



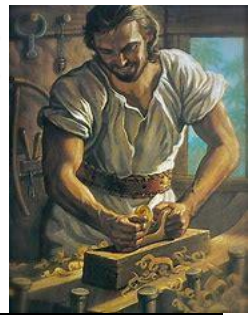
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28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

† OCT. 11TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †


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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions 
Mon. Oct 12th	Private Mass			FOR THE WEEK
Tues. Oct. 13th	Private Mass			For All Doctors & Nurses
Wed. Oct. 14th	Private Mass			For The Unemployed
Thurs. Oct. 15th	Private Mass			For All Cashiers & Clerks
Fri, Oct. 16th	Private Mass			For All Firefighters
Sat. Oct. 17th	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church	3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions Mass	For All Seniors
Sun. Oct. 18th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Oct. 17th	10 am Mass Sunday, Oct. 18th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Sally Ryan, Elaine MacNeil	Pam Hall, Tara Lee MacInnis
USHERS	Susan Spurrell, Kim Dooley, Rebecca Gracie	Cavell Young, John Ratchford, Yvonne MacDonald
READERS	Joan Byers	Fred MacLeod
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.

Covid-19 and Church Restrictions

On March 22, 2020, the Province of Nova Scotia declared a State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. A Health Protection Act Order by the Medical Officer of Health implemented a number of public health directives to help contain the spread of COVID-19, including the requirement for social distancing, restrictions on gatherings, requirements for self isolation upon entry to Nova Scotia and the closure of some businesses, schools and services.

Our bishop chose to close churches to protect life, in solidarity with others in the province. Then in July our bishop gave the option to pastors to reopen churches for essential sacraments and funerals, if parishes implemented a number of safety measures. As schools reopen and restrictions are slowly eased, a second wave is possible.

Since most church goers are considered a vulnerable sector, our bishop is concerned for your safety, so he is not permitting parish offices to be open to the public, nor are meetings allowed to take place on Diocesan property at this time. Religious education is also not permitted on diocesan property at this time, that is why we are encouraging children attend the Sunday morning mass and the monthly outdoor safe activities we are organizing for youth.

St Joseph Parish is taking your health very seriously and will follow all public health directives and all directives from our bishop to ensure your wellbeing and safety. Thank you all for your patience, understanding and cooperation at this fragile time in our history. May I also thank everyone who has continued to give their offering to God, as this helps the church in North Sydney keep things going.

As your pastor I am here for you and will be here for many years to come. Please call me at the glebe house 794-4599 anytime to talk, or if you know of someone in need. We also have a baby fund for parents in need and with one phone call we will arrange free baby food, formula, diapers and other baby needs - no questions asked. If you know of someone in the hospital or who needs the sacrament of the sick, please do not hesitate to call me. I am here for you and we will get through this together. Peace be with you, Fr. Doug

Mass Cards Available at Entrance Church

Self-service for mass cards is now available. Write the intention in the mass card and simply place the completed mass card in the collection. The new simple way to get mass cards (intentions for mass) was created by request, since our office is still closed.

Self-Service Method

Mass Cards and their envelope are now placed on the ledge at the entrance of the church. Take a mass card, write the name of the person or intention you want mass said for, then place the mass card in the accompanying envelope with a small donation, and drop in the collection basket.

Sacraments are free because God's grace is free, that means masses are also free. However, the church places a suggested donation of \$10 for each mass card intention, to prevent people from whimsically requesting too many. The suggested \$10 is a donation, not a cost, therefore if you offer \$5 or \$2 or even a loonie that is fine.

Please take advantage of this new self-service approach. Every mass card intention will be processed with names or the cause listed in the weekly bulletin.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes for Oct 10 & 11, 17 & 18, 24 & 25, 31 & Nov 1, 7 & 8 bulletins

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will take place again this year, with all reasonable efforts taken to ensure the safety of those taking boxes, as well as those doing the packing for shipment.

These shoeboxes help put a smile on the faces of children around the world suffering as a result of war, poverty, famine, disease, and disaster, demonstrating that they are loved and not forgotten. If you would like to help out, please take one or more shoeboxes available at the entrance of the church, when exiting the church.

The shoeboxes will be placed on a table for distribution at least 72 hours before weekend masses, as public health advises that this period enables ‘safe handling’. Each box contains an information pamphlet. On the label provided, identify if the box is for a Boy or Girl, and their Age Category: 2 to 4 years old, 5 to 9 years old, 10 to 14 years old, and place this label in the spot noted on the shoebox lid and fill it with the following **suggested materials:**

Toys, etc.: dolls, soccer balls with needle & pump, stuffed animals, socks, hair clips, cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, etc. **School supplies:** pencils, pens, pencil crayons, notebooks, colouring books, etc. **Non-liquid hygiene items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE: food or candy, toothpaste, used items, breakable items (glass, mirror, etc.), decks of standard playing cards, items that could leak (shampoo, creams, etc.), items that can scare or harm a child (toy guns, knives, etc.). To keep the boxes shut, use only an elastic band or string; **not** tape. It’s easier for going through Customs.

A donation of \$10 per box for shipping is requested. This can be done by cheque (payable to Samaritan’s Purse) placed in a marked envelope inside the box, or online at **SamaritansPurse.ca** **Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.** The designated location for the return of filled shoeboxes is a table in the bell tower area. These will also sit for 72 hours before being packed for shipment. **Please return your shoeboxes no later than Sunday, November 8th.** The shipping crates will be collected by Samaritan’s Purse, so they can arrive at their destination before Christmas. The CWL thanks you for your ongoing support

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion

Since large group gatherings for first Holy Communion are not permitted in the Diocese at this time due to the pandemic, individuals are asked to book their Sunday to make their First Holy Communion starting Sunday, Oct 18 and continuing every Sunday at 10 am throughout the fall.

First Penance (Confession)

Any children who are ready to make their first confession are asked to book a time with Director of Religious Education Pam Hall at your convenience. I will be hearing first confessions throughout the fall. Peace Fr. Doug

Faith Formation in the fall

Dear Parents and students,
A few weeks ago we did a survey and asked what do you want to happen with Religious Education or faith formation this fall during the pandemic?
After considering all the factors during this pandemic, we have decided to make the weekend mass the place where youth

will get their faith formation until 2021. The Parish will also host free events for youth each month. The first activity was a **teaching mass on Sunday, Sept 27th at 10 am**, followed by free candy apples for all young people in university or younger.

November – Hiking, Bowling, Pizza

December -Skating Party, Party, Food & Santa

All events are free, including a free meal paid by the Parish. Parents are asked to contact Religious Ed Coordinator Pam Hall to sign up. 902-794-3951 or email

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Thank you all for your understanding

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.

Oct. 3 rd & 4 th		
Envelopes		1885.00
Loose cash		
Fuel		270.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		70.00
Candles		20.00
Faith Formation		100.00
Totals		2345.00
Hall Fund		215.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

KOC

KOC Meeting-Sunday Oct. 18th 2pm at Seton School Gym. All members are urged to attend.

CWL

All CWL meetings are cancelled until further notice. Members will be kept informed through emails & phone calls.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank Notice

Please note due to the pandemic - any Thanksgiving food donations **must** be taken directly to the Food Bank. We cannot accept food items at the church this year. Thank you.

Special Collections

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected. The Special Collections for Development and Peace, Collection for the Holy Land, and Collection for Pope’s Pastoral Works (Peter’s Pence) are now rescheduled for the fall.

November 15, World Day of the Poor: *Development and Peace*

Development and Peace’s theme for the fall will be **“COVID-19: Recovering Together.”** They will be featuring stories of projects that have already been initiated to help people in the Global South respond to the pandemic. For example: to feed their families, many Haitian tradeswomen, known as *“madam sara”* in Creole, buy produce in rural areas and travel to cities to sell it. The wide travel and close interactions that their trade requires places the *madam sara* at an elevated risk of catching and transmitting the virus. DPCC is helping Caritas Haiti provide food aid and pandemic prevention & care information to these women and their communities.

Community Compassionate Care

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Sufferings gladly borne for others convert more people than sermons.” St Therese of Lisieux

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!