



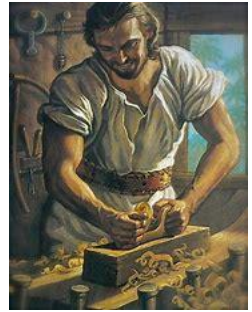
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 4th Sunday of Advent

† DEC.20TH, 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †


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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions 
Mon. Dec.21st	Private Mass			FOR THE WEEK
Tues. Dec.22nd	Private Mass			For All The Sick
Wed. Dec. 23rd	Private Mass			For All Priests & Deacons
Thurs. Dec.24th	Private Mass			For All EMC Workers
Fri. Dec.25th	Private Mass			For All Police Officers
Sat. Dec.26th	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church	3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions Mass	For Parishoners
Sun Dec.27th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Marina MacNeil

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Dec.26th	10 am Mass Sunday, Dec.27th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Sally Ryan, Elaine MacNeil	Pam Hall, Susan Spurrell
USHERS	Janis Rose, Kim Dooley, Rebecca Gracie	Cavell Young, Yvonne MacDonald, Taralee MacInnis
READERS	Joan Byers	Fred MacLeod
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.

#### **Ministries Christmas Eve-3 pm**

**Greeters** -Pam Hall, Taralee MacInnis

**Ushers** -Cavell Young, Irene Cogan, Rebecca Gracie

**Reader** -Charlotte Monroe

#### **Christmas Eve -6 pm**

**Greeters** -Sally Ryan, Elaine MacNeil

**Ushers** -Viola Smith, Cathy MacDonald, Taralee MacInnis

**Reader** -Norm Connors

#### **Christmas Eve -9 pm**

**Greeters** -Susan Spurrell, Taralee MacInnis

**Ushers** -Kim Dooley, George Mullins, Joe Howell

**Reader** -Fred MacLeod

#### **Christmas Day 11 am**

**Greeters** – Cathy MacDonald, Joe Tobin

**Ushers** -Yvonne MacDonald, Janis Rose, Richard Rose

**Reader** -John Ratchford

#### **Christmas Mass on Facebook**

The St Joseph Parish, North Sydney Christmas Mass at 6 pm will be broadcast live on facebook - "Follow us on Facebook we will be Live Streaming the Mass on Facebook". The stream will start around 5 pm to give people a chance to connect, then

the Dunn family will sing their traditional carols at 5:30 pm, followed by Christmas Mass broadcast at 6 pm.

"Andrew Doyle will stream the 9 pm mass live on his Facebook page and the link will be shared on the parish Facebook page".

#### **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

#### **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

**Cleaning Of The Church** -A special thank you to everyone who participated in the cleaning of the church for Christmas. Many thanks for all your hard work.

**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

**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. 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am.

**Mask Exemptions in Nova Scotia**

Effective 12:01a.m. July 31, 2020, all persons must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while present in a public place.

5.18 Notwithstanding section 5.17, a person is exempt from the requirement to wear a mask in a public place if the person:

- (a) is less than 2 years of age or age 2 to 4 years and their caregiver cannot persuade them to wear a mask;
- (b) for whom the wearing of a mask is not possible because of the person's medical condition;
- (c) is reasonably accommodated by not wearing a mask in accordance with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act;
- (d) is in the public place receiving care or being provided a service or while participating in a physical or other activity requiring the mask be removed, in which case the person may remove the mask for the duration of the care, service or activity;
- (e) removes the mask momentarily for identification or ceremonial purposes;
- (f) is in a courtroom, jury room or secured area in a courthouse, or room where a proceeding or meeting of an administrative tribunal established by legislation is being held;
- (g) is consuming food or a beverage in a restaurant, in a food court at a shopping centre or food store, in a liquor licensed establishment, movie theatre or in any other location where food or beverages are being served used;
- (h) is a performer or officiant in the course of performing activities requiring vocalization such as talking or singing at an event or activity as described in section 5.4; or
- (i) is within a room in a public place referred to in section 5.16(f) attending a business meeting with a maximum of 50 persons in attendance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
HALL NEWS

**What does the seventh commandment require?**

The seventh commandment requires respect for the goods of others through the practice of justice and charity, temperance and solidarity. In particular it requires *respect for promises made and contracts agreed to, reparation for injustice committed and restitution of stolen goods, and respect for the integrity of*

*creation by the prudent and moderate use of the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe with special attention to those species which are in danger of extinction.*

*Further reading: CCC 2407, 2450-2451*

**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.12th & Dec.13th
Envelopes		2185.00
Expectant Mothers		
Fuel		55.00
Church Improvement		
Special Collection		
Candles		15.00
Faith Formation		
Totals		2380.00
Hall Fund		330.00

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 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 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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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Compassionate Care  
**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth- the very thing the whole story has been about.” C. C. Lewis*

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