



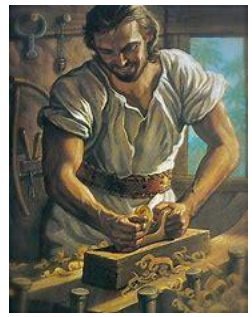
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 1st Sunday of Advent

† NOV.29TH, 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.30th	Private Mass			
Tues. Dec.1st	Private Mass			For All Police Officers
Wed. Dec. 2nd	Private Mass			For All Truck Drivers
Thurs. Dec.3rd	Private Mass			For All Maintenance Workers
Fri. Dec.4th	Private Mass			For All EMC Workers
Sat. Dec.5th	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church	3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions Mass	For All The Sick
Sun Dec.6th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Dec.5th	10 am Mass Sunday, Dec.6th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Sally Ryan, Debbie Reashore,	Pam Hall, Taralee MacInnis
USHERS	Irene Cogan, George Mullins, Joe Howell	Cavell Young, Yvonne MacLean, John Ratchford
READERS	Iris Young	Kay Batherson
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

#### 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 3 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 Memorium for Christmas Bulletin

The electronic bulletin by email will be sent out for Christmas and any person interested in a memorial for a loved one, is 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 Memorium 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

## Letters To Santa dropped at Church

During COVID-19, the Church will be accepting and delivering letters to Santa. A new "Santa's Letters" box is in the church near the baptismal font for your convenience. Please write on the letter: Santa Claus, North Pole, HOHOHO and your return address on the letter, so Santa can respond.

**New Missals** are not available this year due to the pandemic. If you wish to purchase a missal for the coming year, the Pastoral Centre in Membertou has them for purchase for \$5.00 each.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **.What is meant by the term "heaven"?**

By "heaven" is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of heaven, where they see God "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.

*"True and subsistent life consists in this: the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit, pouring out his heavenly gifts on all things without exception. Thanks to his mercy, we too, men that we are, have received the inalienable promise of eternal life."*

(Saint Cyril of Jerusalem)

*Further reading: CCC 1023-1026, 1053*

## 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.21st& Nov.22nd
Envelopes		1605.00
Expectant Mothers		100.00
Fuel		60.00
Holy Cross		50.00
Special Collection		20.00
Candles		10.00
Faith Formation		
Totals		1845.00
Hall Fund		185.00

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### **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

**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 5th and on Sunday, December 6th 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 14th 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

**KOC 4th degree meeting scheduled for Sunday November 29th at Spanish River Community Centre is cancelled due to Covid restrictions.**

## CWL

**Christmas Ornament Sale** Our Annual CWL Christmas Ornament Sale needed a process rethink, so we could decorate our Parish tree within the current COVID-19 pandemic guidelines. Thus, as with so many things during the pandemic, we must make a number of changes to how we conduct the project this year. Our campaign for 2020 is entitled "*Fill our Parish tree with love & joy this season*". We are again asking for your support as this is our major fundraiser to enable the CWL to maintain our Parish & community commitments. Unlike previous years, there is no order sheet, as name tags will not be attached to the ornaments this year. To order ornaments, simply use one of the CWL Ornament envelopes available at the back of the church. Each ornament is \$5 - put the amount of money for the number of ornaments desired (or if using a personal cheque, make it payable to "St Joseph's CWL") into the envelope. Drop the envelope in one of the collection baskets until Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. The tree will be decorated shortly before Christmas, as in other years. At the conclusion of the Christmas season, all ornaments purchased will be set aside and donated to the Food Bank in the fall of 2021.

## 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**

*"Advent is here. What a marvellous time in which to renew your desires, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come-for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist."*  
St. Josemarie Escriva

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