

Today's Service

Liturgy
Evening Prayer

Readings
Zephaniah 3.14-20
Isaiah 12.2-6
Philippians 4.4-7
Luke 3.7-18

Music
Joyful Noise

Bob Batten, Selby Mesher, Nina O'Brien, Ruth Stanley

Greeters
Hayward & Phyllis Keats

Readers
Gilbert Pritchett
Daphne Pritchettng

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

God of power and mercy,
you call us once again
to celebrate the coming of Your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes,
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for him who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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Band "Joyful Noise"
Robert Batten
Nina Brown O'Brien
Ruth Stanley
Selby Mesher

Musicians
Maurice & Marion Victory

THE MARTYR'S CROWN



Third Sunday
of Advent

PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

The Anglican Network in Canada

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"...The Lord, your God, is in your midst...
He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will
renew you in his love...

Zephaniah 3.17



Rejoice

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday we call *Rejoice Sunday*. Today, we light the pink candle on our Advent Wreath, a colour which suggests joy. As we near the birth of our Saviour, our anticipation grows and joy begins to fill our hearts.

In the Gospel appointed for this Sunday, John the Baptist exhorts the people to lead a life worthy of repentance. Basically, he suggests three things: (1) Generosity; (2) Honesty; (3) Contentment. While we are not saved by our good works, "by their fruits you will know them." (Matthew 7.20) In other words, good works are the fruits of a holy life. As we prepare to celebrate His birth and look forward to His coming again, let us be people actively engaged in living in our lives what we hold dear in our hearts.

If you a visitor or frequent guest of St. Stephen the Martyr, please enjoy the hospitality of our congregation.

Howard+

The door to happiness
swings outward.

Soren Kierkegaard



December 23
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
3 PM

The Christmas Story
Carols and Readings

In a slide presentation, members of our parish play the various characters in the Christmas story. This is a repeat performance of four years ago.

December 24
Christmas Eve
3 PM

Holy Eucharist
Celebrating the Nativity of
our Lord

This is a family celebration. Young children present will help decorate the Manger.

December 30
First Sunday After Christmas
Holy Eucharist

We continue to celebrate the Birth of Christ as we bid farewell to the Old Year and look forward to the New.

January 6
The Epiphany
Holy Eucharist

The Wise Men, bearing gifts, travel from afar to meet the new born King. Christ is revealed as Saviour, not only for the Jews but for the whole world.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS: These will be accepted until December 19. Please remember the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Already, the rector has received a request for help for Christmas.

HELP A LITTLE BOY AT CHRISTMAS: Thanks to all who have helped by donating to this cause. Lois will deliver the food items, clothing and toys following today's service.

LOVE OFFERING TO BONA VISTA: A cheque for \$617.00 was delivered by Rector's Warden, Herman Russell, to the Parish of All Saints, Bonavista, last week. This was the amount raised at our Bake / Craft Sale / Concert held on December 7. The left over craft items were also given to All Saints, to be used to raise money for their parish. Thanks, once again, to all who helped. Thanks, also, to Rita and Herman for delivering the items in person on our behalf.

Offering Basket

Please remember to contribute to the offering Basket at the back of the worship space. \$5.00 per week from each of us will pay the weekly rent of \$100.00 to Victory Christian Centre.



Our Parish: Our Pastor and all who give leadership in the congregation, especially the Wardens and Parish Council.

Our Sister Congregations: **The Good Samaritan-** The Venerable Dr. Darrell Critch (Rector and Territorial Archdeacon of Eastern Canada); Honourary Assistants, The Right Rev'd Don Harvey and The Rev'd Marilyn Flower. **All Saints, Bonavista-** The Rev'd Shaun O'Connor (Rector)

Our Friends, Victory Christian Centre: Pastor Harold Andrews and his leadership team. In thanksgiving for VCC's kindness to us.

Our Ecclesiastical Province (Canada / USA): Archbishop & Primate, The Most Rev'd Dr. Foley Beach.

Our Diocese (ANiC): The Right Rev'd Charles Masters (Diocesan bishop), the clergy and people across our vast diocese.

The Sick: For members of our parish- *Jessie Barnes, Don Nippard* and *Renee Noseworthy*. Pray also for *Linda*, the sister of Ruby Chapman. Pray for Robin Nippard's sister, battling cancer, as well as the mother of the Rev'd Trudy Harding, also battling cancer.

Those in Need at Christmas Time: Special prayers for those who find Christmas a difficult time. We especially remember the poor, the ill and shut in, those plunged unexpectedly into grief, those celebrating their first Christmas without a loved one.

The World: That the Peace Christ came to offer will be realized in all the world.