



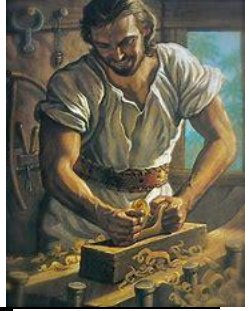
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5th Sunday In Ordinary Time


† FEBRUARY 9TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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OFFICE HOURS:
 MON, TUE, THURS, FRI – 8:30 – 12:30 PM
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions 
Mon. Feb. 10th				FOR THE WEEK
Tues. Feb. 11th				
Wed. Feb. 12th				
Thurs. Feb. 13th				
Fri, Feb. 14th				
Sat. Feb. 15th	St. Joseph St. Joseph St. Andrew, Boisdale	3:15 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions Mass Mass	
Sun. Feb. 16th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries Feb. 15th & 16th	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	Caroline Campbell, Tweet Munroe, Elaine MacNeil	Yvette Landry, Louise Ivey
ALTAR SERVERS	L. Aker, J. Ross	B. Ryan, J. Ratchford
READERS	Taralee MacInnis, Charlotte Monroe	Crystal Winter, Fred MacLeod
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Carolyn Marshall, Arlene Lyle	Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Dave Dooley, Lawrence Jellow, Janis Rose and Richard Rose	Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forest, Ben Long, Monica Shebib, Ann Marie Steele
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS

Coronavirus and Hand shaking – During the SARS outbreak, parishes were asked to express the sign of peace with a wave, or smile and verbally say: “Peace of Christ” without shaking hands. I wash my hands before celebrating mass and avoid shaking hands before mass all year round out of respect for all the hosts I give to parishioners. But with the coronavirus and flu season present, I am inviting parishioners not to shake hands at the sign of peace but give the “Peace of Christ” verbally until Easter. The Precious Blood and giving of the Chalice is suspended until further notice.

Healthy Flu Prevention Habits –

- Washing your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding contact with people who are sick.
- Practicing proper etiquette by covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Staying home if you are sick.

Pyxs Needed- We are in need of Pyxs to hold the Blessed Host when visiting the sick. If anyone has a Pyx they are not using, please drop it at the office. Thank you.

Income Tax Receipts – are now ready for pick-up at the entrance of the Church.

Collecting old palm for Ash Wednesday – Please bring in your old palm for use on Ash Wed. and leave it in the basket provided at the back of the Church. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Classes – Sundays at 9:30 am

First Communion Modules – will begin for First Communion Candidates on Sun. Jan. 5th and continue to Sun., Feb. 9th after the 10:00 am Mass downstairs in the Hall. It is important your child/children attend these modules in preparation for the sacrament of First Eucharist.

First Penance Modules – will begin on Feb. 16th and continue until Mar. 8th after the 10:00 am Mass downstairs in the Hall.

Altar Server Schedule – is now ready in the vestry. We are looking for people to serve in this Ministry. If you are interested, please contact the office.

What are the essential forms of Christian prayer? – They are blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer. Further reading: CCC 2643-2644.

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.

AnnaLee MacEachern at 902-258-2089.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

Feb. 1st	
Envelopes	1477.00
Loose cash	00.0
Fuel	435.00
Initial Offering	10.00
Change for Change	0.00
Candles	34.00
Other	5.00
Totals	1951.00
Hall Fund	320.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan Prayer for Our New Bishop – Gracious God we are thankful for the gift of our new Bishop, Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick.

We, the Community of Believers of the Diocese of Antigonish, trust deeply in your Devine Providence and in your desire to provide for the needs of our diocesan family. May Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick be filled with zeal for the Gospel as he ministers as one who is gentle, wise, merciful and devoted in love for your people. May we, your family receive the grace to welcome our new Bishop as our Brother in Christ.

As he Begins his new Ministry as Bishop of Antigonish, we pray that he be filled with gospel courage, wisdom and a deep spirit of consolation. May we welcome him and assure him of our prayer, presence and support as we begin our new journey of faith together. St. Ninian, Pray for Us. Amen.

The Bishop William E. Power Family Charitable Foundation - disburses up to \$20,000 each year to individuals for courses and conferences that they can use to strengthen our faith communities. Could someone in your parish use this support? Visit our website for details: www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

Share Lent Workshop – Due to the pending weather conditions for the weekend, we feel that in the best interest of those who would be traveling that we should postpone the “Share Lent Campaign”. As the winter passes, we will re-schedule this event.

Eucharistic Congress- What are some of the events and experiences happening that might interest you? The Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has been busy and their creative minds hard at work; The diocesan website has a special page, **Transformed by Eucharist**, regularly updated with information. The weekly e-mail **Seven Ears of Grain**, the diocesan Facebook page and the monthly newsletter are some of the social media tools being used to inform us. A calendar, depicting images of the Holy Land with reflections on the Eucharist, has been distributed to parishes that requested them. Much like the 2002 World Youth Day celebrations, a wooden cross, along with the amazing quilt that was created for the 175th Anniversary, are touring the diocese. A video link, from Bishop Robert Barron, where he explains the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is accessible on the diocesan webpage. The lovely prayer card, distributed to parishes, reminds us that God is the source of all life.

EUCARISTIC CONGRESS 2020

June 12 - 14

Membertou, Sydney

Pre-Marriage Program 2020- dates for the next pre-marriage program with Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia is as follows: Feb. 15th and 16th and June 6th and 7th. Participants must call 902-849-4772 to pre-register.

Cursillos- will take place in Mabou as follows:

For Women Feb. 13th – 16th, 2020

For Men Feb. 27th – Mar 1st, 2020 For information contact Eddy or

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CWL

Pick-up of Christmas Ornaments – The CWL would like to thank everyone who made a purchase during our 2019 Christmas Ornament Campaign. These funds allow us to meet parish and community commitments.

The packaged ornaments have been grouped alphabetically, and are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please note that any orders not picked up by the end of February, the beginning of Lent, will have their tags removed and will be donated to the local Food Bank for 2020 Christmas distribution.

Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents? Consider joining the Catholic Women’s League of Canada and adding your voice and support to a National sisterhood of Catholic Women who promote awareness and respond to political and social issues that affect all Canadians. Our organization recognizes and celebrates healthy family life. Your primary role as a parent, provider and caregiver is respected and honoured by the CWL. Attend meetings and events as your time permits.

Next regular meeting of the CWL-will be on Mon., Feb. 10th at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend along: hope to see you there.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Northside Council Society St. Vincent de Paul – will meet this Wed. Feb. 12th, 2 :00 pm, Bras d’Or Parish Hall. Hope to see you there.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living With Cancer Support Group- a support group for those who have had a diagnosis of cancer, for their family, caregivers will meet Wed., Feb. 29, 2020 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier), Victoria Road. For more information contact Alicia at 902-567-8556 (at the Cancer Center).

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – Volunteers are needed for free tax clinics to help them access important benefits and credits to which they may be entitled. You don’t need to be a tax expert. You’ll receive training and support and how often you volunteer is up to you. For information on participating go to Canada.ca/taxes-volunteer or call 1-855-516-4405.

Pancake and Sausage Supper- St. John the Baptist Church will host a pancake and sausage supper on Tues. Feb. 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00. It will take place at MacDonald Hall, 28 King Street, North Sydney. Eat in or take out. For tickets call 902-794-3392.

Pancake and Sausage Supper – will be held on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. at St. Matthew Westley, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney. Eat in or take out. Adults \$6.00, Children \$4.00. Pay at the door.

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

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

Expectant Mother Fund – Diapers, formula, and baby accessories for parents in need. Please phone 902-794-3951.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Life is short; death is certain, and the world to come is everlasting.” – Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman.

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!