



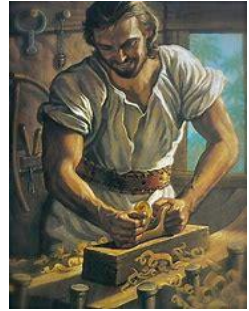
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 1st Sunday of Advent

† NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021 †

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**Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon**

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### Leadership Ministry Team

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

TUES., WED., THURS, FRI – 9AM – 1 PM

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Nov. 29th	Private Mass			For All Maintenance Workers
Tues. Nov. 30th	Private Mass		Mem. Of St. Andrew, Apostle	For All First Responders
Wed. Dec. 1st	Private Mass			For All Doctors
Thurs. Dec. 2nd	Private Mass			For All Healthcare Workers
Fri. Dec. 3rd	Private Mass		Mem. Of St. Francis Xavier	For All Public Employees
Sat. Dec. 4th	St. Joseph Church			For All Police Officers
Sun. Dec. 5th	St. Joseph Church			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	Frank McNamara	Denise Jardine
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

**Weekday Mass** for this week has been cancelled.

**Envelopes for 2022** are now available at the entrance of the church.

### 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.

### 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

**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

**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. 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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 4<sup>th</sup>/Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, and Dec 11<sup>th</sup>/Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** 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. 24<sup>th</sup> 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."

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**526 What relationship exists between truth, beauty and sacred art?** The truth is beautiful, carrying in itself the splendor of spiritual beauty. In addition to the expression of the truth in words there are other complementary expressions of the truth, most specifically in the beauty of artistic works. These are the fruit both of talents given by God and of human effort. Sacred art by being true and beautiful should evoke and glorify the mystery of God made visible in Christ, and lead to the adoration and love of God, the Creator and Savior, who is the surpassing, invisible Beauty of Truth and Love.

Further reading: CCC 2500-2503, 2513

**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. 20<sup>h</sup>&21<sup>st</sup>

Envelopes		1615.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		275.00
Candles		30.00
Faith Formation		20.00
Fuel		30.00
Expectant Mothers		
Total		1970.00
Hall Fund		95.00

**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.

**Quote of the Week**

*"Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good"*

**Romans 12:17-21 NLT**

**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** Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free 1-855-675-8749

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

