Yule Tradition
To Be Observed

ROBERTS COVE — Residents of the Roberts Cove Community near Baynes are looking forward to the annual visit from St. Nicholas, a traditional custom brought to this community by early settlers who came over from Germany in the 1700s. However, this year St. Nicholas and his entourage will make their rounds of 13 homes on Sunday night, December 6, first day of the Advent season, rather than the usual St. Nicholas Eve visit on December 5.

Date Changed
This change was made since December 5 falls on a Saturday and the anticipated mass at 6 p.m. each Saturday at St. Leo's Church is a fixed service for the Roberts Cove residents.

The Rev. Alan Bertrand, who is the Rector of St. Leo's, and the St. Nicholas group will make their rounds throughout the Cove, on the date of their annual visit, and their annual visit will be celebrated on December 6. The St. Nicholas and his group will visit each home on the Cove, starting at the Johnny Nelson home on the left side of the Cove and ending at the George Cloughel home at the end of the Cove. The schedule will be as follows:

- At 5 p.m., St. Nicholas and his entourage will make their rounds of 13 homes.
- On December 7, a special service will be held at the Cove Cemetery, followed by a community meal.
- On December 8, a community meal will be held at the Cove Community Center.

Feasting Time
Each of the homes, both of the Cove residents, are invited to join in the celebration. The meal will be served at 6 p.m., and the guests are expected to remain for a special mass at 7 p.m.

The family will be served a meal of traditional Christmas dishes, including turkey, ham, and mashed potatoes. The guests will be seated at tables set with fine china and silverware. The meal will be followed by a special Christmas service at 7 p.m., led by the Rev. Alan Bertrand. The service will include carols, readings, and prayers, and will conclude with the lighting of the Christmas tree.

The Cove residents are encouraged to come together to celebrate the Christmas season and to enjoy the special evening with family and friends.