

Saint John the Baptist Church
North Sydney, Nova Scotia



THE ADVENT WREATH



As we lead up to Christmas, on each of the four Sundays before Christmas Eve, it is an ancient custom to have an Advent Wreath at home in some prominent place. On the wreath are four candles (usually three purple or blue) and one rose coloured. On Advent Sunday we light one Blue candle,; on Advent II we light two blue candles; on Advent III we light two blue candles & the rose candle; On Advent IV we light all the candles. As the circle of light increases we are reminded of the coming of the Light of the World (Jesus) into our lives. On Christmas Eve we light a white candle in the centre of the wreath - "The Christ Candle", announcing the Birth of Christ as The Light of the World.

1st Sunday of Advent, December 2nd & White Ribbon Sunday

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| 8:00 am | Worship-BCP |
| 10:30 am | Sunday School |
| 10:30 am | Worship-BAS |
| 7:00 pm | Northside Festival of Carols |

Northside Ecumenical Choir Service

On Sunday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm., the Northside Ecumenical Choir Service will be held at. Come & join us for an evening of song to begin the Christmas Season.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th

MENS' BREAKFAST & CHURCH DECORATING

9:00 am All are welcome to attend

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9th

Women's Ministry Sunday & Twoonie Sunday

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| 8:00 am | Worship-BCP |
| 10:30 am | Sunday School |
| 10:30 am | Worship BAS |
| 6:00 pm | Mothers' Union Christmas Party |

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16th

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| 8:00 am | Worship-BCP |
| 10:30 am | Worship Children's Pageant |
| Noon | Monthly Celebration Lunch |
| 2:00 pm | Mothers' Union Caroling |

4th Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 23rd

8:00 am **Worship-BCP**
10:30 am **Worship-BAS**

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve.

4:00 pm **Christmas Eve. Family Service**
10:00 pm **Traditional Carol Service**

1st Sunday after Christmas , Sunday, December 30th

8:00 am **Worship-BCP**
10:30 am **Lessons & Carol Service**

Wednesday , December 19th

Northside Guest Home Christmas Service

At 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 19th we will have a special Christmas service for the residents of the Northside Guest Home. We hope that many of you will come and worship with them at this special time of the year.

Prayer Bells: There are Prayer Bells available at the back of the Church. They can be dedicated in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving of a special person in your life or for whom you want extra prayers said. The Prayer bells will then be hung on the Prayer tree at the front of the Church. Once we de-decorate the tree, you can pick up your bell. A minimum donation of \$2.00 is suggested to cover the cost of the bells. Envelopes are included with the bells so you can put your envelope number on them and the amount donated and you will receive credit. Many thanks to all who continue to support our Parish.

Christmas Memorials are now being accepted

Deadline for memorials is Monday, December 10th, 2018. You can drop your memorials off at the Church Office during office hours or put them on the collection plate. Please mark the name of the person you wish to remember clearly on your envelope along with your name and envelope number so your donation can be recorded. If you would like a Poinsettia placed on the Altar, the cost is \$12.00. Thank You!

Home & hospital visits: If you or a member of your family require a home or hospital visit, please contact Rev. Julio at 902-794-7371 or call the office at 902-794-3392 or contact one of the wardens, Cecil Day at 902-794-3335 or Brenda Pope at 902-736-3475 or fill out the form at the back of the Church and arrangements for a Pastoral visitation will be made.

Regional Confirmation 2019: There will a Regional Confirmation on April 10th, 2019 at Christ the King Church in Sydney. If you or your child are or will be 12 by April, 2019 and are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Rev. Julio or call the office at 902-794-3392 to have your name added to the list. More information regarding classes, date of the Confirmation, etc. will follow.

Christmas & New Year's Holiday Office Hours

Mon, Dec. 24th **Office Closed**
Tues, Dec 25th **Office Closed**
Wed, Dec. 26th **Office Closed**
Thurs, Dec. 27th **Office Open 10:00 am-12:30 pm**
Fri, Dec. 28th **Office Open 10:00 am-12:30 pm**
Mon, Dec. 31st **Office Open 10:00 am-Noon**