



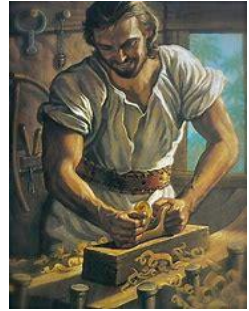
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† OCTOBER 10TH, 2021 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Oct. 11th	Private Mass			For The Unemployed
Tues. Oct. 12th	Private Mass			For The Homeless
Wed. Oct. 13th	St. Joseph	6:30 pm		For Gualleerto Feliciano
Thurs. Oct. 14th	Private Mass			For Hospital Workers
Fri. Oct. 15th	Private Mass		Mem. of St. Theresa of Jesus	For All Postal Workers
Sat. Oct. 16th	St. Joseph Church		Mem. Of St. Margurite	For All Clergy
Sun. Oct. 17th	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				
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

ROSARY FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

During the month of October, 30 minutes prior to all weekend masses, the rosary will be recited. On Saturday October 16th the rosary will be lead by Kay Batherson; Sunday October 17th by John Ratchford. Please join us as we say the rosary to our Blessed Mother.

Book of Remembrance

Starting Thanksgiving week-end, the Book of Remembrance for All Souls Day will be available for you to sign. This book will be placed in the altar area during our All Souls' Day service. Please note that only the names of this year's deceased will be read aloud.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

How is Baptism prefigured in the Old Convent?

In the Old Convent Baptism was pre-figured in various ways: water, seen as a source of life and of death; in the Ark of Noah, which saved by means of water; in passing through the Red Sea, which liberated Israel from Egyptian slavery; in the crossing of the Jordan River, that brought Israel into the promised land which is the image of eternal life.

Further Reading: CCC 1213-1216-1276-1277

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

Oct. 2nd & 3rd

Envelopes		1940.00
Fuel		
Holy Cross		120.00
Special Collection		155.00
Candles		30.00
Faith Formation		55.00
Fuel		
Total		2300.00
Hall Fund		545.00
Pre Authorized Debit		3009.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Statement of Catholic Bishops

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized unequivocally.

Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful, on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit www.cccb.ca

Antigonish Diocesan Society Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Antigonish Diocesan Society will take place in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, located in the basement of St. Joseph's Parish Church in Port Hawkesbury on Sunday October 24th 2021 at 2:30 pm. The Antigonish Diocesan Society was formed in 1942 with the help of the Knights of Columbus of the various Councils within the Diocese to provide financial assistance to young men wishing to study for the Priesthood. Since that time, the Society has helped hundreds of young men, by providing thousands of dollars for their

Educational Priestly Training. At the present time, the Diocese of Antigonish have two seminarians. David Rankin, a native of Mabou Inverness County is completing his Pastoral Year at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Glasgow, where Fr. Tom MacNeil is the Pastor. The second seminarian is Joe MacMaster, a native of Troy Inverness County, who has begun his first year of studies in St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Please keep David & Joe in your prayers, as you continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

CWL AND KOC NEWS

KOC Meeting

There will be a KOC meeting on Sunday October 17th at 2pm in the Church Hall.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rosary Coast to Coast Canada 2021

Please join the world in prayer, for world peace, by praying the Rosary Coast to Coast on October 10, 2021 (Sunday), at 3 p.m. EDT. This is how you can get involved: Become a prayer captain by organizing an event in your parish or neighborhood or light a candle and pray the Rosary at home, organize a prayer cenacle at 3 p.m. EDT, united with the rest of the world. If you are interested in becoming a prayer captain for your church or school and/or neighborhood, please visit us online at www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca for information on how to sign up on our website. Your event will be added to the list of Canadian events for others to join. Thank you and God bless you for your support!

Sincerely, Angie Carboni

Home Energy Saving Program for Seniors

You may qualify for Efficiency Nova Scotia's *HomeWarming* program (www.homewarming.ca). The *HomeWarming* program retrofits home to reduce heating costs by increase insulation and reducing drafts. These improvements make the home more comfortable and result in lower heating costs. This program is **TOTALLY FREE FOR THE HOMEOWNER** and has been designed for Low-income families and Seniors on fixed income. For further information and assistance with the application, please contact Kevin at 902 202-5700

Quote of the Week

"Tribulation is a gift from God-one that he especially gives His special friends."
St. Thomas More

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 – 1-855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free.

Expectant mother Fund-diapers, formula, and baby accessories for parents in need- phone 902- 794- 3951

Yes to Vaccines, No to Mandates

October 4th, 2021

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Permit me to begin by thanking public health and all healthcare workers, first responders and all essential workers during this pandemic – you have gone above and beyond the call of duty and we are so grateful. Thank you to everyone who has been vaccinated, and to those who take other measures to protect people from this virus. It has been a trying time for all, including my own family, as I lost my sister at the beginning of the pandemic.

Thank you for calling with your concerns about the vaccines and mandates, and as your pastor I listened to you and now I publicly acknowledge you. For the past 18 months we have rigorously followed all public health and diocesan protocols to keep you and our community safe from this serious virus. There is still a lot we do not know about this virus, so we remain vigilant. I acknowledge those who are vaccinated, but are still afraid and are in favour of mandates. The pandemic has negatively affected the quality of health care for many, so I acknowledge those waiting for necessary health care.

Over the past year some called expressing a deep reverence for life and as a prolife church, I acknowledge your concerns, but also want to explain why you can morally take the vaccine. I will demonstrate how the church permits us to take the vaccine if we can internally come to that conclusion, and how the church also defends your right to follow your conscience. There are competing goods between the common good and the individual – the good of the community to be safe and also the good to follow one's deeply held beliefs. The grace is in the tension, so this is not an either/or issue, and as a civilized society we hold both realities together and make allowances. Not all people will like the Church's position, but the truth is here for them too and it serves us all in the long run.

Your pain, and anxieties over being forced, job loss, mobility limitations, denied access to medical treatment, youth denied playing sports, EI access proposals, limited housing and public transportation and now mandates limiting your public access. Limitations in parts of the Church is also causing shock and deep pain. This booklet is written for all parishioners and addresses your concerns, it is long so consider reading a page a day. Everyone in our parish is impacted by this pandemic; and our diocese also has a tradition of standing up for the little guy (rejected/excluded). As a community we must be wary of anyone who seeks to divide us. The church rejects no one, indeed we have a preferential option for the poor in spirit, and stand for the marginalized - those on the edges, the periphery of society. We welcome all, and exclude no one. *"Come to me all who are weary and heavily burdened"* (Matt 28:30).

The Church document on vaccines from the Vatican acknowledges those with conscience concerns (link below). Thus one can make a distinction between vaccines and mandates; therefore, we permit these vaccines, but can question forced vaccine requirements that coerce people to act contrary to deeply held beliefs. The official Vatican position of the CDF is clear in defense of conscience:

[Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines \(21 December 2020\) \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/press-releases/2020/12/20201214_note-on-the-morality-of-using-some-anti-covid-19-vaccines_en.html)

As your priest, it is important I stay in my lane, thus I will only be focusing on the moral issues, not on the science which is outside of my scope. *"We do not intend to judge the safety and efficacy of these vaccines, as this evaluation is the responsibility of biomedical researchers and drug agencies. Our objective is only to consider the moral aspects of the use of the vaccines against Covid-19 that have been developed from cell lines derived from tissues obtained from two fetuses"* (Vatican CDF).

Finally, in order to love, we must first know the teachings. You don't need my point of view, you want the Church's and that is what I am attempting to offer based on the documents. It is my prayer that you may know in a deeper way the teachings of the church, so you can understand and love your neighbour who may think differently. We are Christian and we have a culture of loving each other and we have to fight through the barriers with love and treat the situation with love and care. Jesus would not shun, he would educate and accompany. Jesus was a teacher, he taught us how to love and live together. Treat people like Jesus, and act like Jesus would.

May this booklet help you to deal with your questions and help to foster love, unity and acceptance in our community.

- Introduction
- What is human freedom and the common good?
- What is my conscience? Do I have to follow my conscience?
- What is all the fuss about these vaccines?
- Ethical Considerations and Vaccine Hesitancy
- Rigidity of Vaccine Mandates vs. Vaccine Equality
- Exemptions
- Community Cohesion
- Conclusion

Peace be with you,

St. John Fisher, St. Thomas Moore, St. Damien of Molokai, St. Mother Teresa - Pray for us.

Rev. Fr. Douglas MacDonald
Pastor St. Joseph Parish, North Sydney



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