



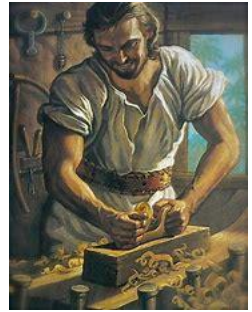
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 34th Sunday In Ordinary Time Christ The King

† NOV.22ND, 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †


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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Nov.23rd	Private Mass			
Tues. Nov.24th	Private Mass			For Joan Guy
Wed. Nov.25th	Private Mass			For All Teachers
Thurs. Nov.26th	Private Mass			For All Nurses & Doctors
Fri. Nov.27th	Private Mass			For All Seniors
Sat. Nov.28th	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church	3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions Mass	For All Parents
Sun. Nov.29th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Nov.28th	10 am Mass Sunday, Nov.29th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Sally Ryan	Pam Hall, Vio;a Smith
USHERS	Irene Cogan, Susan Spurrell, Rebecca Gracie	Cavell Young, TaraLee MacInnis,
READERS	Frank McNamara	John Ratchford
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.

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Covid-19 has changed many things in our world; including the financial health of many organizations and individuals.

The Parish has reduced expenses a second time to live within its means. We barely made it these past 7 months with reduced income, but now that we are approaching the heating season, we realize the funds are no longer there for business as usual activities. To ensure essential sacraments and services are offered during the winter, a change is going into effect January 1st, 2021.

In a nutshell, starting in 2021, the church boiler for heat will be kept at a comfortable room temperature for the weekends only (and funerals). This means all groups are asked to book the hall on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings for their group meetings while the heat is on and rooms are toasty warm.

I know this is a challenge to switch meeting days and an inconvenience, but it is better than the alternative. We have to find a way to stay solvent, while keeping heat on and our doors open.

Thank you for your consideration and for discussing new options with your committees Your cooperation and understanding is most appreciated as we seek to navigate new ways to live and be as church during this pandemic. Fr. Doug

#### McDonald's Happy Meals and Rosary Walk

On Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 11:15 am, St. Joseph's will host a fun day for kids and families.

**11 am** - Meet at the Carmen Young walking Track, next to Emera Centre in North Sydney for free Tim Horton's coffee.

**11:15** - Free rosaries given to all children and people in attendance, then learn to say the rosary while walking with Fr Doug.

**Noon** - Free McDonald's Happy Meals for kids and parents and all St Joseph Parishioners in attendance.

Youth are welcome to bring and use their skateboard as well. It will be fun.

See you there, Fr. Doug

#### 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 4 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

### In Memorial for Christmas Bulletin

The electronic bulletin by email will be sent out for Christmas and any people interested in a memorial for a loved one, are asked to place their request and donation in the collection at mass or send by mail. The wording may also be emailed to the parish. Due date to receive In Memorial requests is Dec. 20th. Thank you 🙏

### Confession for Advent

Sat. Dec. 19th with visiting priests from 10 am to 4 pm St. Joseph Church, North Sydney. Peace, Fr. Doug

**Church Envelopes 2021**-available at mass for the next few weekends at the entrance of the church. If possible, please put your name, address, and telephone number on the first envelope.

**Free For The Taking** \_We have a piano in the Hall for anyone wanting to give it a new home. Please contact the office if you are interested. Phone: 902 794 -3951

### Dear CWL, KOC, and AA Groups,

Good news. Parish groups can return to use the hall again starting in November.

1. Groups must sign in with their phone number or email address.
2. The group leader saves the forms for confidentiality and possible contact tracing if necessary. Since the Parish Pastoral Council is a public group with names in the bulletin, I shared their names from our meeting to show you what we expect from groups each time they come here.
3. Use hand sanitizer and after the meeting wipe down any high touch surfaces eg. chairs and tables, door handles etc.
4. If a group plans to book the hall, they will need to notify the office and secondly me to ensure the heat is on. Text messages are preferred 902-217-6770 with date and time of your meeting, 5 days before the meeting.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### **Who acts in the liturgy?**

In the liturgy it is the *whole Christ (Christus Totus)* who acts, Head and Body. As our High Priest he celebrates with his body, which is the Church in heaven and on earth.

*Further reading: CCC 1135-1137, 1187*

#### **234. Who celebrates the heavenly liturgy?**

The heavenly liturgy is celebrated by the angels, by the saints of the Old and New Testament, particularly the Mother of God, by the Apostles, by the martyrs, and by the "great multitude which no one could number from every nation, race, people, and tongue." (*Revelation 7:9*). When we celebrate the mystery of our salvation in the sacraments we participate in this eternal liturgy.

### HALL NEWS

**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.

Nov.14& Nov.15h	
Envelopes	1265.00
Loose cash	
Fuel	5.00
Holy Cross	
Special Collection	480.00
Candles	55.00
Faith Formation	
Totals	1805.00
Hall Fund	5410.00

### Reverse Advent Calendar

*Join us from home in setting up a Reverse Advent Calendar: place a non-perishable food item into a box or basket each day Dec. 1-24 for donations to our food bank.*

With your support, this Reverse Advent Calendar project could help stock food bank shelves in communities throughout our diocese, while offering a means of service for our youth and their parishes and families in this time of pandemic. Please arrange to have your donations taken to your Food Bank.

### Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 2020 Advent Mission -with

Father Mark Cherry, Catholic Evangelist. It will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> at 940 Monastery Road, Monastery, N. S.

**Time 6:30pm each evening. Phone 902 623 0075**

**Email address [etreatdirector@ourladyofgracemonastery.ca](mailto:etreatdirector@ourladyofgracemonastery.ca)**

### The Gift Shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

in Mabou will be holding a Christmas Shopping Sale. WHEN ~ On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. With Public Health Protocol in place.

All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF for these two days only.

The Shrine remains open year-round and at this time we thank-you for your wonderful support during this unprecedented year.

If you wish to enrol someone in "Friends of the Shrine", call 902-945-2221, leave a detailed message and we will return your call. If requesting an enrolment as a Christmas gift, we must set a deadline of December 14<sup>th</sup> for mail outs.

Wishing all of you Peace and Joy and a heart filled with Hope, Board & Management of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.

### KOC

***Knights of Columbus Assembly 4th Degree** will be holding their installation of Officers at Holy Rosary Parish November 22 at 2:00pm. Parishioners are invited to attend keeping in mind Covid restrictions.*

### CWL

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot at 1 Cottage Street, Sydney Mines Food Bank, will reopen on a NEW DAY. It will be held each Monday, 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. from November 9 to December 7. All COVID 19 protocols will be enforced: masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing. A minimum number of people will be allowed in at one time. Please bring your own bags if possible.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Food Bank Notice

Since Christmas is only a few weeks away, we at the foodbank are preparing to gather groceries for our annual Christmas Dinners. This year we are asking our churches for help with the following three items; can milk, can cranberries, and stove top dressing. Thank you all for your kindness. We appreciate all your help. North Sydney Foodbank.

### Community Compassionate Care

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"You cannot please both God and the world at the same time. They are utterly opposed to each other in their thoughts, their desires and their actions." Saint John Vianney.*

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