



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## The Epiphany Of The Lord


† JANUARY 5, 2020, CHRISTMAS YEAR A †

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Pam Hall-Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Janis Rose & Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib-Baptism, Sonny Guy-Communion to Sick, Richard Rose-Finance

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

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Jan. 6th				
Tues. Jan. 7th				
Wed. Jan. 8th	Northside Guest Home	1:30 pm		
Thurs. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Joseph	10:00 am		Robert Hennessey
Fri, Jan. 10th	St. Joseph	10:00 am		Theresa Forest
Sat. Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	St. Joseph St. Joseph St. Andrew, Boisdale	3:15 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions Mass Mass	
Sun. Jan 12th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	

Ministries Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>	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	Ina Taylor, Paulette MacDonald
ALTAR SERVERS	CWL	J. Skinner, L. Green
READERS	Kay Batherson, Mike MacKinnon	Alexandra Young, Iris Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Mike and Bev White	George and Angela Quirk
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Clare Bishop, Dave Dooley, Janis Rose, Diana Steele	Deacon Roy or EMC, Leonard Guy, Ben Long, George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER – OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

### PARISH NEWS.

**Sunday Missals** - The Sunday Missals will be available at the Parish Office during office hours.

**Dear People of God of North Sydney-** Thank you all so very much for your generosity at Christmas and for your support over the past year. I am very appreciative for your cards and gifts. There was one card in particular that deeply moved me – a dear woman who is not in a position to give. I am not encouraging this, rather sharing the profound impact her card had on me, because it came from a heart of love. The Gospel says, people like her actually give the most, as her gesture was a true act of love, which I felt profoundly and still feel.

In some ways I can feel my own heart being united to you all in the parish, and as the years go on, I will come to know you all more deeply and I look forward to that. Everyone in the parish, regardless of what they think of the priest, can be assured of my fairness and equal treatment for all in the parish and of my constant prayers for everyone in North Sydney in 2020. Thank you so much.

Peace, Fr. Douglas MacDonald – Pastor  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Liturgy Meeting** – Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

**Calendars-** For the Year of the Eucharist, which our diocese is now celebrating, free calendars are available to parishioners. The calendars show various scenes from the Holy Land where our Lord walked the earth. Calendars are available at the entrance of the church and in the parish office to take, so as to help you enter into the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist. Contact the office if none are left, and we will get you one. The Eucharist is at the heart of it all, so lets all enter into the profound mystery together.

**What is an extraordinary minister of communion?** This is a formal title given to lay people in the parish, who distribute the Eucharist, offered under the forms of consecrated bread and wine, during Mass. The “EMCs” also go into the community to distribute Holy Communion to the faithful who are sick at home, in the hospital, or living in homes for special care, and nursing homes. We serve dozens of parishioners weekly in this capacity, however, the number of EMCs available for this important task continues to dwindle due to their retirement, illness, etc.

As a result, our parish is in dire need of parishioners to undertake this vital role. We are also encouraging family members of loved ones and/or

neighbours to consider signing up to bring Holy Communion to those that they know who are unable to join us for the celebration of the Eucharist. In preparation for this ministry, you will receive training so you can confidently fulfill your position with knowledge and reverence. Such preparation addresses appropriate attire, demeanor, and manner in which to handle the consecrated bread and wine. If interested, please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact information. Thank you and God bless.

**Surviving Cancer** -Dr. Hilda Tremblett will speak on “Surviving Cancer: How to do it” at St. Joseph Parish Hall (church basement), Archibald Ave. North Sydney, on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Dr. Tremblett will discuss a number of ways to keep well and better manage our health. This event is a partnership with the Catholic Women’s League, the Knights of Columbus and St Joseph Parish. There will be a free will offering at the door with all donated funds going to the Cancer Center at our Regional Hospital. Light refreshments will be served after Dr. Tremblett’s talk. All are welcome.

**Holy Cross Cemetery** – Holy Cross Cemetery will be closed for burials until mid April, 2020. As of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> the entrances will be closed and the chains put in place. Thank you. Daniel McKeough, Chair Holy Cross Cemetery.

**Give the Gift of Music** – with a St. Joseph Celebration Choir Christmas CD. Cost \$10.00 each. Available from Celebration Choir Members before or after Saturday’s 4 pm masses.

**EMC and Readers’ Schedules** – for Christmas to Palm Sunday are now available for pick up in the vestry.

**Hospitality Schedule** – is now ready at the entrance to the Church.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Faith Formation Classes** – Sundays at 9:30 am.

**First Communion Modules** – Will begin for First Communion Candidates on Sun. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Is it possible to pray always?** – Praying is always possible because the time of the Christian in the time of the risen Christ who remains “with us always” (Matthew 28:20). Prayer and Christian life are therefore inseparable:  
*“It is possible to offer frequent and fervent prayer even at the market place or strolling alone. It is possible also in your place of business, while buying or selling, or even while cooking”.* (Saint John Chrysostom).

### 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.

### COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

	Dec 24/25, 2019	Dec 28/29 2019
Envelopes	5725.00	3545.00
Loose cash	460.00	130.00
Fuel		10.00
Special Collections	20.00	145.00
Change for Change		
Candles	25.00	50.00
Other		
Totals	6230.00	3880.00
Hall Fund	1295.00	285.00

### DIOCESAN NEWS

**Diocesan Prayer for Our New Bishop** – Gracious God, Giver of all spiritual gifts, 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 Divine Providence and

in your desire to provide for the needs of our Diocesan family. May he 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 Community of Disciples, receive the grace to welcome our new Bishop as our Brother in Christ.

As he begins his new Ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, we pray that he be filled with gospel courage, wisdom and discernment. May we welcome him and assure him of our prayer, presence and unconditional support as we begin our new journey of faith together. St. Ninian, Pray for Us.

**Pre-Marriage Program 2020**- dates for the next pre-marriage program with Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia is as follows:

### CWL

#### The CWL Memorial Ornaments -

Following the Christmas Season, when the decorations are removed, the ornaments will be repackaged and made available for pickup by those persons who desire to take them home. Further details will be made available on this topic after Christmas.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Cold weather is here & request for winter clothing has increased. If you, other family members, or friends, have winter clothing, boots no longer being used, please consider donating same to St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot located @ 1 Cottage St., Sydney Mines. Men, Women & Children’s clothing and boots are needed. Open every Thursday except last Thursday of each month. There are St. Vincent de Paul members in each parish. Christmas decorations also a priority if you have extra. Thanks to everyone helping us to help others in our communities. We really appreciate it!

**World Day of The Poor, 2019** - Our recent appeal on behalf of World Day of the Poor met with a great response from you, the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish. We are most grateful for your generous donations. As we promised last year, all monies raised will be used for the poor people in our area. This year the total donations from our Parish for those in need was \$2056.55. We are very pleased and happy with your response. Income tax receipts will be sent out in the New Year. The members and volunteers of the Northside Society of St. Vincent de Paul sincerely thank you for the support you give to all of our appeals whether it is for clothing, household items, monetary donations or food for the Food Banks.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Walk with a Doc**- will be held on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre. For information contact Dawn Carey at 902-567-8974.

**CBU Students Grateful for Furniture** – Numerous people in North Sydney donated furniture to CBU students thank you all. There are many to thank including Peter & Eileen Walsh, Cynthia Hillier and many more. One female student from Bangladesh was sleeping on the floor the first semester and is so grateful for the donation of a bed.

**Taoist Tai Chi** – starts on Wed., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bras d’Or Hall, 24 Villa Drive, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. For information phone 902-567-0525

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca)

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

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The Eternal Being, who knows everything and who created the whole universe, became not only a man but (before that) a baby, and before that a fetus in a woman’s body”. C.S. Lewis.

### PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!