



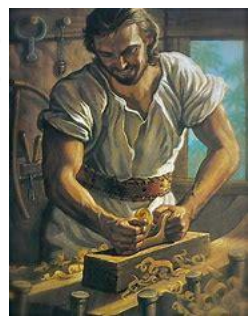
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12th Sunday In Ordinary Time

† JUNE 21ST 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon June 22nd	Private Mass		Michelle MacDonald
Tues. June 23rd	Private Mass		For Eldon Clements
Wed. June 24th	Private Mass		For All Fathers
Thurs. June 25th	Private Mass		For All Memorial High Graduates
Fri. June 26th	Private Mass		For All Volunteers
Sat June 27th	Private Mass		For All Clergy
Sun. June 28th	Private Mass		For Parishioners

PARISH NEWS

Religious Education Ice Cream

All children in the St Joseph Church, North Sydney Religious Education Program are invited for a free ice cream **with social distancing** at George's River Convenience Store in Georges River on Sunday, June 28th at 1:00 pm?

The COVID-19 pandemic is very real, so we MUST remain 6 feet apart in the parking lot and when in the line up for ice cream. Parents are asked to safely park and respect the Provincial rules.

Honey turns 9 years old on Sunday, June 28th, but since she is NOT permitted to have a birthday party due to the pandemic, she wants to buy the children of the faith formation program a free ice cream. We do not want anyone to get sick with the virus, so everyone MUST follow ALL the Health guidelines put forth by the Chief Medical Officer of the Province. Physical distancing is mandatory, the recommendation of a mask and to wash your hands before and after attending.

Honey looks forward to seeing you from a distance on Sunday, June 28th at 1:00 pm
Peace, Fr. Doug and Honey

We want Email Addresses?

In the summer of 2019, the parish secretary called parishioners inviting them to share their email address so they could receive the bulletin by email. To date approximately 75 people shared their email with us. Given the pandemic St Joseph Parish is asking parishioners who receive this bulletin by email each week, to invite their friends and family to email or call the parish with their email address, so we can add them to the email list. We would like to email the bulletin to them each week as well. Thank you for assisting us to reach out to all parishioners during these times of isolation. Please have your family and friends email the parish office at:

stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Congratulations to Memorial Grads

The graduates of Memorial High school will have a graduation to remember. Unable to gather for all the festivities that surround this important milestone make the 2020 graduate class unique in history. The Parish of St Joseph are offering prayers for you at this fragile time in history. This moment also reminds us that we are not in control. God can still write straight with crooked lines, so God can bring good out of this most difficult time. God has great plans for all the graduates and the teachers and staff. You can all be assured of my prayers and support; if there is ever a time you need to talk it would be my honour to accompany you.

Congratulations to all and trust that all will be well in due time, Fr. Doug – Pastor

Father's Day Blessing

God our Father, in your wisdom and love, you made all things. You made men with unique gifts and qualities. Bless all men, especially fathers in the spirit of St Joseph who was the foster father of Jesus. May all fathers be strengthened as Christian fathers, following the loving example of St Joseph the patron of workers and the patron of Canada.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth in their family and in our community.

Grant that we may honour fatherhood with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Expectant Mother Donations

Four women from the Seventh Day Adventist Church in North Sydney are part of a church group called "Bags of Love" that makes things for those in need. They heard about the baby assistance program we have at St Joseph's and made dozens of baby Receiving blankets and dozens of burp pads and face clothes. We are so grateful for their thoughtfulness and donations. The Expectant Mother Fund gives free baby food, formula, diapers, prescriptions and other baby accessories to any and all parents: protestants, catholics, atheist etc. No judgement and no questions asked. Just have them email or call me and we will get what they need. 902-794-4599 fatherdouglas@gmail.com

Peace be with you, Fr. Doug

Does the Church need places in order to celebrate the liturgy?

The worship "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24) of the new covenant is not tied exclusively to any place because Christ is the true temple of God. Through him Christians and the whole Church become temples of the living God by the action of the Holy Spirit. Nonetheless, the people of God in their earthly condition need places in which the community can gather to celebrate the liturgy. Further: CCC 1179-1181.

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.

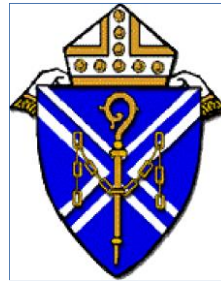
talktoafriend@jesuits.ca-anyone- can be paired up with a Jesuit or someone else with experience in Ignatian principals of discernment and spiritual conversation.

Salt And Light website for daily masses, including POPE FRANCIS mass from Rome. <https://saltandlight.org>

Quote of the Week

"All those who belong to Jesus Christ are fastened with the cross" – St. Augustine

"To teach virtue we must educate the emotions, and this means learning "what to feel" in the various circumstances that prompt them." - Roger Scruton



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June 19, 2020 Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Thursday, June 18, 2020, we received word from Dr. Robert Strang, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia that effective immediately there are changes to gathering limits in the province due to the lower rates of COVID -19. The number increases from 10 to 50 people that can gather while maintaining 6 feet of physical distance; this includes those who gather for religious/faith services.

This is good news for all places of worship. We need time now to plan and prepare for safe re-opening. As Bishop, I am prepared to allow that, in a few week's time, our churches may re-open for public worship with no more than 50 people PROVIDED we can follow our forthcoming diocesan protocols which will require cleaning and disinfecting, as well as ensuring the required physical distancing at all times. If we are successful in taking these small steps forward, we anticipate approval for larger gatherings in the near future.

Not all of our parishes will be prepared to re-open so soon and that is fine. We need to be confident that we have enough volunteers, cleaning supplies, and instructional information in place to ensure the safety of all, including our clergy.

Those who may not be able to attend church for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. I encourage our parishes to continue to livestream, video or provide radio coverage of Masses.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
