



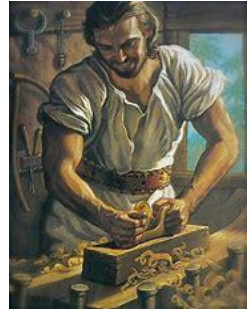
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

| Date | Location | Time | Details | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mon. Nov. 22nd | Private Mass | | Mem of St. Cecilia | For All Police Officers |
| Tues. Nov. 23rd | Private Mass | | | For All Volunteers |
| Wed. Nov. 24th | St. Joseph Church | 6:30 pm | Mem. of St Andrew Dung | For Norman & Ada MacIntyre |
| Thurs. Nov. 25th | Private Mass | | | For All Seniors |
| Fri. Nov. 26th | Private Mass | | | For the Sick |
| Sat. Nov. 27th | St. Joseph Church | | | For All Firefighters |
| Sun. Nov. 28th | 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 | Charlotte Monroe | | Taralee MacInnis | |
| PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | | | | |
| EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION | Deacon Roy | | Deacon Roy | |
| Cleaning of Church | Team | | Team | |
| PORTER - OPENS CHURCH | George Quirk | | Calvin Gracie | |
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PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

All children are always a gift from God regardless of how they are conceived.

As a person, and especially as a pastor my heart broke for all the people who felt rejected or hurt by the catechism teachings in a recent bulletin. These excerpts are from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each week they are copied and pasted for the bulletin. It is meant to share Church teaching in a compact way, but it was never meant to hurt anyone.

However, the fact remains some people were very hurt. As I look back at the catechetical wording it did lack pastoral sensitivity. Even though they are not my words, a fuller explanation is required to be sensitive to others.

As I reflected on the parents' pain, and prayed with empathy, I only got a glimpse of what the parents must have been going through. I can see why you received these teachings the way you did. Any discomfort I have felt since this began, I offered as a prayer for you and your dearly beloved children, for your pain is

much worse. May this cross be an opportunity of growth for us all.

All children are always a gift from God regardless of how they are conceived. We believe God pours a soul into them at conception regardless of how they come to be. The Church teaching never said the children are immoral or evil, because they are made in the image and likeness of God - always! The immorality concerns the embryos that may get discarded in the process, but any children conceived this way are beautiful and a treasured gift of God.

This particular teaching elicited many reactions, to the point of threats of violence, therefore it was necessary to remove the facebook page. I am personally not on facebook and have never had any social media, but I have learned of your deep pain.

Your pain saddens me deeply and for now just know how beautiful and wonderfully made your dearly beloved children are. Love to meet you and your families this Sunday and everyone is sincerely welcome as we celebrate the Eucharist and we pray together for healing. May God bless you all, especially anyone

who felt rejected and hurt by these teachings. I hold you all in my prayers.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Douglas

Statement:

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick, Diocese of Antigonish:

“All children, regardless of the circumstances of their conception and birth, should be loved, cherished and cared for. A child conceived in Vitro is welcomed by God and by the church.”

“The reason that the church opposes in vitro fertilization is that it can treat the child and couple as if they were part of a manufacturing process. There are concerns about the loss of embryos during the process and the use of reproductive technology for selection rather than creation. The churches teaching is out of concern for children and families”

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.

Weekday Mass Schedule

In advent, the weekday masses will take place Wednesday at 6:30 pm and Thursday and Friday at 10 am. These masses will take place in the hall downstairs to save on oil. Parishioners are asked to enter through the side door of the hall. And immediately following mass, a brief reflection on the Word of God will take place. Let's us prepare for the coming of Christ.

Weekday Masses in Hall

Starting in Advent, the weekday masses will take place in the hall. The first Wednesday mass in the hall will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 pm.

Liturgy Meeting Wednesday November 24th at 7pm downstairs in the Hall.

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 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 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. 13^h&14th

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| Envelopes | | 2485.00 |
| Holy Cross | | |
| Special Collection | | 60.00 |
| Candles | | 30.00 |
| Faith Formation | | |
| Fuel | | 100.00 |
| Expectant Mothers | | 100.00 |
| Total | | 2775.00 |
| Hall Fund | | 155.00 |

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.

KOC 4th Degree Fr. Wm MacLeod Assembly 0797 will be holding their installation of officers Sunday, November 28 at 2:00 pm in Our Lady of Fatima Church. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Thank you,
Kyte Power, Faithful Navigator

KOC meeting November 25th at 7 pm downstairs in the Hall.

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

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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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

"Humor can get in under the door while seriousness is still fumbling at the handle."

G.K. Chesterton

