



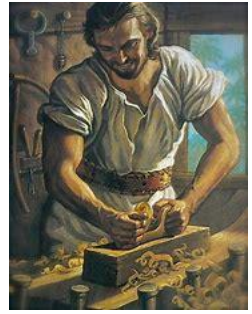
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3rd Sunday of Advent

† DEC.13TH, 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.14th	Private Mass			
Tues. Dec.15th	Private Mass			For Jeanie Langley
Wed. Dec. 16th	Private Mass			For Glenda Langley
Thurs. Dec.17th	Private Mass			For Special Intention
Fri. Dec.18th	Private Mass			For All Truck Drivers
Sat. Dec.19th	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church	3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions Mass	For All Cashiers & Clerks
Sun Dec.20th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Dec.19th	10 am Mass Sunday, Dec.20th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Debbie Reashore, Georgie Bonnar	Pam Hall, Viola Smith
USHERS	Elaine Igoe, George Mullins, Joe Howell	Cavell Young, Joe Tobin, John Ratchford
READERS	Charlotte Monroe	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.

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.

Book a Spot for Christmas

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have limited space for Christmas masses. A fourth mass is added, but overall capacity is reduced, so call the parish office to ensure your spot on the mass time of your preference: [Thursday, Dec. 24th at 3 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm](#) or [Friday, Dec. 25th at 11 am](#).

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 and any person interested in a memorial for a loved one, is asked to place their request and donation in the collection at mass or

send by mail. The wording may also be emailed to the parish. Due date to receive In Memorium requests is Dec. 20th. Thank you 🙏

Letters To Santa dropped at Church

During COVID-19, the Church will be accepting and delivering letters to Santa. A new "Santa's Letters" box is in the church near the baptismal font for your convenience. Please write on the letter: Santa Claus, North Pole, HOHOHO and your return address on the letter, so Santa can respond

Advent Northside Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 19th, St Joseph Parish, 11am -4pm
 34 Archibald Ave, North Sydney.

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.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

On **Christmas Day CTV will air Mass at 12 noon.**

I am sure this will be much appreciated if people are unable to attend their parishes due to limited numbers allowed in buildings. Of course this also is a way for Shut-Ins to participate in Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Flowers anyone wanting to donate Poinsettias, please drop off at the vestry door on Monday Dec. 21st at 11am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What is the link between the actions and the words in the celebration of the sacraments?

Actions and words are very closely linked in the celebration of the sacraments. Indeed, even if the symbolic actions are already in themselves a language, it is necessary that the words of the rite accompany and give life to these actions. The liturgical words and actions are inseparable both insofar as they are meaningful signs and insofar as they bring about what they signify.

Further reading: CCC [1153-1155](#), [1190](#)

Who acts in the liturgy?

In the liturgy it is the *whole Christ (Christus Totus)* who acts, Head and Body. As our High Priest he celebrates with his body, which is the Church in heaven and on earth. *Further reading: CCC [1135-1137](#), [1187](#)*

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.

Dec.5th & Dec.6th	
Envelopes	2837.00
Expectant Mothers	
Fuel	430.00
Church Improvement	
Special Collection	
Candles	15.00
Faith Formation	
Totals	3312.00
Hall Fund	250.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

CBU Chaplaincy Caring Closet

Christmas is coming to CBU students in the form of free Gift Cards for Students!

The Credit Unions of CBRM and the Sisters of Notre Dame have made substantial donations to the CBU Chaplaincy Caring Closet making these gifts possible for students. Free gifts will be given on a first come, first served basis until all gift cards are gone. Keeping with our non-judgemental policy, no questions will be asked, except name and student ID number.

Who: Only currently enrolled CBU students are eligible (name and student # is required)

What: Students sign in, then pick a gift card ranging from \$25 to \$50 from locally owned businesses

Where: New Dawn Centre for Social Innovation - 37 Nepean Street, Sydney

When: Friday, December 18th and Saturday Dec. 19th from 1-3 pm.

Why: To support Cape Breton University students, while also assisting locally run downtown businesses at this sensitive time.

Special Thanks to the Congregation of Notre Dame and Credits Unions of Sydney

All COVID-19 Protocols in effect and this is an outside event!

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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

Community Compassionate Care

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We must know how to confide. There is the fear of God and the fear of Judas. Too much fear makes one labour without love, and too much confidence prevents considering the danger which we must overcome." St. Pio of Pietrelcina

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!