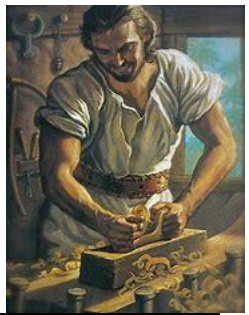




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2nd Sunday of Advent


† DECEMBER 8, 2019, 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A †

REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD –
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GLEBE HOUSE: 902-794-4599
Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon

Leadership Ministry Team
Pam Hall-Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Janis Rose & Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib-Baptism, Sonny Guy-Communion to Sick, Richard Rose-Finance

OFFICE HOURS:
MON, TUE, THURS, FRI – 8:30 – 12:30 PM
WED. – CLOSED
TEL: 902 -794-3951

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon., Dec. 9				
Tues., Dec. 10	Cape Breton University		Chaplaincy Mass/Prayer	
Wed., Dec. 11	Northside Guest Home	1:30 p.m.	Mass	
Thur., Dec. 12	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	Anna Podetz
Fri., Dec. 13	St. Joseph Church	9:00 am	Exposition	Shelia
		10:00 am	Mass	
Sat., Dec. 14	St. Joseph Church	3 :15 pm	Confession	
	St. Joseph Church	4 :00 pm	Mass	
	St. Andrew Parish, Boisdale	5 :30 pm	Mass	
Sun., Dec. 15	St. Joseph Church	9:30 am	Faith Formation	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	Mass	

Ministries Dec.14 , Dec. 15	4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday
SACRISTAIN, & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	Celebration Choir	Adult Choir
GREETERS & HOSPITALITY	Madonna Jackson, Yvonne MacDonald	Ina Taylor, Paulette MacDonald
ALTAR SERVERS	CWL	J. Skinner, L. Green
READERS	Charlotte Monroe, Mike MacKinnon	Denise Jardine, Alexandra Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Irene and John Cogan	Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Clare Bishop, Janis Rose, Diana Steele	Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forest, Leonard Guy, Ben Long, George Quirk
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS

Winter Office Hours - Starting in advent, this December, the Parish office will be open four days per week for the winter, then reopen fully in the spring. In December the office will be open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Give the Gift of Music – with a St. Joseph Celebration Choir Christmas CD. Cost \$10.00 each. Available from Celebration Choir Members before or after Saturday's 4 pm masses.

Finance Meeting – will be held on Thurs. Dec. 12th at the Glebe House at 7 pm.

Liturgy Meeting - Thurs. Dec.12th at 10:30 am in the Meeting Room.

Christmas Mass Schedule –

Tuesday, Dec. 24th – 6 pm. and 9 pm.

Wednesday, Dec. 25th – 10 am.

Parish Office will be closed Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st. Reopening Thurs. Jan. 2nd, 2020.

EMC Schedule – for Christmas to Palm Sunday is now available for pick-up in the vestry.

Infant Car Seat Needed – we are of a child's car seat. Anyone wishing to donate one, can drop it off at the Parish Office.

Expectant Parent Fund - Do you know a pregnant mother in need, or a parent (mother or father) needing assistance with baby food, diapers or baby accessories in the first two years of life? We are here to help you in a non- judgemental way. Call 902-794-3951 or come into the St Joseph Parish office at 34 Archibald Ave. during office hours for free assistance.

We have a new Expectant Parent Room devoted to assisting new parents on the Northside to raise their children with tangible help. We give three types of free baby needs:

1. baby formula, or food

2. diapers
3. Accessories: baby clothes, car seats, baby toys, cremes etc.

Gratitude is extended to the KOC for their generous donation of \$1000 as seed funding to get the program off the ground. We trust as we help parents in need, God will provide. If you want to help keep our schools and community thriving, we need to help support parents as prices rise. Donations for tax receipts must include the name: St Joseph Parish (Expectant Parent Fund) in memo of cheque. A separate account within our books has been created to track available money for parents.

Embrace the Christmas Season - and light a candle on our Parish Advent Wreath. One candle is lit at each Mass during Advent, so sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church, and come as we prepare with great anticipation for the birth of Christ, Our Lord.

Thank you to Cora Pye – We wish to thank Cora Pye who has completed her grant with the Parish. Cora worked in the Parish Office since May, and we are very grateful for her service and time with us. Peace, Fr. Doug.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Classes – Sundays at 9:30 am.

Christmas Pageant – The Christmas Pageant is fast approaching. If your child is interested in participating in the Pageant, we ask that you please come downstairs for a costume fitting after the 10 am mass on Dec 15th.

How does the Holy Spirit intervene in the Church's prayer?

The Holy Spirit, the interior Master of Christian prayer, forms the Church in the life of prayer and allows her to enter ever more deeply into contemplation of and union with the unfathomable mystery of Christ. The forms of prayer expressed in the apostolic and canonical writings remain normative for Christian prayer. Further reading: CCC 263, 2625

Bishop Sheen to be Beatified – Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified on December 21st in Peoria, IL. Here is a Prayer written by Archbishop Sheen. “Here is my body. Take it. Here is my blood. Take it. Here is my soul, my will, my energy, my strength, my property, my wealth –all that I have. It is yours. Take it! Consecrate it! Offer it with yourself to the heavenly Father... Consecrate these trials of my life which would go unrewarded unless united with you; transubstantiate me so that like bread which is now your Body and wine which is now your Blood, I too may be wholly yours...My station in life, my routine duties, my work, my family – all these are but the species of my life which may remain unchanged; but the substance of my life, my soul, my mind, my will, my heart – transubstantiate them, transform them wholly into your service, so that through me all may know how sweet is the love of Christ. Amen”

HALL NEWS

Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free. The finance committee created *new hall envelopes* that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

December 1, 2019	
Envelopes	2309.85
Loose cash	75.00
Fuel	0.00
Special Collections	15.00
Change for Change	3.15
Candles	37.00
Faith Formation	0
Other	125.00
Totals	2595.00
Hall Fund	300.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Parish Mission Beloved, Chosen & Appointed: Mark your calendars and plan to join Fr. Mark Cherry who will lead us in a three-day Mission at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, December 9th, 10th & 11th, 2019 at St. Theresa’s Parish. This Mission is for anyone seeking meaning and purpose in life.

Star of Light, Concert of Sacred Christmas Music - Friday, December 13, 2019 at Saint Ninian Cathedral. Featuring: Antigonish Choral Ensemble, Saint Ninian’s Choir, Ann Holton, as well as others
TICKETS BY GOOD WILL OFFERING

PAUSE For Advent - Take a PAUSE during this busy time of the year-on Sunday, December 15th, 2019 at Holy Family Parish, Sydney Mines at 2:00pm. Come join us with Father Oliver to learn more about the Eucharist and to discuss what it means in our lives.

CBU Winter Clothing Drive - Some students are in need of winter clothing and CBU Chaplaincy will be accepting donations of used winter clothing. Donations can be brought to the Campus Centre at CBU, Chaplaincy office from Mon. – Fri. 10 am - 4 pm. If necessary, arrangements may be made for pick up at your parish by calling Chaplaincy at 902-563-1173. Winter clothing needed: Male and female winter coats, winter shoes, sweaters, shirts, pants, jackets, hats, gloves, scarfs and blankets. Thank you for your consideration. CBU Chaplaincy

KOC

KOC Meeting – the next regular monthly meeting will be Sun. Dec. 8th at 2 pm.

KOC Roast Turkey Dinner - Each year at this time, the Fr. Wm. Kiley Council of the KOC presents an opportunity for deceased members spouses to come together for a Roast Turkey Dinner. This year the dinner will be held on Dec. 16th, beginning at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Every effort will be made to contact each widow. However, for various reasons, some are difficult to contact. Therefore, if you or someone you know has not been contacted, please call either myself at 794-4427, or Tom Gaskell at 736-1267, no later than Dec. 7th. Also, if you require transportation, please let us know. Looking forward to seeing a good turnout, Joseph Howell, Grand Knight.

CWL

The CWL Memorial Ornaments - order sheets are in envelopes at the back of the church, and in the Parish Office. If using a personal cheque, make it payable to “St Joseph CWL”

Completed order forms & payment may be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours or on week-ends, placed in the masses’ collection basket.

The CWL will have members at the back of the church **30 minutes before** the weekend Masses on Dec 7&8 and Dec 14&15, to help any parishioners who have questions and/or desire assistance with the order forms. The cut-off date for acceptance of orders is Dec. 15th.

The ornaments will be labeled as instructed on the order form, and placed on our Parish Christmas tree during its decorating.

Following the Christmas Season, when the decorations are removed, the ornaments will be repackaged and made available for pickup by those persons who desire to take them home. Further details will be made available on this topic after Christmas.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Cold weather is here & request for winter clothing has increased. If you, other family members, or friends, have winter clothing, boots no longer being used, please consider donating same to St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot located @ 1 Cottage St., Sydney Mines. Men, Women & Children’s clothing and boots are needed. Open every Thursday except last Thursday of each month. There are St. Vincent de Paul members in each parish. Christmas decorations also a priority if you have extra. Thanks to everyone helping us to help others in our communities. We really appreciate it!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

“JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND via PICTURES: Presenter: Dr. Phillip Cooper, Postulant for Ordination, Diocese of NS & PEI, Saturday, November 30th @ 1:00 PM, St. John the Baptist Church, North Sydney. Dr. Cooper and his wife Simone made a life changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land earlier this year and he has most generously offered to come and share their experiences via pictures and conversation to all who are interested in learning from a personal experience of the birth place of our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome to attend.”

The Cape Breton University Pipe Band has a Christmas CD for sale! - The album features the CBU Pipe, Redmond MacDougall, and Carol Ann MacDougall. CD’s are \$10 each and are available at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop on Charlotte St, downtown Sydney, or through band members. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.

The CBU Pipe Band will also be hosting their 4th annual Christmas Concert at the Boardmore Playhouse - at CBU, on Fri., Dec. 20th from 7-9pm. Performers will include both the grade 4 and 5 CBU Pipe Bands, the MacArthur Dancers, Drea Shepherd, Angus MacLeod, and Carol Ann MacDougall. Tickets are \$20 regular or \$10 for students. Tickets can be found at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop or through band members. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.

Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Prevention Through Action – Reporting and healing incidents of abuse or misconduct in our diocese. Rev. Charles Cameron 1-902-863-4373 or email: charleshugh7@gmail.com.

Canada Suicide Prevention Service
1-833-456-4566 or Text. 45645

Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line: Call/text: 1-888-837-7678
info@abuse-free-sport.ca www.abuse-free-sport.ca

Compassionate Community Care 1- 855-675-8749
Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

We must find him in our enemy, or we may lose him even in our friend.

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!