

CALENDAR

Week of December 21st to December 28th

All services unless noted are in All Souls' Chapel

Today: 5:00 p.m. Evensong

Monday: 5:00 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday (Christmas Eve):

10:00 a.m. Mass St. Thomas the Apostle
Transferred from Dec 21
4:30 p.m. Christmas Family Worship, *Cathedral*
Evening Prayer, Nativity Pageant, and
Blessing of the Crèche
11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve "Midnight Mass"

Thursday (Christmas Day):

10:30 Sung Eucharist *Cathedral*

Friday: 5:00 p.m. Evensong St. Stephen the Martyr

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Evensong St. John the Apostle
And Evangelist

Sunday: *The Innocents*

7:30 a.m. Matins *Cathedral*
8:00 a.m. Eucharist *Cathedral*
10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist *Cathedral*
5:00 p.m. Evensong

Please note that the Chapel is open daily for prayer and reflection

WELCOME!

*Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can assist you in any way.
A visit from a priest? Interest in Baptism? Interest in Confirmation?
Interest in Marriage? To add a name to the list of those for whom we pray each day.
Or any other question _____*

Please offer contact information: e.g. address, name(name)s email/phone

Cathedral Office 902-566-2102

**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
SAINT PETER**

**ROCHFORD SQUARE,
CHARLOTTETOWN**



**The Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 21st 2025**

*The order of service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer
and the Service Guide in your pew.
The Hymns are found in the green Hymn Book*

7:30 a.m. MATINS page 6

8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST page 67

Minor Propers Please read bold type printed below

The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel page 102

NURSERY *During the 10:30 Eucharist a qualified childcare provider is delighted to welcome any younger children in the nursery downstairs beside the Sunday School room.*

10:30 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST
Mass Setting Missa Sancta Maria da Magdalena Healey Willan

The Advent Wreath *standing* Four candles are lit.

All: In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through him.

(1 John 4.9)

Introit *standing*

Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: that we beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers: we have done amiss and dealt wickedly. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; O visit us with thy salvation: that we beholding the felicity of thy chosen, may rejoice in the gladness of thy people; and may glory with thine inheritance.

The Collect for Purity *kneeling* page 67

Kyrie Eleison ~ Christe Eleison ~ Kyrie Eleison

Collect for Fourth Sunday in Advent page 102

Collect for Advent page 95

The Epistle *sitting* Philippians 4: 4-7 Christine Dowbiggin

Gradual *sitting*

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

Alleluia *standing*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people. Alleluia.

Sequence Hymn 518 vs. 1 - 3 *Ye servants of the Lord* Narenza

Holy Gospel *standing* St. John 1. 19-29

Sequence Hymn vs. 4&5

The Nicene Creed page 71

Notices

The Sermon

Offertory Sentence *standing*

Be strong, fear not; behold, our God will come with a recompense; he will come and save us.

Offertory Hymn 404 *How shall I sing that Majesty* Coe Fen

Intercession √ O Lord hear our prayer Ian Dowbiggin

℟ And let our cry come unto Thee.

√ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

℟ And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Invitation page 76

Confession & Absolution *kneeling* page 77

Sursum Corda *standing* page 78

Sanctus & Benedictus page 81

Prayer of Consecration *kneeling* page 82

Our Father page 85

Prayer of Humble Access page 83

Agnus Dei page 84

Communion Sentence

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.

Holy Communion

The Sacrament is offered in both kinds, both bread and wine. If you choose not to receive the wine, please fold your arms X, and remain at the rail to hear the words of administration.

Communion Hymn 735 *Drop down, ye heavens* The Advent Prose

Anthem *This is the Record of John (Gloria Jay, soloist)* - Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him: "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him: "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not." "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then said they unto him, "What art thou, that we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What say'st thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving page 85

√. Depart in the peace of Christ.

℟. Thanks be to God.

The Blessing page 86

Post Communion Hymn 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel

Voluntary *Piece for Musical Clock* F.J. Haydn

We welcome all visitors with us today and invite you to join us for Coffee & Tea in the Cathedral Hall following the 10:30 a.m. service.

FOOD BANK: Today is food bank Sunday, and the requested item is rice. In February, the requested item will be canned tuna, so please watch the flyers for good deals.

HILLSBOROUGH HOSPITAL: Toiletries e.g. soap, toothpaste, are much appreciated.

FINANCIAL REPORT				
WEEKLY	14-Dec	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
		2025	2025	2024
GENERAL OPERATING		\$2,885	\$625	\$1,435
BUILDING FUND			\$115	\$105
FRIENDS OF SP		\$865	\$280	\$280
YEAR TO DATE		BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
		2025	2025	2024
GENERAL OPERATING		\$144,250	\$94,957	\$112,871
BUILDING FUND			\$48,986	\$30,415
FRIENDS OF SP		\$43,269	\$41,155	\$30,695

Automatic Debit Plan

Authorization Cards and Offering Cards are available at the back of the Cathedral. If you have any questions on the plan, please call Rory Francis 902-367-2850 or Kristina Chandler in the Cathedral Office 902-566-2102.

ATTENDANCE December 14th, 2025

8.00 a.m. 13 10.30 a.m. 54

Christmas Decorating: On Monday, December 22nd, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas. Anyone willing to help decorate would be most welcome as many hands make light the work! Please let Debra Leuty know if you are able to join this fun activity with altar guild. All are welcome!

Thank You: The choir wishes to thank all who attended the Carol Concert last Thursday evening at St Paul's Church. We took in \$1700 for the CBC's Make the Season kind, as well as 5 bags of food. We look forward to a repeat performance next Advent. And as Tiny Tim said: " God bless us everyone".

Question Box:

What do the seven hanging lamps at the altar represent?
The seven lamps that hang above the communion rail were placed in the Cathedral in 1873, and are the first lights added to the Cathedral. (The altar candles arrived four years later.) The seven lamps represent the seven virtues: Humility, Charity, Chastity, Gratitude, Temperance, Patience, and Diligence.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

✠ **Peace in the world:** The Holy Land, both Israel and Palestine; Lebanon and Syria; Israel and Iran; Armenia, Azerbaijan, Nagorno-Karabakh and Turkey, Ukraine and Russia; India, Iraq, and Iran; The Sudan, Afghanistan, Korea; Taiwan and China; Haiti; the United States and Yemen

✠ **On this Island:** St. John's, Milton

✠ **In the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:**

The Parish of St. John's, Truro, NS and The Parish of Northumberland, NS

Let us pray for The Rt. Rev'd Sandra Fyfe, Diocesan Bishop.

✠ **In the Anglican Communion:** Let us pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi

✠ **Our fellow parishioners:** Fred and Shirley Hyndman; Debbie MacArthur; Yadi, Mari and Mohamed Mohammedi; Paula Kays; Alana Arsenault; Carl Mathis; David Bell; Donna Bulman; Jack Stewart; Joseph Shama; Julianne Kalem; Lynda Lockert; Stephanie Ross; Fr.David Garrett

✠ **These others for whom our prayers are also desired:** Jean Joseph; Jim Moore; Jeff Jay; Grace Willson; Jeff Acorn; Jennifer Jay; Jeremy Soutiere; Marion Sampson; Pam MacNeill; Paul Gregory; Ray Rogers; Vera Morn; Mabel Morn; Phyllis; Freeman; Corina Statham; Kayleigh Gorman-Purcell; Marlene Seaward and Laura Maynard

✠ **The Departed:** Michael Edward and All those whom we remember in our hearts.

✠ **Those who in life and death have glorified God:** St. Thomas, St. Stephen and St. John.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

4:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday December 24th Christmas Eve
Evening Prayer, Nativity Pageant and Blessing of the Crèche

11:30 p.m. ~ The Vigil of the Nativity
Procession and Sung Eucharist

10:30 a.m. ~ Thursday December 25th Christmas Day
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY
Procession and Sung Eucharist



Parish Financial Update

Dear Parishioners,

As we near the end of another year, Vestry has asked that I provide an update on the financial status of our Parish for 2025.

First, Vestry wishes to recognize that parishioners contribute in many ways to the mission of the Cathedral and to the overall wellbeing of fellow parishioners and to our community at large. While financial contribution is just one of these, it is a vital part of sustaining the work of the church.

As you may have noticed in the weekly financial report contained in the Sunday Bulletin, we have good news and bad news within the three main areas where parishioners contribute to the Cathedral: General Revenue; Building Maintenance Fund; and Friends of St. Peter's. I'll address these individually.

As of Dec 14, General Revenue, which pays the bills for essentially everything other than larger capital replacement projects like roofs, painting, and equipment, stood at \$94,957, down from \$112,871 at this time last year, and almost \$50,000 below our budget target of \$144,250. This is a large gap to fill. When Vestry examined why revenue was down this much, the answer seems to be that some parishioners who have been strong financial supporters of the work of the church have passed away in the last couple of years.

The Building Fund has received \$48,986 to date, up from \$30,415 in 2024. This increase, due to one large bequest this year, has been very important good news, with necessary expenditures like \$20,000 for the Rectory roof project completed in 2025.

Contributions to Friends of St. Peter's to date are \$41,155, up from \$30,695 last year at this time, and slightly over our budget target year-to-date of \$43,269. This is also good news.

On the expenditure side, we have been able to avoid increases in operating costs which are essentially unchanged from last year. So, our problem is not on the spending side.

In summary, we are about \$43,000 behind where we need be to balance the budget for 2025. We would ask all Parishioners to examine your donations for 2025 to see if you are up to date, and whether there is room for a modest increase in your regular offering.

The church's message of 'Love thy neighbour' seems more relevant than ever these days. Let's do our part to keep that message alive.

Best wishes for a joyful Christmas Season,

Rory Francis

Treasury Warden

Dec 15, 2025

Reading The Scriptures with The Church...

Daily Psalms and Lessons appointed for this week

Following The Fourth Sunday in Advent, 2025

	Morning			Evening		
	Psalm	Lesson I	Lesson II	Psalm	Lesson I	Lesson II
Sun, Dec 21	33	Isa. 30. 8-21	Rev. 14. 13 – 15. 4	25	Isa. 40. 1-11	Luke. 1. 26-45
Mon, Dec 22	108	51. 1-16	Mark 10. 32-end	62, 63	2 Sam. 15. 17-21	John 11. 1-16
*Tues, Dec 23	15, 16	Job 42. 1-6	John 14. 1-7	17	Sir. 2	1 Pet. 1. 3-9
Wed, Dec 24	119, pts. 3, 4	Isa. 56. 1-8	Mark 11. 27 – 12. 12	8, 19	Zech. 2. 10-end	Heb. 2. 10-18
†Thurs, Dec 25	45	9. 2-7	Matt. 1. 18-25	85, 110	Isa. 7. 10-14	John 4. 7-end
‡Fri, Dec 26	15, 16	Gen. 4. 1-10	Acts 6	31	2 Chr. 24. 15-22	Acts 7. 59 – 8. 8
‡Sat, Dec 27	116, 117	Exod. 33. 9-end	John 13. 21-35	27	Isa. 6. 1-8	1 Jn. 5. 1-12

* St. Thomas the Apostle

‡ St. Stephen the Martyr

† The Nativity of our Lord

‡ St. John the Evangelist

from The Crown of the Year by Austin Farrer, weekly paragraphs on the Holy Sacrament. Advent is a coming, not our coming to God, but his to us. We cannot come to God, he is beyond our reach; but he can come to us, for we are not beneath his mercy. Even in another life, as St John sees it in his vision, we do not rise to God, but he descends to us, and dwells humanly among human creatures, in the glorious man, Jesus Christ. And that will be his last coming; so we shall be his people, and he everlastingly our God, our God-with-us, our Emmanuel. He will so come, but he is come already, he comes always: in our fellow-Christian (even in a child, says Christ), in his word, invisibly in our souls, more visibly in this sacrament. Opening ourselves to him, we call him in: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.