

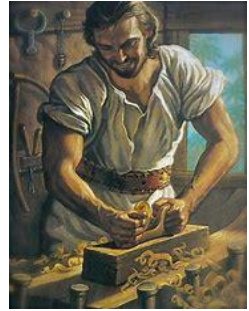


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February 27th, 2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† FEBRUARY 27TH, 2022 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions
Mon. Feb. 28th	Private Mass			For Aloyzas Toleiis
Tues. March 1st	Private Mass			For All Doctors
Wed. March 2nd	St. Joseph Church	12:15pm. 6:30pm.	Ash Wednesday	For The Laity For All Teachers
Thurs. March 3rd	Private Mass			For All Clerks
Fri. March 4th	Private Mass			For The Homeless
Sat. March 5th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For All Seniors
Sun. March 6th	St. Joseph Church	10am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday		
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		
CHOIR				
GREETERS				
USHERS				
READERS	Ellen McNamara	Joan Byers		
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

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are now available at the entrance of the church.

Furnace Fund

As you may know, we are in need of a new furnace for our church. Under ordinary circumstances we do not fundraise, but this is an example of extra ordinary circumstance. If you are able to help out during these difficult times, you can place your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it and place it in the collection basket. For those who do not have an envelope number, you can write your name and address on the envelope and a tax receipt will be issued to you. Donations can also be dropped off at the office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Ash Wednesday

Mass times for **Ash Wednesday** will be :

Wednesday March 2nd at **12:15pm.** and **6:30 pm.**

Church capacity is now at 150 people. Social distancing and mask wearing are still required.

Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then, he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him. The Priest, or the Deacon, takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

Schedule Of Weekday Masses For Lent

Holy Family

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Thursdays at 9:00am.

Friday Stations 11:45,am Mass 12:10 pm.

St. Joseph Bras D’Or

Thursdays at 6pm (in Hall)

St. Ann Alder Point at 9 am.

Liturgy Meeting

There will be a liturgy on March 9th at 10:30 in the Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If You Were God

If You were God,
 How would you be,
 How would you make rules,
 Would they set souls free,
 Free to makes cloices ,
 By free will which God gave,
 To live, and let live,
 From the womb, to the grave,
 Not to make evil,
 The nature of Woman, or Man
 Not Man-made rules ,
 To restrict, or to bind
 People to grow, of Soul, Heart, and Mind
 If You were God,
 How would you be,
 To love, understand, and let nature be...
 To be as he made us,
 Each different, unique,
 To think as we like,
 To express, what we speak
 To be kind to each other,
 To help neighbors, and friends,
 To treat strangers like Family,
 Embrace fellow man,
 Not to make rules,
 By which , we must break,
 To live like the person,
 God did not create,
 Amen
 Angela Iannetti

HALL NEWS

Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free.

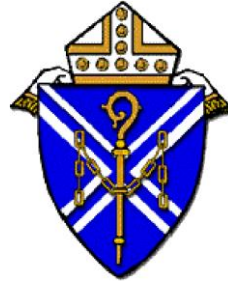
The finance committee created *new hall envelopes* that are available. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU

February 20th, 2022

Envelopes		1625.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		30.00
Candles		30.00
Faith Formation		
Fuel		235.00
Total		1920.00
Hall Fund		160.00
Preauthorized Debit		
Furnace Fund	February 20th	790.00

DIOCESAN NEWS



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(Pastoral note

6 /2022)

February 25, 2022

My Dear Clergy and My Dear People,

In providing a COVID-19 update on Wednesday, Premier Tim Houston and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that there will be less restrictive measures effective Monday, February 28, 2022. The requirement for proof of vaccination to attend discretionary gatherings / events / activities ends. **This means that as of this date, all activities held by a faith organization will no longer require proof of vaccination.**

Phase two of reopening **will begin on March 7.**

<https://novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/phase-two/>

We will need to continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing but now faith gatherings indoor and outdoors may have **up to 75 % capacity**. Congregational singing is permitted with masks. Wearing a mask is required when performing except when musicians are singing or playing a wind instrument. Masks are recommended for choirs.

Weddings and funerals may be celebrated following the same protocols of 75% capacity including visitation and receptions with social distancing and masks. Congregational singing is permitted with masks. Masks are recommended for choirs.

On March 21, all current Public Health restrictions and mandates will end. This does not mean that the pandemic has ended. It will be important to use personal public health measures, both individually and collectively, to help keep each other safe, especially those who are at increased risk of severe disease due to age and/or underlying health issues.

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/avoiding-infection/>

I support these directives and I instruct that our churches follow these provincial protocols.

Fraternally in Christ,

+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Come back to me with all your heart': Lent 2022

"This Lenten call to renewal of our hearts is also a public call for renewal in the heart of the Church," Bishop Kirkpatrick says in his Lenten letter, inviting us to journey with the Synod this Lenten season. There are many ways to journey with the Synod, such as: offering prayer, reflecting on issues of importance to you in the church today, filling out a survey, or hosting a conversation. learn

more about what is available by contacting Debbie at the Emmaus Centre (daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca, 902-539-6188 or toll-free 1-800-656-5311 ext 226) or visiting our website:

www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch.

We hold in prayer:

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission, meeting today (Feb. 23) at St. Joseph's, Port Hawkesbury for a Synod conversation.

Calendar:

March **13**

Mass for Shut-Ins will feature celebrant Fr. Jim Oliver of the diocesan Synod team, offering a homily on the Synod journey.

Mass for Shut-Ins can be seen Sundays 11:30 am on CTV or later on the Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel.

Resources:

Walking Together: A Primer On The New Synodality, by Dr. Moira McQueen

can be purchased from the Emmaus Centre bookstore.

To place your order, email: irene@dioceseofantigonish.ca

or phone 902-539-6188 or toll free 1-800-656-5311 ext 241

Engagement resources for hosting parish and community conversations

A facilitator's guide and sample conversation tool are now available.

These tools can be used for virtual or in-person conversations.

The presentations have been creating in our diocesan online learning platform, the same system being used for the Finding God Online catechetical program and our virtual mental health and Advent resources.

To view the Synod presentation tools:

- Navigate to: <https://dioceseofantigonish.constantlearning.net/redeem>
- Enter your email address and password (create one if you're new to the system)
- Enter the code: 4VKICDIM

If you need help logging in or have questions about the resources, contact Debbie Aker, daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca or Norma Blinkhorn, norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Lenten Banner and Graphic

are attached for use in your social media, on your website, in your email signature, as a printout for a poster or including in envelopes ... anywhere they can be

Synod Posters and Prayer Cards

are available to parishes in both English and French, free of charge.

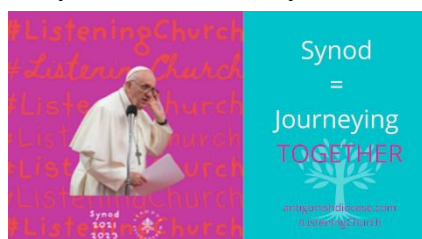
Does your parish need some, or need more?

Contact Debbie at the Emmaus Centre with your order: 902-539-6188 or toll-free 1-800-656-5311 ext. 226

or daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Thank you for joining us on this journey!

See you next Wednesday.



Synod = Journey Together

Pray Connect Share Your Story

www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch

Pick-Up of Christmas Ornaments

The CWL would like to thank everyone who made a purchase during our 2021 Christmas Ornament Campaign. These funds allow us to meet parish and community commitments. The packaged ornaments have been grouped alphabetically, and are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please note that any orders not picked up by the end of February, the beginning of Lent, will have their tags removed and will be donated to the local Food Bank for 2022 Christmas distribution.

KOC will be having a 4th Degree Assembly 797 General Meeting Sunday March 6th 3:30 to 4:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, MacMann Room. Masks and vaccination Proof required.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Northside Council, is reopening the clothing and small appliances depot in the Sydney Mines Food Bank on the 1st 3 Thursdays of each month. We open from 1 to 3 pm with all Covid protocols in place including physical distancing and limited numbers inside the building at one time.

We began on February 17, 2022 with the next Depot being March 3. All items are free of charge to those in need.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

I was at Holy Cross on the weekend, and drove all the roads, other than tree branches, they are all ice and snow free.

So saying that, I have re-opened both roads.

Anyone accessing Holy Cross is asked to drive and walk with extra care, as there are a lot of branches down.

Could we please substitute this message in the bulletin, for this week's edition.

Once again thank you

Daniel

St. Matthew Wesley Church

St. Matthew Wesley United Church in North Sydney has closed, and has relocated to the United Church property in Leitches Creek. Due to this move, we are having a sale of surplus items: chairs, lounge furniture, office furniture, stacking chairs, tables, church pews, stained glass windows, light fixtures, interior and exterior doors, windows, kitchen counters and cupboards, kitchen range, dishwasher, heat pumps, furnace, bathroom fixtures, an electric organ, sound system, cups, plates, cutlery, and many small items too numerous to mention.

This sale is open to the general public by appointment, from Monday, Feb. 28 through Friday March 4th. Appointments may be made by calling the church office at 902-794-3651 between the hours of 9 am to 1 pm, Monday to Friday. People wishing to come to the sale must be masked, and must show proof of vaccination in order to enter.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

Albert Einstein

Will you give me something to eat?

In World War II Germany a 16 year old German girl was asked in the streets by a hungry Jewish teenager, "will you give me something to eat?" The German girl said, "meet me here tomorrow at the same time".

Limited food rations for Jews were instituted by the elected government so the teen girl was asking for food because she was literally starving. You see it was illegal to feed Jews, punishable by death. Jews were forced to live off 800 calories a day.

The German teen went home and told her parents what she wanted to do, but there was silence - for the parents knew if they got caught supporting Jews they could lose everything. But then the mother stood up and began filling a pot with food.

Germany didn't just wake up one day and start gasing Jews, no it happened over time. A carefully crafted and coordinated de-humanization campaign of a certain segment of society was enacted.

Initially the government made it difficult for Jewish businesses to operate, permits were denied, then businesses taken over. Bank accounts were frozen, then money was confiscated. Ghettos were created where Jews had to live, for "we don't want them living next to us."

Jews had to be publicly identified by wearing the Star of David. Books of Jewish authors were gathered and burned. 26 years ago on a trip to Dachu concentration camp in Germany, I was struck by a quote, "first they will burn books, and soon they will burn people."

Over the years the government turned up the heat, but since it happened slowly (frog in pot analogy), many decent people just accepted the fate of Jews. The mainstream media went along with this diabolical attack on human beings and sadly the Church was silent.

How does this evil chapter in history relate to us?

It starts with demonizing one another, not seeing people as individuals anymore, but as groups to be feared. Manipulation of language was also employed, euphemisms used to shift the meaning of words to mislead the ordinary person.

Sometimes only when we look back at history do we recognize how far the de-humanization went. The Canadian Government has apologized to the First Nations people, the Chinese and others for past injustices they did not recognize at the time. In the act of extermination - over one million Irish were peacefully slain by the British government during the potato famine.

Papists recall that 200 years earlier the Government required Catholics take the oath against the Pope and the Eucharist to get a government job, serve in military or function in society. Those who refused the "oath" were relegated to poverty for simply following their conscience (beliefs). Today some claim to want diversity, but what about diversity of thought? Can there be tolerance to others deeply held beliefs; or must there be homogenized thoughts today?

There is a temptation to say, "not my problem, as long as I am ok." Instead stand on principle. Some things we can compromise on, but not on principles,

or how we treat each other. The Universal destination of goods means all people have a right to food and shelter and absolutely no one has the right to take that away.

We have to stand for basic principles of humanity while it is relatively easy, for there may come a time when it is not possible. Be like the mother in Germany who stood up and filled the pot with food. Knowing if she was caught, she would have lost everything. There is always a cost to doing the right thing.

As Lent begins, we are asked to reflect on what kind of person we are and what are my principles? The social justice principle of solidarity teaches that when one of us is threatened, we are all threatened.

Fight for the opportunity to be who you are, and stand for your beliefs and principles, fight for those in need, especially the vulnerable. An injustice anywhere, threatens justice everywhere, so how will you be remembered?

Will you give me something to eat?

Peace, Fr. Douglas MacDonald

Pastor

A movie based on a true story: A Hidden Life

An Austrian farmer Franz Jagerstatter faces the threat of execution for refusing to fight for the Nazis during WWII.

At trial the German government court asked the accused do you really think anything you do will change the course of this war, or anyone outside of this court will ever hear of you? Nazis said, "No one will change and the world will go on as before. Your actions will have the opposite effect of what you intend, you will be replaced."

The accused remained silent!

Then he was asked by the Nazis lawyer:

Do you judge me?

The accused ordinary working man who was on trial for refusing to fight for the Nazis said, "No I don't judge, I don't know everything. A man may be wrong, and he can't get out of it to make his life clear. Maybe he would like to go back but he can't. But I have this feeling inside me, that I can't do what I believe is wrong."

The Nasiz court asked, do you have a right to do this? The accused asked, Do I have a right not too? The German Court declared: Death! However, he was offered to sign a paper of guilt to be able to live!

The court brought in his wife to convince him to change his plea and sign the document to spare his life. She said, "my love."

The priest who the the Nazis permitted to accompany the accused people said, "God doesn't care what you say, only what's in your heart."

But then his dear wife, with tears in her eyes gave her husband strength by saying "I love you, and whatever you do, whatever comes, I'm with you always!"

"Do what is right". They stretched across the table and kissed before being pulled away.

She went home upset and prayed on her hillside Austrian home in the alps amidst her farm and kids - *God you love him more than I do, please give him strength.* Then they showed him in his jail cell kneeling saying: "thank you Father". He writes a letter to his kids asking them to pray for him, and he says I will pray for you on the otherside.

On August 9, 1943

A working man, an Austrian farmer was murdered by the government. Moments before being escorted to the crematorium he heard his wife's voice say - "Franz, I will meet you in the mountains."

"For the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life and rest in unvisited tombs."

George Eliot

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

www.abuse-free-sport.ca

Compassionate Community Care 1- 855-675-8749

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End Human Trafficking

<https://blocktraffik.org/>

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
