



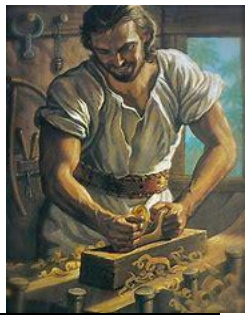
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5th Sunday of Lent

† MARCH 29TH, 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. Mar. 30th	Private Mass		Michelle MacDonald
Tues. Mar 31st	Private Mass		Cora Shebib
Wed. Apr. 1st	Private Mass		Fern & Yvonne Dufour
Thurs. Apr. 2nd	Private Mass		Michelle MacDonald
Fri. Apr. 3rd	Private Mass		Special Intention
Sat. Apr. 4th	Private Mass		All First Responders
Sun. Apr. 5th	Private Mass		For Parishioners

PARISH NEWS

Parish Office Hours – Since our bishop has closed all churches and halls for the time being, the Parish Office in North Sydney will be closed to the public for the time being. The bulletin will continue to be emailed to everyone who has provided us their email address during this shut down. We will give weekly updates and stay connected as a parish, so consider calling the office to add your email address to our parish list. We will get through this difficult time together.

Funerals During Church Closure – Bishop Kirkpatrick has confirmed the following: Funerals will take place during this indefinite period of church closure however they are not open to the public. Funerals are for immediate family members only, with no choir and no altar servers. There will be no eucharist offered at these funerals, instead a Liturgy of the Word funeral will be celebrated. The mass will be offered privately by me for each deceased person. Thank you all for your understanding during this difficult time. Peace, Fr. Doug.

Priests who have died in Northern Italy

At least 50 priests, four nuns and at least 24 doctors have lost their lives and 5,000 health care workers in Italy were known to be infected as of March 24 because of the pandemic.

At the start of Pope Francis morning Mass on March 24, the pope said he was aware of the growing number of doctors, nurses and priests who have died after becoming infected while being "at the service of the sick."

"Let us pray for them and their families. I thank God for the heroic example that they have given us in their care for the sick," he said.

The archbishop of Turin said priests were still shepherds, and Jesus teaches that when confronted by a wolf, a good shepherd "is not afraid and does not run away like a mercenary, but defends his flock." Peace, Fr. Doug.

Diocese of Bergamo:

1. Remo Luiselli (81 y)
2. Gaetano Burini (83 y)
3. Giuseppe Berardelli (72 y)
4. Mons. Tarcisio Ferrari (84 y)
5. Mons. Achille Belotti (82 y)
6. Mariano Carrara (72 y)
7. Tarcisio Casali (82 y)
8. Silvano Sirtoli (59 y)
9. Giancarlo Nava (70 y)
10. Padre Giosuè Torquati (Religious priest)
11. Umberto Tombini (83 y)
12. Padre Remo Rota (Religious priest, 77 y)

13. Padre Agazzi (Religious priest)

14. Enzo Zopetti (88 y)

15. Francesco Perico (91 y)

16. Gian Pietro Paganessi (79 y)

Diocese of Parma:

17. Giorgio Bocchi (89 y)

18. Pietro Montali (89 y)

19. Andrea Avanzini (55 y)

20. Franco Minardi (94 y)

21. Fermo Fanfoni (82 y)

22. Nicola Masi

23. Giuseppe Fadani (83 y)

Diocese of Piacenza-Bobbio:

24. Giorgio Bosini (83 y)

25. Mario Boselli (87 y)

26. Giovanni Boselli (87 y) - (25 & 26 twins)

27. Giovanni Cordani (83 y)

Diocese of Cremona:

28. Vincenzo Rini (75 y)

29. Mario Cavalleri (104 y)

30. Albino Agilo (93 y)

31. Mons. Giuseppe Aresi (91 y)

Diocese of Piedmont:

32. Mario Defechi (89 y)

33. Giacomo Buscaglia (82 y)

Diocese of Milan

34. Marco Barbeta (82 y)

35. Luigi Giussani (70 y)

36. Ezio Bisiello (64 y)

Diocese of Lodi:

37. Carlo Patti (66 y)

Diocese of Brescia:

38. Giovanni Girelli (72 y)

Diocese of Reggio Emilia-Guastalla:

39. Guido Mortari (83 y)

Diocese of Salerno-Campagna-Acerno: (First death in Southern Italy and youngest one)

40. Alessandro Brignone (45 y)

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their soul and souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Universal Prayers for the Fifth Sunday in Lent –

For our Church: that our worship and prayer may open our eyes and hearts to recognize God's unconditional gift of salvation for all persons, We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For families, communities and nations that all are facing loss of jobs and financial security in the light of global economic issues, We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.

For all healing and strength of mind and body for all whose lives have been impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic and for medical personnel who risk their own health in caring for our sick and elderly members in hospitals and long-term care

facilities, We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died this past week and for prayers and comfort for all who mourn their loss, We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

The Coronavirus Novena - Day 1

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world. We come to you today with our fears and concerns -- You know what's in our hearts. We love You, trust You, we need You. We ask You to be with us. Stay with us. Help us through these times of uncertainty and sorrow. We know you are the Divine Physician, the healer of all. And so we ask that you bring your loving and healing presence to all those who are sick and suffering right now. Please comfort them. Please be with the grieving families of those who have passed away. Please have mercy on those who have died, may they be with You in heaven. Please stand at the side of all medical professionals who are putting themselves at risk while they work to bring healing to others. Lord, we are scared and we are sorrowful. Please heal us. Send us your peace and overwhelming presence. (Mention your intentions here) We ask the Fourteen Holy Helpers, those who lived during the time of the plague, to pray for us and all who are at-risk! Jesus, we thirst for You. You chose to enter this world as a vulnerable baby. Be with the most vulnerable now. Help us to continue to return to You with our whole hearts throughout this ordeal. Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/pandemic-novena>

Dear Parishioners,

The Province of Nova Scotia is now restricting all gatherings, including funerals to 5 people. We had two funerals last week for immediate family only, but now funerals can only include five family members. I understand this will be very difficult for people, but we will get through this together.

As your pastor, I am here for you in times of sickness and death. The office is closed to the public, but we are taking your calls and emails **902-794-3951** and we will email the bulletin to stay connected. You can also call me at the Glebe House **902-794-4599** for any emergencies. For anticipated sick calls please try to call me a few days in advance.

The following restrictions are in place under the Authority of the Health Protection Act:

Gatherings and social distancing . There are to be no social gatherings of more than 5 people. Any workplace or business that is not deemed essential (or not already required to be closed) can remain open as long as a two-metre (6 foot) distance can be maintained. A new Coronavirus novena prayer will be in the bulletin and we invite you to pray it daily. Each week it will be updated until this virus passes and we are all safe. Know that you are all in my prayers and daily masses. Peace be with you, Fr. Doug St. Joseph - Pray for us.

A free resource to pray the weekend liturgy at home.
<https://us.magnificat.net/home/freeonline>

New Way to Donate

With the increase in concern over the spread of COVID-19 and with added precautions for everyone in Nova Scotia, The Diocese of Antigonish has added a **DONATE** button to the Website. Please let parishioners know that they still can donate to their parish.

Anyone can open the Diocesan website and then click on the tree or the word ***Donate*** at the top of the home page.

<http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/>

The diocese will pay all fees and will send weekly cheques to any parishes that receive donations on line.

State of Emergency in Nova Scotia

On Sunday the Premier of Nova Scotia declared a state of emergency in our province. In light of this new status, Bishop Kirkpatrick has instructed that all church buildings temporarily be closed to the public to help in the province wide effort to contain the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). St Joseph Parish office is closed to the public, but emails and phone messages will be answered. You can also call me at the glebe house anytime: **902-794-4599**. During this time, staff at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, continue to work either in the office or from home as they are able. I am here to offer whatever assistance I can during this challenging time. Last week I held two funerals for immediate family only (max 5 people), so life continues in different ways Easter services will not be open to the public this year, but they will take place privately by me your pastor at the usual times in the church. As we continue to find alternate means to gather as the people of God, many people are watching mass on television or on the internet. May I also recommend saying the rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy each day. Mass is said daily for the people of North Sydney and you are all in my prayers at this fragile time. Peace, Fr. Doug.

Mass from Saint Ninian's Cathedral will be broadcast on 98.9 XFM (Antigonish) [Sunday](#) mornings at 08:30 am.

Journey With The Pope – “God is our Papa; He isn't a judge...I know that many of you go to Confession for Easter to meet with God again. However, many will say to me today: “But, Father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because one can't leave home? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want him to embrace me, that my Papa embrace me...What can I do if I can't find priests?” Do what the Catechism says; it's very clear: if you don't find a priest to hear your Confession, talk with God, He is your Father, and tell Him the truth. “Lord, I've done this, and that, and that...I'm sorry,” and ask Him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Contrition and promise Him: “Afterwards I will go to Confession, but forgive me now.” And you will return to God's grace immediately. As the Catechism teaches, you yourself can approach God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand. Think: it's the moment! And this is the right moment, the opportune moment. And Act of Contrition well made, and so our soul will become white as snow. It would be good if today this “return” resounded in our ears, “return to your Papa, return to your Father.” He is waiting for you and He will celebrate you.” Pope Francis.

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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 infor@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.

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
