



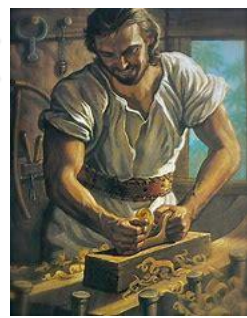
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13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

† JUNE 28ST 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon June 29th	Private Mass		Michelle MacDonald
Tues. June 30th	Private Mass		For Eldon Clements
Wed. July 1st	Private Mass		For Helen Pittan and Tyler
Thurs. July 2nd	Private Mass		For Elementary, Middle and High School Students
Fri. July 3rd	Private Mass		For All Teachers
Sat July 4th	Private Mass		For All Deacons
Sun. July 5th	Private Mass		For Parishioners

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

This is the final bulletin for the summer, however there will be an announcement when we eventually reopen. The last several months have been problematic for many, especially with our churches closed. Yet as difficult as the isolation has been, the pandemic is real, thus we must take it very seriously. The new safety protocols were just released this past week and immediately your Parish Pastoral Council met and will continue to meet with the Liturgy Committee throughout July to prepare to safely open. A safety protocol implementation and verification team is now in place, but we now need numerous teams of cleaning volunteers before we can safely reopen.

Churches are still closed because high risk events are large indoor gatherings, and/or with attendees from outside the local area. Churches often have visitors from outside our region, which makes this environment especially vulnerable. Our bishop is trying to keep our vulnerable parishioners and priests safe by limiting capacity to 50 people. When we open, you are invited to call the Parish office to book your seat on Wednesday mornings from 9-1 pm.

For the past few months, we were sitting tight and now we will continue to do so, until we can ensure all safety protocols are met. Given the state of our finances, we need to meet these new protocols with volunteers. If you would like to assist by being on a cleaning team, please call the Parish. The more volunteers that step forward, the sooner we will be in a position to ensure the safety of our church and the protection of our parishioners. *"Many hands make light work"*, so we are attempting to set up many teams, so no one gets burnt out and we can do the necessary cleaning over the long run.

Since the dignity of life is paramount, we will not rush into opening, until we can ensure teams are in place, so all safety protocols are met for weekend masses, funerals, marriages, baptisms etc. In preparation for some of the changes you can expect, I invite you to watch this video on Youtube of another parish in Ontario: <https://youtu.be/X-gXJy02s9g>

Preferential Option for the Poor:

Even during a pandemic, the poor and needy get special treatment or a favoured status in the church. If a second wave hits, we know more people will be struggling financially, that is why I want to remind people that we will help those in need as we can. In times past we purchased accommodations, bus tickets, food, oil and other necessities as a last resort for people in need. I am prudent with your donations, but the Church also has to be there for the poor and those in need in North Sydney, especially during times like this.

In a special way we have a heart for all parents of babies, so our expectant mother fund will provide free baby food, formula, diapers and other accessories for any parents on the Northside. Call me anytime at 902-794-4599, so we can help babies and parents in need.

Please consider calling the parish office to volunteer to be on a cleaning team, so we can open asap 902-794-3951 or email us: stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca The emergency laws not only require cleaning after each event at the church, but morally we will not put any of our parishioners at risk of contracting COVID-19. If you are able, please consider being part of a team, so we can open soon.

Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding during this pandemic.

Peace be with you, Fr. Doug

Cleaning Day at Church

Calling all parishioners to St Joseph Church on Tuesday, July 7th at 9 am for a major cleaning of the Church. This is a general cleaning and different from the required disinfecting after each service. Bring a friend, masks, gloves, and refreshments provided.

Carmel's Group

- A bereavement group for people grieving the loss of a loved one due to mental illness and/or suicide. It is an opportunity to heal and share in a confidential context. The group will meet monthly at St Joseph Hall, North Sydney starting in the fall. All are welcome.

Peace, Fr. Doug

INFORMATION ON THE TERRY FOX RUN ON THE NORTHSIDE AND SYDNEY.

TERRY FOX 40TH MARATHON OF HOPE, SUNDAY, SEPT. 20, 2020 To register, donate at site:

Northside, Sydney register site:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/terryfoxrun/sydney-north>

RUN YOUR DAY, YOUR TIME, YOUR WAY! VIRTUAL RUN WHICH SHOULD BE VERY INSPIRING. KINDLY SPREAD THE WORD. HE STARTED 40 YEARS AGO IN APRIL FROM NORTH SYDNEY AFTER ARRIVING FROM NFLD. In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope, I am participating in the 2020 Terry Fox Run. One Day. Your Way. Please consider supporting my efforts for this very worthwhile cause. I'm supporting the 2020 Terry Fox Virtual Run and invite you to do the same! In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope, I am participating in the 2020 Terry Fox Run. One Day. Your Way. Please...

What is the attitude of the Church toward the sick?

Having received from the Lord the charge to heal the sick, the Church strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick and accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. Above all, the Church possesses a sacrament specifically intended for the benefit of the sick. This sacrament was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James. "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (*James* [5:14-15](#)).

Further reading: CCC [1506-1513](#), [1526-1527](#)

316. Who can receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick?

Any member of the faithful can receive this sacrament as soon as he or she begins to be in danger of death because of sickness or old age. The faithful who receive this sacrament can receive it several times if their illness becomes worse or another serious sickness afflicts them. The celebration of this sacrament should, if possible, be preceded by individual confession on the part of the sick person.

Further reading: CCC [1514-1515](#), [1528-1529](#)

317. Who administers this sacrament?

This sacrament can be administered only by priests (bishops or presbyters).

Further reading: CCC [1516](#), [1530](#)

Peace, Fr. Doug

Collections- Thank You.

May 28th- June 25th	
Envelopes	2430.00
Loose cash	
Fuel	50.00
Special Collections	145.00
Holy Cross	215.00
Expectant Mothers	1250.00
Other	525.00
Totals	4615.00
Hall Fund	660.00

Community Cares

Open Monday- Saturday, 10am-1pm

Showers/Bathroom Use- Friendly Smilies

Cup of Tea/Coffee and a snack for the road. A bag of hygiene products will also be given out. New socks and underwear available if necessary.

Community Cares
55 King Street
Sydney Mines, N. S.

**Universal Prayer Suggestions for June 28th, 2020
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For our Church: that we who bear the name of Christian may be advocates who protect, defend and support the lives of our suffering members, **We pray to the Lord.**

For our diocesan family: that we may receive the grace to be communities who are welcoming and respectful in sharing Christian hospitality to all God's family, **We pray to the Lord.**

For governments searching for ways to equitably share resources with families and communities impacted by the global pandemic, **We pray to the Lord.**

For protection and strength to all healthcare workers who provide quality medical and palliative care during this time of Pandemic. **We pray to the Lord.**

For blessings on all Students, Graduates, Educators and Parents as they successfully complete this academic year, **We pray to the Lord.**

For all who have died this week in homes, hospitals, healthcare facilities or through accidental death and for comfort and prayer for loved ones who mourn their loss. **We pray to the Lord.**

Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Prevention Through Action – Reporting and healing incidents of abuse or misconduct in our diocese. Rev. Charles Cameron 1-902-863-4373 or email: charleshugh7@gmail.com.

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

Compassionate Community Care – 1-855-675-8749 Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free.

Expectant Mother Fund – Diapers, formula, and baby accessories for parents in need. Please phone 902-794-3951.

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can be paired up with a Jesuit or someone else with experience in Ignatian principals of discernment and spiritual conversation.

Quote of the Week

"Some truths are seen better through tears." Jacques Maritain

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!