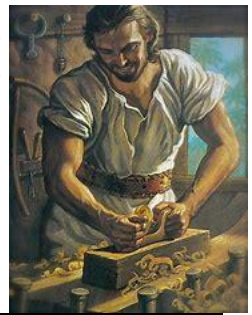




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Gaudete Sunday


† DECEMBER 15, 2019, 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A †

REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD –
PASTOR fatherdouglas@gmail.com
 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. 16				
Tues., Dec. 17				
Wed., Dec. 18				
Thur., Dec. 19	Chapel	10 am	Rosaary	
Fri., Dec. 20	My Cape Breton Home	11 am		Leona and Kevin Hennessey
Sat., Dec. 21	St. Joseph Church	3 :15 pm	Confession	
	St. Joseph Church	4 :00 pm	Mass	
	St. Andrew Parish, Boisdale	5 :30 pm	Mass	
Sun., Dec. 22	St. Joseph Church	9:30 am 10:00 am	Faith Formation Mass	For Parishioners
Ministries Dec. 21, Dec. 22		4 pm Mass Saturday		10 am Mass Sunday
		Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		Celebration Choir		Adult Choir
GREETERS & HOSPITALITY		Ken and Loretta Byrne		Yvette Landry, Louise Ivey
ALTAR SERVERS		L. LeBlanc, E. MacLean		J. Ross, L. Aker
READERS		Joan Bryers, Norm Connors		John Ratchford, Iris Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		Barb Williams, Carolyn Campbell		Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION		Deacon Roy or EMC, Lawrence Jellow, David Dooley, Janis and Richard Rose		Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forest, Cammie Gillis, Ben Long, Ann Marie Steele
Cleaning of Church		Team		Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH		George Quirk		Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS

Poinsettias for Church – Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia for the Christmas Season, please bring it to the Church on Dec. 18th.

Sunday Missals - After this week-end, the Sunday Missals will be available at the Parish Office during office hours.

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.

Surviving Cancer -Dr. Hilda Tremblett will speak on “Surviving Cancer: How to do it” at St. Joseph Parish Hall (church basement), Archibald Ave. North Sydney, on Sunday, January 5th at 2:30 pm. Dr.Tremblett will discuss a number of ways to keep well and better manage our health. This event is a partnership with the Catholic Women’s League, the Knights of Columbus and St Joseph Parish. There will be a free will offering at the door with all donated funds going to the Cancer Center at our Regional Hospital. Light refreshments will be served after Dr.Tremblett’s talk .All are welcome.

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.

Christmas Mass Schedule –
 Tuesday, Dec. 24th – 6 pm. and 9 pm. (incense used at 9pm. Mass)
 Wednesday, Dec. 25th – 10 am.
 Parish Office will be closed Dec. 25th to Jan. 1st. Reopening Thurs. Jan. 2nd, 2020.

EMC and Readers’ Schedules – for Christmas to Palm Sunday is now available for pick up in the vestry.

Infant Car Seat Needed – we are in need 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. -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.

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.

What are the essential forms of Christian Prayer? They are blessings and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.

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 8, 2019

Envelopes	2107.10
Loose cash	115.00
Fuel	450.00
Special Collections	
Change for Change	10.15
Candles	22.60
Faith Formation	20.00
Other	10.00
Totals	2735.00
Hall Fund	540.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Christmas Coffee House – Youth Ministry will be hosting a Christmas Coffee House at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall this Friday, Dec. 13th. There will be baked goods, open mic, trivia, and music. Join our Alpha Students in celebrating their end of Alpha party. All are welcome.

St. Anne's Parish, Glace Bay – is hosting an Advent Holy Hour with Benediction on Dec. 15th from 2- 3 pm. Come spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament.

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 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 14 and 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

Living with Cancer Support Group – a support group for those who had a diagnosis of cancer, for their family, caregivers will meet Wed., Dec. 18th, 2019, 1:30 –3:30 pm. at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier), Victoria Road. For more information contact Alicia at 902-567-8556.

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 the pagan or we will lose him in our own selves.

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!