00 am – 2:00 am. All seniors are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart Parish for a luncheon and bingo. Come out and enjoy this free event. **Anyone who would like to volunteer to help out at this event each month would be greatly appreciated. You can leave your name at the parish office or call Wendy McNeill at 853-7892.**

#### **Envelope Fundraiser**

We have a wall of 100 numbered envelopes that we're hoping to be claimed by January 11, 2026.

Here's what will happen if you say "YES" to an envelope...

1. You will place the coordinating dollar amount in your envelope and drop it in the collection. (For example, if you get envelope #37, you'd put \$37.00 in the envelope). We would appreciate if you could drop your envelope into the collection within 3 weeks of claiming it.

2. Both cash and cheques are acceptable. Please make your cheque payable to Sacred Heart Parish. Memo: Envelope Campaign

3. Please write your name and your Sunday collection envelope number (if you have one) on the front of the envelope.

This is a tax-deductible donation, and you will be entered in a draw for 2 chances to win a set of tickets for Grand Tour at Confederation Centre in April. Draw date: January 12, 2026.

#### **Rental of Basement**

We would like to inform parishioners that we will be renting out the basement on a trial basis for those who wish to host an event. The fee is \$75.00 plus \$100.00 damage deposit. If you wish to book the basement, please check with the Parish Office. If the Parish Office is not opened, please call and leave a message.

#### **ISLAND PREGNANCY CENTER, SUMMERSIDE**

We are still accepting items to help mothers with diapers clothes, etc. for their babies. Clothing items can be used or new, and most poplar size for diapers is 4, 5 & 6. There are collection boxes at the front entry and side door on parish house side. Our CWL member Geraldina Arsenault delivers the items to the Summerside Center.

#### **BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT**

On Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm we will celebrate the baptism of, **Georgia Lynn Perry**, daughter of, Heidi Perry and Ryan Perry. All are welcome to attend. May this child grow in faith, surrounded by the love of family and the prayers of our parish community.

The New Year brings new pages, but the same faithful God.

#### **The Last Candle**

On the evening of New Year's Eve, the church was quiet. Christmas decorations still glowed softly, and the Nativity scene remained in place. One candle on the Advent wreath was still burning, though Advent had long passed. Jim paused as he walked by. "Why leave a candle lit"? he wondered.

Father Michael smiled. "Because Christmas doesn't end in a moment," he said. "The Light has come-and now it must carry us forward."

As midnight approached, parishioners gathered to pray. They spoke of hopes for the coming year and worries they could not leave behind. The small candle flickered, steady and warm.

Father concluded, "We do not step into the new year alone. Christ goes before us."

And in that quiet, everyone remembered: **the same Child born at Christmas is the Lord who walks with us into every tomorrow.**

Loving God, as we rest in the joy of Christ's birth and stand at the doorway of a new year, we thank You for the gift of Emmanuel-God with us.

Bless the days behind us with Your mercy, heal what is unfinished or broken, and receive our gratitude for every grace given.

As the new year approaches, guide our steps with Your wisdom, fill our hearts with peace, and help us walk forward in faith and hope.

May the light of Christ, born at Christmas, shine through all our days ahead.

#### **A Word of Thanks**

Every act of service, offered with love, is a gift of God. We extend our sincere thanks to all our parish volunteers whose hard work and devotion support the mission of our Church.

Many thanks for all your kind thoughts, cards and gifts during the Christmas season. It was greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a blessed and joyful New Year.

Father Jacques.

*HAPPY NEW YEAR. LET US WELCOME 2026 WITH PEACE AND LOVE!*

