



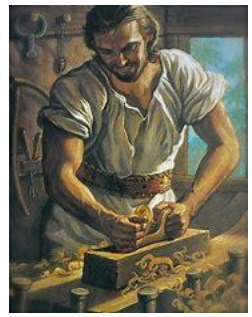
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Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. April 5th	Private Mass		For A Special Intention
Tues. April 6th	Private Mass		For All Teachers
Wed. April 7th	Private Mass		For All Postal Workers
Thurs. April 8th	Private Mass		For All Families
Fri, April 9th	Private Mass		For The Unemployed
Sat. April 10th	St. Joseph Church	4:00 pm	For Police Officers
Sun. April 11th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday April 10th	10 am Mass Sunday April 11th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Sally Ryan, Debbie Reashore	Pam Hall, Viola Smith
USHERS	Irene Cogan, Kim Dooley, Susan Spurrell	Cavell Young , Yvonne MacDonald, John Ratchford
READERS	Kay Batherson	Taralee MacInnis
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy	Deacon Roy
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS.

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

Christ's Passion and promise of redemption, is not only to be reflected and meditated on during the Easter session but at any time and point in our life. We can truly unite ourselves with Christ through our own experiences.

There are times when we may experience struggle through our Lent or of even our Easter season, (remember, it can be lonely in the desert but that is also where we find God), or any time of the year for that matter.

Despite the struggle, God walks beside us and gives us strength, especially when we are walking on the path that leads us into our own Garden of Gethsemane. In the struggle for healing and consolation we can share in the Pascal Mystery. Maybe we are holding the Chalice to our lips and thinking, "take this cup away from me" as the burden of this pain is too big, this Cross is too heavy for me to carry.

There may be times in our lives when we feel like we can't go on. Whether that be in our regular daily life, our relationships, our

work, or even our spiritually. These times may be times when we feel God is testing our faith, (or maybe he is just revealing the boundaries in our life that we need to grow beyond, (please beware of spiritual drama).

God may be saying, "You love me now, when I am close to you. When things are going well. When you feel my presence and we are sitting at the Last Supper table together but do you love and trust me in other times?"

What can we do in these times? Call out to him. God never leaves us, he is unchanging. Why is God unchanging? Because he is outside of this space and time. Although He may distance His consolation. Or we may choose to distance ourselves from His consolation but yet He remains. He is still there with us. Tell God exactly how you feel. Focus on who God is and His unchanging nature. Trust God to keep His promises. Also, remember what God has already done for you so when we do find ourselves in the Garden, we find not our assurance in God but our abandonment in God. This

could be the time of our own Passion. This struggle you may be experiencing, may be your own personal Pascal Mystery.

Are you experiencing your own night of Holy Thursday, where you are questioning your ability to hold onto the cup? Questioning yourself and questioning God. You may be filled with fear. You may be questioning the point of just about everything. This is a time to trust. "Do not be afraid." "Have no fear." "Trust in God." Is Christ leading you to a place, that you don't want to go? Is Christ leading you by the rope of your robe? Remember, Christ will always give you the grace to deal with the situation but we have to ask and trust.

Always know these Thursdays are followed by Good Fridays and we have all had them. When we look around and the folks that told us in the past, they would be there for us and are not. On our Good Friday we look around and it seems like everyone has disappeared. It may be a time when it is just you and your faith in God. That is then we must die, we must die to our ideas, our plans, our Ego, our Pride, our ownership of our life. Or maybe we offer to the Cross in these moments our praise, our thanks, our hope, our love, our life.

This dying is called detachment. Detachment is not standing in the shadow of noninterest but standing in the light of only being interested in what God is interested in. It is a time of letting go and letting ourselves be held in the arms of God. So we die with Christ and let Him mold us.

Our faith believes that these Good Fridays are always followed by the Resurrection of Easter morning. This is a time when we reflect back on the difficult event we have experienced and travelled through with Christ by our side, and it is then we realize that we have been transformed through our birth into the likeness of Christ. It is a time of awaking and new found strength.

But we need to be still and know, know that you will awake to your Easter Sunday.

May the Blessing of God be upon you all and may the Holy Spirit be every breath you take. Lots of Love, Fr.Paul

(Formerly of Sydney Mines)

Happy Easter to everyone in North Sydney, Fr. Doug Pastor

Holy Week Changes:

The large wooden cross, used for veneration, will be located behind the main altar & the altar of repose will be placed in front of the Pieta.

Holy Thursday:

No procession of the Holy Oils – the presentation & placement of the new Oils will commence at the main altar.

No washing of the feet, to ensure compliance with pandemic safety protocols – a display of the basin & water jug, etc. will represent this liturgical ceremony.

Good Friday:

Veneration of the cross will be done by praying from your seat.

Easter Vigil:

No distribution or lighting of the individual candles – the church will be in darkness until the lighting of the Paschal candle.

No procession of the Paschal candle – Fr. Doug will process from the side door to the centre with the Paschal candle.

Sprinkling of Holy Water on the congregation, as part of the renewal of their promises, will occur, but only at the front of each section in the church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Did you know that you can come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, April 1st from 8-9 pm following the mass of the Last Supper. Anyone who misses weekly adoration, are warmly invited to spend this sacred time with Our Lord at altar of repose immediately following mass. Church will be toasty for the whole Triduum.

Cleaning of the Church:

A big "Thank you" to our Parishioners who helped clean our beautiful church for Holy Week & Easter; plus, Tim Hortons for their donation of coffee & muffins which fortified our labours.

HALL NEWS

Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free.

The finance committee created *new hall envelopes* that are available. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

March 27 th & 28 th		
Envelopes		1340.00
Expectant Mothers		200.00
Fuel		60.00
Special Collections		65.00
Candles		30.00
Totals		1695.00
Hall Fund		175.00
Preauthorized Debit		3049.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

When does the Church oblige her members to participate at Holy Mass?

The Church obliges the faithful to participate at Holy Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation. She recommends participation at Holy Mass on other days as well.

Further reading: *CCC 1389, 1417*

St . Vincent de Paul

NORTHSIDE PARTICULAR Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is opening the clothing Depot located in the Sydney Mines Food Bank. The depot will open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 1 to 3 PM until the end of June 2021. Clothing and small household items are available free of charge to those in need. We continue with the Covid 19 limited numbers at one time, social distancing, as well as masks, hand sanitizing and sign in contact tracing if necessary. The SSVP phone number is 902- 736- 6543. WE have an answering machine which is checked often.

Highschool Awards for Students in Need:

<https://horatioalger.ca/en/home/>

Peace, Fr. Doug

Easter Memorials:

In loving memory of our parents, Austin and Eileen Fyfe and their great granddaughter, Kimberly Elizabeth.

We were fortunate to have been taught in word and deed by both our parents how to live our faith and die in peace. They worked to administer to our spiritual and temporal needs in good times and bad. Love, Ann Eileen, Maureen, Kevin and Family.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The purest suffering bears and carries in its train the purest understanding." - St. John of the Cross

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. Phone 902 794 3951

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
