



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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2nd Sunday of Advent

† DEC. 6TH, 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Dec. 7th	Private Mass			
Tues. Dec. 8th	Private Mass			
Wed. Dec. 9th	Private Mass			
Thurs. Dec. 10th	Private Mass			
Fri. Dec. 11th	Private Mass			
Sat. Dec. 12th	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church	3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions Mass	For All Families
Sun Dec. 13th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Dec. 12th	10 am Mass Sunday, Dec. 13th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Sally Ryan	Pam Hall, Taralee MacInnis
USHERS	Irene Cogan, Kim Dooley, Rebecca Gracie	Cavell Young, Yvonne MacDonald, Taralee MacInnis
READERS	Norm Connors	Denise Jardine
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.

Cleaning the church:

The cleaning of our beautiful church for Christmas will take place on Wednesday, Dec 16th at 10 am. Please bring your own bucket, cloths, and gloves. Covid-19 precautions will be in place.

Happy Meals Sponsored

Special Thanks to John Ratchford who sponsored the Rosary Walk and paid for the Happy Meals. Also grateful to the

Once we reach capacity, the community will be informed. You will need a booking to attend a Christmas mass.

Call Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to noon and a volunteer will try to accommodate you and your family. No voicemail bookings, please call back and get a reservation confirmed. 902-794-3951

In Memorium for Christmas Bulletin

The electronic bulletin by email will be sent out for Christmas

Advent Northside Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 19th, St Joseph Parish, 10am -4pm

34 Archibald Ave, North Sydney.

11 am Fr Angus MacDougall

12 pm Fr Leo Cordeau

1 pm Fr Fabian Ihunegbo

2 pm Fr Michel Exalant

3 pm Fr Douglas MacDonald

Covid-19 protocols in effect: Enter through the center main door or ramp door, sign in anonymously since its confession by placing your name and email or phone # in a container, if no issues after 14 days the papers will be destroyed without anyone looking at the names to respect confidentiality in the seal of confession.

Use hand sanitizer, wear a mask, and sit in the designed seat that is 8 feet from the priest, or kneel behind the curtain. After your confession, you are asked to wipe down the plastic shield in front of the curtain with the Clorox wipes provided.

Thank you 🙏 Northside Victoria Deanery

Envelope Numbers Changes

Some parishioners envelope numbers were changed this year to save money. For years the parish was ordering 450 boxes of envelopes, when only a little over 300 sets of envelopes were actually being used in the community. This meant the Parish was paying for envelopes that were going to recycling, so changes were made to update our parishioners envelopes list. In the process of streamlining the list, some numbers were eliminated and replaced; however this does not affect the donor, as that number is used internally. Please place your name and the amount of your contribution on your first envelope for 2021. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding as we seek to reduce expenses.

Free For The Taking _ We have a piano in the Hall for anyone wanting to give it an new home. Please contact the office if you are interested. Phone: 902 794 -3951

New Missals are not available this year due to the pandemic. If you wish to purchase a missal for the coming year, the Pastrol Centre in Membertou has them for purchase for \$5.00 each.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What are the means that aid the living of chastity?

There are many means at one's disposal: the grace of God, the help of the sacraments, prayer, self-knowledge, the practice of an asceticism adapted to various situations, the exercise of the moral virtues, especially the virtue of temperance which seeks to have the passions guided by reason.

Further reading: CCC 2340-2347

Reverse Advent Calendar

Join us from home in setting up a Reverse Advent Calendar: place a non-perishable food item into a box or basket each day Dec. 1-24 for donations to our food bank.

With your support, this Reverse Advent Calendar project could help stock food bank shelves in communities throughout our diocese, while offering a means of service for our youth and their

Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 2020 Advent Mission -with Father Mark Cherry, Catholic Evangelist. It will be held on December 7th, 8th, and 9th at 940 Monastery Road, Monastery, N. S. **Time 6:30pm each evening . Phone 902 623 0075**
Email address etreatdirector@ourladyofgracemonastery.ca

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CWL

Christmas Ornament Sale Our Annual CWL Christmas Ornament Sale needed a process rethink, so we could decorate our Parish tree within the current COVID-19 pandemic guidelines. Thus, as with so many things during the pandemic, we must make a number of changes to how we conduct the project this year. Our campaign for 2020 is entitled "*Fill our Parish tree with love & joy this season*". We are again asking for your support as this is our major fundraiser to enable the CWL to maintain our Parish & community commitments. Unlike previous years, there is no order sheet, as name tags will not be attached to the ornaments this year. To order ornaments, simply use one of the CWL Ornament envelopes available at the back of the church. Each ornament is \$5 - put the amount of money for the number of ornaments desired (or if using a personal cheque, make it payable to "St Joseph's CWL") into the envelope. Drop the envelope in one of the collection baskets until Dec 20th. The tree will be decorated shortly before Christmas, as in other years. At the conclusion of the Christmas season, all ornaments purchased will be set aside and donated to the Food Bank in the fall of 2021.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank Notice

Since Christmas is only a few weeks away, we at the foodbank are preparing to gather groceries for our annual Christmas Dinners. This year we are asking our churches for help with the following three items; can milk, can cranberries, and stove top dressing. Thank you all for your kindness. We appreciate all your help. North Sydney Foodbank.