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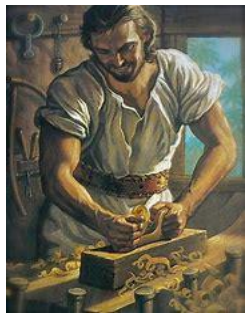
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2nd Sunday Of Easter (Divine Mercy)



† APRIL 19TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

Leadership Ministry Team

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

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. April 20th	Private Mass		Michelle MacDonald
Tues. April 21st	Private Mass		Health Care Workers
Wed April 22nd	Private Mass		Doctors and Nurses
Thurs. April 23rd	Private Mass		EMC Workers
Fri. April 24th	Private Mass		Cashiers/clerks
Sat. April 25th	Private Mass		For Truck Drivers
Sun. April 26th	Private Mass		For Parishoners

PARISH NEWS

Novena Week 4

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. Damien of Molokai, you put yourself at risk to minister to those suffering from leprosy, 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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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.

St Joseph Parish

PO Box 338

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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

Foodbank - 11 Station St. North Sydney

Phone :902 794 1104

Restaurants Offering Meals for Seniors:

Miners Daughter

220 Memorial Drive

(902) 736-1600

theminersdaughter2019@gmail.com

Mother Teresa said of society, "We have simply forgotten that we belong to one another."

When we are in crisis, we often forget that we belong to one another and the first reaction is, "How do I support myself and my immediate family?" But who are the family of the poor, the homeless and the ostracized?

Food-bank Donations

The Victory Park Society would like to express our sincere hope that each and every one of you is staying safe and healthy. We also want to do our part in supporting our community at a time of such great need, and are announcing two donations of \$2,500 to each of the [North Sydney Food Bank Society](#) and the [Sydney Mines & Area Food Bank](#), for \$5,000 in total.

Ryan Duff, Chair Victory Park Society. **Foodbank 11 Station St. Phone 902 794 1104**

Irish Priest's stirring poem about lockdown

LockDown

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.
But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new
way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality:
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
Our Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

Poem by an Irish Priest, Fr. Richard Hendrick, an Irish Capuchin

Quote of the Week

"A grief shared is half a joy"

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.

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
