



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 4th Sunday of Advent

† DECEMBER 19TH, 2021 †

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions   
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions
Mon. Dec. 20th	Private Mass			For Sonny Guy
Tues. Dec. 21st	Private Mass			For All Doctors
Wed. Dec. 22th	Private Mass			For All Nurses
Thurs. Dec. 23rd	St. Joseph Church			For All Seniors
Fri. Dec. 24th	St. Joseph Church		The Nativity of the Lord	4pm For all Families, 6pm Sonny Guy 9pm Anne Frances Lionais
Sat. Dec. 25th	St. Joseph Church		The Nativity of the Lord	For The Homeless
Sun. Dec. 26th	St. Joseph Church			For All Parshioners
Ministries		4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR				
GREETERS				
USHERS				
READERS		Kay Batherson	John Ratchford	
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

**Envelopes for 2022** are now available at the entrance of the church.

**Christmas Flowers** anyone wishing to donate flowers for the Christmas season can drop them off at the office on Tuesday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> between 10am and Noon. Thank You.

#### Christmas Mass Schedules

Christmas Eve - Friday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm, 6 pm & 9 pm

Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

Regular Sunday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

#### New Years Mass Schedules

New Years Eve – Friday, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 pm

New Years Day – Saturday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup> at 11 am

Regular Sunday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am

**\*\* All of the above masses are on a first come, first serve basis.**

- Everyone is welcome to the house of God unconditionally
- Masks are required
- Social distancing in effect
- Hand sanitizer available
- First come first served (no pre-registration)
- Maximum of 150 people
- Church disinfected after each mass

The office will be closed between Christmas and New Years and reopening Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### Bequest from Anne Frances Lionais

Thanks is extended to Anne Frances Lionais for her bequest to St. Joseph Parish in North Sydney.

Anne was a devoted member of the faith community. The Parish is grateful that she is continuing to contribute to the life of St. Joseph Church and the whole of North Sydney. Christmas mass will be offered for Anne Lionais and her family. Thank you, St. Joseph Parish.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

What is required and what is forbidden by the tenth commandment? This commandment, which completes the preceding commandment, requires an interior attitude of respect for the property of others and forbids greed, unbridled covetousness for the goods of others, and envy which is the sadness one experiences at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself. Further reading: CCC 2534-2540, 2551-2554 532. What does Jesus call for in poverty of spirit? Jesus calls his disciples to prefer him to everything and everyone. Detachment from riches - in the spirit of evangelical poverty - and self-abandonment to divine providence free us from anxiety about the future and prepare us for the blessedness of the "poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). Further reading: CCC 2544-2547, 2556 533. What is the greatest human desire? The greatest desire of the human person is to see God. "I want to see God" is the cry of our whole being. We realize our true and full happiness in the vision and beatitude of the One who created us out of love and draws us to himself with infinite love. "Whoever sees God has obtained all the goods of which he can conceive." (Saint Gregory of Nyssa) Further reading: CCC2548-2550, 2557

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

We will be airing Christmas Day Mass, Saturday at 11:30am AT. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be the presider for that Mass this year.

**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**

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Envelopes		2982.00
Church Improvement		
Special Collection		85.00
Candles		20.00
Faith Formation		
Fuel		165.00
Total		3252.00
Preauthorized Debit		
Hall Fund		1125.00

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**CWL AND KOC NEWS**

**CWL Christmas Ornaments**

The CWL is again offering, for sale, Christmas Ornaments for loved ones who are in our thoughts and prayers. The order sheets are in **CWL Christmas Ornaments** envelopes, at the back of the church, and on-line with our Parish bulletin, as a separate attachment.

When completed, place your order form with its payment in an envelope marked as **CWL Christmas Ornaments**, on weekends, in the masses' collection basket.

If using a personal cheque, make it payable to "St Joseph's CWL". The cut-off date for acceptance of orders is **Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Our price remains at \$5 for each ornament.

The CWL will have members at the back of the church 30 minutes before the weekend masses on **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>/Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, and Dec**

**11<sup>th</sup>/Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** to help any parishioners who have questions and/or desire assistance with the order forms.

The ornaments will be labeled as instructed on your order form and placed on the Parish Christmas tree for Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> services.

After the conclusion of the Christmas season, the ornaments will be available at the back of the church for collection by their owners. These details will be in the bulletin, at a later date."

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Expectant Mother Fund has baby bibs and baby accessories for free for any parents. We also provide free formula, diapers and baby food for anyone in need in North Sydney. Call the office for help. 902-794-3951.



**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"Those who love most, suffer most."*  
- Our Lady of Kibeho

**Community Compassionate Care**

**Kids Help Phone** – 1-800-668-6868

**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)

[www.abuse-free-sport.ca](http://www.abuse-free-sport.ca)

**Compassionate Community Care** 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

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