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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				<i>Mass Intentions</i> FOR THE WEEK 
Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Nov. 15th	Private Mass			For All Students
Tues. Nov. 16th	Private Mass			For All Hospital Staff
Wed. Nov. 17th	St. Joseph Church	6:30 pm		For Carol Jackman
Thurs. Nov. 18th	Private Mass			For All Doctors
Fri. Nov. 19th	Private Mass			For All Nurses
Sat. Nov. 20th	St. Joseph Church			For All Clergy
Sun. Nov. 21st	St. Joseph Church			For All Parishioners
Ministries		4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday	
SACRISTAN & LINENS		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR				
GREETERS				
USHERS				
READERS		Kay Batherson	Fred MacLead	
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

Masking

The wearing of masks <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/masks/> in faith services and gatherings is required with the following exceptions:

- (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*;
- (e) removes the mask momentarily for identification or ceremonial purposes (e.g. post wedding ceremony kiss)
- (g) is an officiant (preaching) or performer (choir signing but not congregational singing) in the course of performing activities requiring vocalization such as talking or singing at the event or activity

General information on other measures that you are encouraged to use and follow is at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/avoiding-infection/>

Peace, Fr. Doug

Funerals and weekday mass

When a funeral takes place on the same day as regularly scheduled weekday mass, the weekday mass is cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.

Holy Cross Cemetery

A gentle reminder to all parishioners and people at large that the cemetery is private property, owned by the Church to care for the dead. Individuals are not authorized to dig up remains without written permission by both the Holy Cross Cemetery Committee and the pastor. It is an offence to enter private property and disturb deceased remains.

May I also take this opportunity to thank our cemetery employee Jeff Ford and the students who assisted in the summer. The Holy Cross Cemetery Committee, chaired by Daniel McKeough have done an outstanding job caring for our loved ones and the community. The property looks incredible, the people are accompanied with charity and the books are balanced and we are now in a healthy financial situation.

Finally, we are concerned about the planting of trees and shrubs in the cemetery. People have planted trees or shrubs many years ago that are now infringing on other plots. With rights comes responsibilities to trim and care for them, but some trees are literally 20 feet high and those who planted them are long gone. One family solicited a lawyer, so we have a dilemma! **People are complaining about large shrubs and trees that take over other graves.** What would you do in this situation?

As a solution, in consultation with the cemetery committee, going forward, I have decided trees and shrubs are no longer permitted to be planted on cemetery property. People can no longer plant them and forget about them, however if you want to plant a tree in honour of your loved one, we ask you to plant the tree or shrub on your own private property in honour of your loved one. Ornaments may also be placed on the headstone.

Current trees and shrubs will remain and continue to grow obstructing the headstones and plots of others, because unfortunately we do not have the resources to trim and manage them. I ask all families in the community, out of respect for others, please make arrangements to have any trees or shrubs you planted trimmed, so as to avoid conflict and legal disputes. **Previously planted trees and shrubs will remain, but no new trees or shrubs can be planted effective immediately.**

Thank you for your understanding.

Peace, Fr. Doug

Novena for Feast of Christ the King

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/christ-king-novena>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What is set forth by the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment requires respect for the universal destination and distribution of goods and the private ownership of them, as well as respect for persons, their property, and the integrity of creation. The commandment also forbids the unjust keeping or taking of the good of one's neighbor, as well as wronging the neighbor in any way in respect to his/hers good's or property. The Church also finds in this Commandment the basis for her social doctrine which involves the correct way of acting in economic, social and political life, the right and the duty of human labor, justice and solidarity among nations, and love for the poor.

Further reading: CCC 2401-2402

Under what conditions does the right to private property exist?

The right to private property exists provided the property is acquired or received in a just way and that the universal destination of goods for the satisfaction of the basic needs of all takes precedence.

Further reading: CCC 2403

What is the purpose of private property?

The purpose of private property is to guarantee the freedom and dignity of individual persons by helping them to meet the basic needs of those in their charge and also of others who are in need.

Further reading: CCC 2404-2406

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

Nov. 6th&7th

Envelopes		2565.00
Church Improvement		810.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		60.00
Candles		35.00
Faith Formation		
Fuel		445.00
Total		3915.00
Hall Fund		215.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

CWL AND KOC NEWS

KOC 4th degree monthly meeting will be held Sunday November 28th at 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Hall. Double vax and ID required. Masks must be worn at all times.

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 week-ends, 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. 19th**. 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 4th/Dec 5th, and Dec 11th/Dec 12th** 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. 24th 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."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Matthew - Wesley United Church

Fishcake & bean supper

2 Peppett Street, North Sydney

Friday, NOVEMBER 19TH

4-6P.M. take out ONLY!

price- \$10.00

Tickets available at the church office

902-794-3651

Or Charlie Maclean 902-794-3573

(Anyone holding paid tickets from

April 30th will be honored)

(All tickets must be purchased by NOVEMBER 15TH)

DESSERT INCLUDED!

Christmas Craft Sale

You are invited to our Annual

Christmas Craft Show & Sale

St. Anne Church, Alder Point

and St. Joseph Church, Little Bras d'Or

We are pleased to help you get a jump on your Christmas shopping while supporting local

crafters/vendors and your local churches.

Lunch is available: soup, tea biscuit, cookies

for \$6.00. ~ Take Out Only

Date: **Saturday, November 20th, 2021** 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Location: Bras d'Or Hall (24 Villa Drive)

Admission: \$2.00 per person Covid protocols in place.

(Masks, ID and proof of vaccination (POV) Hope to see you there!

Hello Friends!

Join me for an Online Advent Mission where we explore: "From Ritual to Relationship."

What is the interplay of the rituals that connect us to God and our personal relationship with Him?

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From Ritual to Relationship

How do rituals
Catholics regularly participate in
actually help us
to grow in our relationship with God?
Or perhaps...vice versa?

**FREE* 3-Day Online Advent Mission
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Day 1:
Why Rituals?
Rituals are Human

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Which Rituals?
Catholic Rituals

Day 3:
Whose Rituals?
Friendship
with God

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Please do not "reply" to Sr. Helena.

Hope to "see you" there!

In Jesus, Mary & Joseph,

Sr. Helena Raphael Burns, fsp

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"A good man is a very dangerous man,
who has himself under control."
Dr. Jordan Peterson*

Week 6

Recently a young woman in her twenties working in education explained to me she wakes up every morning with severe anxiety over being forced to take the vaccine or be fired from her job. As a young woman hoping to have children and a family, she is concerned that some Covid-19 vaccines have been suspended for people under the age of thirty in some European countries, yet they are aggressively mandated in Canada. As an educator who believes in science, she asked which scientists am I suppose to believe, Canada's or Europe's? She feels bullied into getting the vaccine, but needs a job to survive.

See for example: [Nordic countries are restricting the use of Moderna's Covid vaccine \(cbc.com\)](https://www.cbc.com/news/health/covid-19-vaccine-restriction-1.5848484)

It is outside the Church's scope and competence to make any comment on the health of these vaccines either for or against; as our focus is only on the moral aspects of choice. Her concerns are reasonable considering differing international scientific conclusions and recommendations. I am told women like her are congregating online expressing frustration that their voices and concerns are not being taken seriously by government officials. They feel that debate is virtually non-existent and questions about vaccines are muted or ignored. Others including ethicists have joined these voices. See for example:

<https://youtu.be/8uVHeZg9oz0>

It should be noted that, "Consent must be informed and freely given, without coercion or duress, to be subjected to any medical procedure especially if that medical procedure is experimental or research based" (Canadian Code of Ethics for Physicians and Surgeons). Further, others object to vaccines due to their manufacturer's unethical behavior, such as testing drugs on poor African disabled children. See for example, [Pfizer in Nigeria: 25 years after Trovan clinical trial, residents are wary of Pfizer vaccine - The Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/health/wp/2020/07/25-pfizer-nigeria-25-years-after-trovan-clinical-trial-residents-are-wary-of-pfizer-vaccine-the-washington-post/)

[Racism row as French doctors suggest virus vaccine test in Africa | Coronavirus pandemic News | Al Jazeera](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/25/racism-row-as-french-doctors-suggest-virus-vaccine-test-in-africa/)

As I accompany this young woman, I acknowledge her pain, and validate how she feels without taking sides, or passing judgment. The differing of scientific opinion can legitimately cause concern, confusion and vaccine hesitancy. It would eliminate a lot of hesitancy, if they would open up the conversation and permit free debate. Is it ethical to threaten, manipulate or coerce people into taking these vaccinations given the scientific questions and accusations of racism in their testing?

Ethical considerations and Vaccine hesitancy

“Catholics have an obligation to use ethically sourced vaccines when available” (Pontifical Council on Life 2005). *“It is an illusion to claim moral neutrality in scientific research and its applications, or from the usefulness accruing to some at the expense of others”* CCC 2294.

Paragraph 4 of the Vatican CDF 2020 document on Covid-19 vaccines states, *“the licit use of such vaccines does not and should not in any way imply that there is a moral endorsement of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses. Both pharmaceutical companies and governmental health agencies are therefore encouraged to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience for either health care providers or the people to be vaccinated.”*

For many the objection to the Covid-19 vaccines arises from researchers using fetal stem cells in their testing and production, violating Church teaching on abortion by creating and destroying human life for laboratory purposes. The public data from the vaccine companies state: Pfizer used the HEK293T cells obtained from a female in 1973, as did AstraZeneca, CanSino Biologics, Gamaleya Research Institute (Sputnik v). Johnson and Johnson also used HEK293T cells, plus the PER.C6 cell line from the retinal tissue of an 18-week fetus aborted in 1985.

In fact, seventy-six children were directly aborted for research purposes nearly sixty years ago. WI-38 and MRC-5 cell lines are commonly used cell lines in many optional vaccines, but the new awareness of this reality and mandating the forced injection of them is creating resistance. WI refers to the Wistar Institute, at University of Pennsylvania and since each baby was given a number instead of a name, number thirty-eight refers to baby 38, thus cells derived from a three-month female fetus. The initials MRC indicate Medical Research Council in London and those cells were derived from a 14-week male fetus. Since the cell lines age and can only be replicated so many times, China developed a new fetal cell line in 2015 called WalVax-2.

This may be disturbing to some, and I am reluctantly sharing these facts now because of the mandates that violate conscience. It is detailed to demonstrate how some can feel that it is “unethical” to use these vaccines. This is further exacerbated by mandates which coerce people to be vaccinated using “unethical” vaccines. The coercion is now so intense, that governments have threatened loss of employment, the inability to travel, or go to a movie, a gym, arena, restaurant, attend funerals etc.

As indicated last week, the **Catholic Church permits people to take these Covid-19 vaccines and Pope Francis says, it is an act of charity to do so.** The Church also has a role in protecting the sanctity of conscience. As a priest to those experiencing threats to conscience, I have a duty to speak up. If the Church will not stand up and protect the sanctity of conscience, who will?

It should also be clear that many of those objecting to the current vaccine are not opposed to vaccination *per se*. They are simply requesting an “ethical” vaccine that does not require any cooperation with evil, no matter how remote. Other Covid-19 vaccines such as those being developed by Sanofi Pasteur, Inovio, and the John Paul II Medical Research Institute utilize cell lines not connected to unethical procedures and methods. **They are asking for authorities to approve an ethical vaccine for use to help solve some of the vaccine hesitancy.** I agree that it is critically important that people have access to a vaccine that is produced ethically, where the principle of human life is sacred and is never exploited.

The decision to cooperate with evil regardless of its remoteness, is a personal choice of conscience that should be free and not coerced. Moral theology permits us to be vaccinated, but the Church did not mandate it. As I mentioned last week, the Church can only authorize us to cooperate indirectly with evil, not compel us. Still a personal choice will have ramifications, and should never knowingly put others at risk of serious illness or death. **Reasonable infection prevention protocols are expected by the unvaccinated because of the call to love your neighbour.** Jesus said, *“Love one another as I have loved you”*

(John 13:34). Hence, the moral and ethical dilemma: One which should be neither trivialized nor criticized.

It is critically important that people have access to a vaccine that is produced ethically, where the principle of human life is sacred and is never exploited. When not given an ethical option, because there is no 100% - good option, then it becomes a difficult choice. **The fact remains, some are waiting for the ethical vaccines. People should not have to choose between being vaccinated and violating their deeply held personal beliefs.**

As Catholics, we can both encourage people to get a covid-19 vaccine and respect the rights of individuals to exercise their freedom to act in accordance with their deeply held beliefs (conscience). Ethically one must volunteer for the vaccine and not be forced. Accepting what our Church has said about reduced moral responsibility, there are people of goodwill who are agonizing over the coercion to get the vaccines—good people worried about the trajectory of a country that is expanding and not restricting the use of aborted babies in medical research. Traditionally the Church has been a buttress to unrestricted research on human fetal tissue (HFT); as there is already a growing market for aborted remains. Many believe the use of human fetal tissue (HFT) should be banned, regardless of the benefit to us. Canadian philosopher George Grant once said, *“just because we can do something, doesn't mean we should.”*

Pope Francis said, we want people in society who are concerned about the *“throw away culture.”* When life is disposable this negative mindset of life cascades into all other aspects of life. For example, why should I respect you or your property if you are disposable? People of faith believe each person is created in the image and likeness of God - **The sacredness of life is a watershed worldview that led to the creation of hospitals, schools, the legal system, free market economy, orphanages, soup kitchens, migrant services, medicine, art, music, architecture and even the scientific method itself.**

C.S. Lewis sums up the value of this pro-life mindset when he said, *“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”* And **this attitude of respect for life is good for you and the common good of society.** The safest place in the world should be a mother's womb. When the most vulnerable are protected, we are all safer, as you will live in a more peaceful, loving and caring community, but the flip side is also true, so if we think we can destroy life without our communities paying a price, we will learn the hard way, so put your seatbelt on!

Get vaccinated if you can, but if you cannot remember to be ethically considerate of others you share space with. People unable to be vaccinated for any reason have a responsibility to avoid infection through prevention, and take precautions not to infect others. It is respectful of others to wear masks in shared spaces, stay at home if sick, hand washing, PPE and disinfecting private and public spaces and the other considerations we have all done.

There is a Biblical precedent for many of the public health measures today. Luke 17:11-19 speaks of social distancing as people with leprosy had to keep a distance from others. Leviticus 13 which was written 3500 years ago states people infected with leprosy had to be examined by the priest and then isolate for 7-14 days if exposed. They also had to say “unclean” in public when they approached others for the public's safety, burn any infected clothes and live alone outside town. Old testament laws were not meant to shut lepers away, but to give them space to heal, so as not to infect others.

In our time, it may be argued it was ethical to reduce exposure in public spaces until herd immunity was reached. Unvaccinated are to be considerate of others who are very fearful of this virus. Given scientific advancements and the 98.7% worldwide recovery rate of Covid-19, a valid discussion on what those limitations should be is due; with restrictions for vulnerable populations. Unvaccinated are also invited to seek alternative ways to be alive and healthy given the current

restrictions and be open to how God is bringing people together in new ways.

I would point out that utilitarianism is used to justify mandates as ethical because they are designed for the greater good. The limitation of this approach is that we do not know if the future results will be positive or negative in the long-term. It also fails to account for justice and individual rights. For example, we cannot justify killing a person to give their organs to dozens of people even if twenty-four lives will be saved with only one lost. The greater good argument can not solely be used to justify mandates as ethical. Morally acceptable means must always be employed according to the Church.

The purpose of this brief essay was to give voice to the few and explain their concerns. It was designed to demonstrate that their concerns are real and consistent with the teachings of the Church. It also expanded on last week's discussion through an ethical lens. It is permitted to take the unethical vaccines when ethical ones are not available; however, the decision to do so should not be coerced if conscience leads someone to decline vaccination. Further, unvaccinated people should have choice; but there are consequences to that choice, in that they must follow all reasonable precautions to limit the spread of infection. Finally, I hoped to foster greater understanding of the moral and ethical dilemmas many face, and advocate for love and understanding towards all, including the unvaccinated.

How do ethics sometimes cause vaccine hesitancy for Catholics and people at large?

Some wish they could take an ethical vaccine now, and will as soon as an ethical vaccine is available.

Operation Warp Speed created the existing formula for Covid-19 vaccines in eight months, therefore can an ethical vaccine be fast tracked for approval to help raise the vaccination numbers?

Some organic consumers have concerns about genetically modified foods and any genetic manipulations. Is it ethical to mandate a new and experimental gene altering mRNA therapy that reprograms the cells and has only been out for ten months, without any long-term studies?

CWL Christmas Ornaments



St Joseph Parish, North Sydney

Your order with payment is due by Sunday, December 19th & can be dropped off at the week-end masses, in the collection basket. If using a personal cheque, make it payable to "St. Joseph's CWL". Our members will be at the back of the church 30 minutes before the masses on Dec 4th/Dec 5th, & Dec 11th/Dec 12th to help you.

"Fill our Parish tree with love & joy this season"

Please complete all items in this section:

Number of ornaments ordered: _____ @ \$5.00 each

Total due: \$ _____

Ordered by: Name: _____

Phone number: _____

For Office Use Only:
Order # _____

Payment Rec'd: _____

Ornament #1	2021 ORDER #
In our thoughts & prayers:	
Greatly loved by:	

Ornament #2	2021 ORDER #
In our thoughts & prayers:	
Greatly loved by:	

Ornament #3	2021 ORDER #
In our thoughts & prayers:	
Greatly loved by:	

Ornament #4	2021 ORDER #
In our thoughts & prayers:	
Greatly loved by:	