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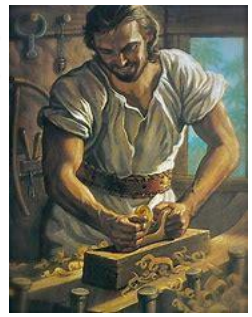
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4th Sunday Of Easter



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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon May 4th	Private Mass		Michelle MacDonald
Tues. May 5th	Private Mass		Frank Ongle
Wed. May 6th	Private Mass		Kristen and Baby Beaton
Thurs. May 7th	Private Mass		Cashiers, Clerks, Workers
Fri. May 8th	Private Mass		First Responders
Sat May 9th	Private Mass		For Parishoners
Sun. May 10th	Private Mass		For all Mothers

PARISH NEWS

Novena Week 6

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)

St. Joseph, patron of the dying, pray for us! 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.

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Dear Friends,

St Joseph Parish hope this Easter message finds you well. As our Lenten Season was altered by the arrival of the COVID-19 virus and subsequent restrictions, we experienced Holy Week and Jesus' passion, death and resurrection like never before, in our individual homes on TV or online, instead of in our churches.

Despite the challenges and heartbreak of these times, there is hope. Let

us never lose sight of the gift of hope that **Jesus gave us in His resurrection. Ponder the words of this great saint,**

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." ~ Saint Pope John Paul II

There are many examples of good Samaritans living among us today. People in every corner of the world have risen to the challenges this pandemic has brought forth. Front line healthcare workers taking care of the sick and dying, essential workers who provide goods and services that support all of us, many more are working and praying behind-the-scenes. These heroes have been the steadfast example of how to serve God's people. Let us all seek to imitate our merciful and forgiving Lord any way we can!

All will be well.

Peace, Fr. Doug

Conserve Your Money

During this time of isolation and uncertainty, many people have their own financial struggles. At times like this, I recognize people need to conserve their money for their family, this is why our parish team decided not to ask for donations during this pandemic.

Several parishioners have been asking us, how they can drop off their envelopes. Reluctantly we looked at options, since people were asking. The most secure way is to place your church envelopes inside of a normal letter envelope and mail to our post office box. Otherwise you could manually drop it off to the clerk inside the post office, in box 338, however any hand delivered letters will also require a stamp.

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Please consider keeping your money for your family, as we are only providing this option because several people have been asking. We will get through this, all will be well.

Peace, Fr Doug

May 2020

Fr	1	Pope Francis
Sa	2	Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick
Su	3	Seminarians Michael McCarvill, Candidate to Permanent
Mo	4	Diaconate
Tu	5	Fr. James Oliver
We	6	Fr. Patrick O'Neill
Th	7	Fr. Frank Pellerin
Fr	8	Deacon Leo Penny
Sa	9	Deacon Art Riley
Su	10	Fr. Pierre Antoine St. Cyr
Mo	11	Deacon John Scott
Tu	12	Deacon Roy Smith
We	13	Deacon Thomas Sylliboy
Th	14	Deacon Henry van de Weil
Fr	15	Fr. Vargheese Varghese
Sa	16	Fr. John Yake
Su	17	Fr. Callistus Abazie
Mo	18	Fr. Paul Abbass
Tu	19	Fr. Antolin Asor
We	20	Fr. Peter Baccardax
Th	21	Fr. John Barry
Fr	22	Deacon Shawn Bigley
Sa	23	Deacon Fernand Boivin
Su	24	Fr. Leo Boone
Mo	25	Fr. Daniel Boudreau
Tu	26	Fr. Donald Boudreau
We	27	Fr. Andrew Boyd
Th	28	Deacon Sander Burke
Fr	29	Fr. Bill Burke
Sa	30	Fr. Charles Cameron
Su	31	Fr. Francis Cameron

Prayer for Priests, Deacons Diocese of Antigonish

Please Pray for a Priest/Deacon Each Day

Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests, deacons and others serving in our diocese, by praying each day. Please use the calendar in this pamphlet as your guide for your daily prayer intention.

Eternal Father,
we lift up to you these
and all the priests, deacons
of the world.

Sanctify them.

Heal them; guide them.

Mold them into the
likeness and holiness
of your Son, Jesus,
the Eternal High Priest.

May their lives be pleasing to You.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

This Is An Anonymous Poem From A Parishoner

No Answers

There isn't a spot in our hearts that isn't touched today.
The World is aware of the heartbreak and it shows in every way.
A tear hit the ground; silence is the sound, of quiet sobbing,
Loved ones lost, in such, a horrible tragic way,
No answers, no words, nothing we can say
How anyone could act in such an evil, sinister way,
How much hurt, anger, fear and rage, to make a list and execute
a plan.

All this by one, just one man.

There are no answers, only hope and prayers to understand.
To heal the broken hearted, and take away the fears.

I pray that the hurt and the pain will soften fast.
That the memory of the families will forever last.
That forgiveness will replace the anger which eats deep inside
the wounds of the broken hearted,
As there are no answers.

Dear Friends,

The month of May belongs especially to Mary, our
unfailing protectress and intercessor. Like a mother,
she draws close to us in every trial, and she hears our
pleas at every moment.

In this Easter season, despite the strains and stresses
we have felt as a nation, and the long road that lies
ahead, we remain confident in Christ's final victory
over sin and death. Illness, poverty, conflict, and
death cannot triumph over Christ's love and
grace. *We know that all things work for good for
those who love God, who are called according to his
purpose (Rm 8:28).*

We remain united in Jesus and Mary,
Fr Doug, Pastor .

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.

Quote of the Week

*"To holy people the very name of Jesus is a name to feed upon, a name
to transport. His name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify
the living". Saint John Henry Newman*

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

