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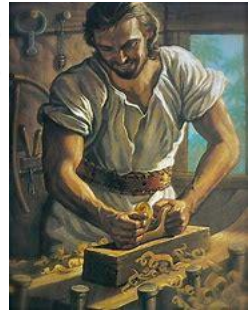
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6th Sunday Of Easter



† MAY17TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon May 18th	Private Mass		Michelle MacDonald
Tues. May 19th	Private Mass		For 'those who lost a job'
Wed. May 20th	Private Mass		Theresa Forest
Thurs. May 21st	Private Mass		Cashiers, Clerks, Workers
Fri. May 22nd	Private Mass		First Responders
Sat May 23rd	Private Mass		For all Frontline Workers
Sun. May 25th	Private Mass		For Parishioners

PARISH NEWS

Novena Week 8

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. Frances Xavier Cabrini, you founded hospitals dedicated to caring for the sick, 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.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Donations to St. Joseph Parish

Several parishioners have been asking us, how they can drop off their envelopes. A **new locked mailbox** has been installed at the glebe house for anyone who would like drop off their donation there. Parishioners can drop their donations inside, but the key is necessary to get mail out. There is also a camera on the box to deter theft.

The most secure way is to place your church envelopes in the mail 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.

St Joseph Parish PO Box 338 North Sydney B2A 3M4

We are providing this option because several people have been asking. We will get through this. Peace Fr. Doug

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.

Confession or Conversation

Some parishioners have called to meet me for confession with social distancing in the church parking lot. Others call just to chat and check in and I am delighted to connect with them by phone, email or in person with social distancing. Feel free to call me at the glebehouse 902-794-4599 to talk, pray or to pre-arrange to meet, or email me at: fatherdouglass@gmail.com

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

Holy Cross Cemetery Opening

The cemetery access roads will be open on May 15th and the official opening with employees working will be [Monday June 1st](#).

Social distancing requirements of 6 feet between people and a maximum of 5 people at any one plot are still required as per NS regulations.

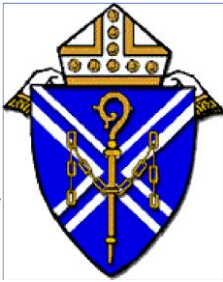
Thank you to everyone for your patience during this pandemic. People are asked to be careful while walking in the cemetery, as some sites are uneven and a lot of branches are down. Burials can commence anytime [after Wednesday June 3](#) with provincial regulations in force.

Special thank you Daniel and the Holy Cross Cemetery Society for their continued volunteerism as they care for the dead of North Sydney.

Peace be with you all, Fr. Doug

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Pastoral Note and Appointment Announcement

As we continue in our current reality of health restrictions due to COVID-19 and as we reflect on our future possibilities, I would like to express my thanks to the priests, deacons and all the lay pastoral staff of the Diocese for their commitment to their ministries. Through social media, many have been able to provide Sunday Mass and other liturgies for the people of the Diocese. Many of you are also reaching out to your parishioners by telephone. All of these initiatives are very much appreciated and I thank you for your faithful commitment and perseverance. I know that many of you are celebrating anniversaries this month and next, please be assured of my prayers and best wishes.

The Diocese has been blessed over the past ten years with the dedicated ministry of Father Paul Abbass serving as Vicar General. Archbishop Dunn has expressed to me, his respect for Father Abbass' ministry. As you may know, Father Abbass has asked to be relieved from all diocesan appointments for health reasons. With some reluctance, I have granted his request. He has assured me that he is willing to assist whenever possible, and I am truly appreciative.

After some reflection and input from the College of Consultors, I am pleased to announce that Father Thomas A. MacNeil has agreed to serve as our new Vicar General for the Diocese of Antigonish effective May 14, 2020 (Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle). I am looking forward to working with Father Tom and all of you, as we move forward amid these uncertain days of this COVID -19 pandemic.

Pope Francis has asked us to set aside Thursday, May 14th, as a day of Prayer, Fasting, and Acts of Charity. We join him in prayer, praying for an end to this pandemic. We pray for those who have died and we pray for those who are suffering, as well as for the front line workers who care for them.

We look forward to an end to this pandemic when we can gather in person again. God bless you for all that you do.

(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick
Bishop of Antigonish

Virtual Pilgrimage of the Vatican

To bring the faithful together during these times of isolation, "Virtual Pilgrimages," are available to anyone at home.

If you missed these Virtual Pilgrimages live, you can still find the videos on [Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages YouTube Channel](#).

Peace, Fr. Doug

Government Assistance Links for you:

NS Government Link offering Nova Scotians financial aid. Please share this link with your contacts who may need help:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/support/#support-for-business>

What is the relationship between the Resurrection of Christ and our resurrection?

Just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and now lives forever, so he himself will raise everyone on the last day with an incorruptible body: "Those who have done good will rise to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation" (*John 5:29*).

Further reading: CCC 998, 1002-1003

205. What happens to our body and our soul after death?

After death, which is the separation of the body and the soul, the body becomes corrupt while the soul, which is immortal, goes to meet the judgment of God and awaits its reunion with the body when it will rise transformed at the time of the return of the Lord. *How* the resurrection of the body will come about exceeds the possibilities of our imagination and understanding.

Peace, Fr. Doug

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

“DEEPEN your knowledge of JESUS - this ends loneliness, overcomes sadness and uncertainty, gives real meaning to life, curbs passion, exalts ideals, expands energies in charity, brings light into decisive choices. LET Christ be for you the Way the Truth, and the Life” ST. Pope John Paul II

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
