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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Oct. 18th	Private Mass			For All Doctors
Tues. Oct. 19th	Private Mass			For All Nurses
Wed. Oct. 20th	St. Joseph	6:30 pm		For David Joseph
Thurs. Oct. 21st	Private Mass			For All Teachers
Fri. Oct. 22nd	Private Mass		Mem. of St. Theresa of Jesus	For All Students
Sat. Oct. 23rd	St. Joseph Church		Mem. Of St. Margurite	For All Support Staff
Sun. Oct. 24th	St. Joseph Church			For Kay & Matt Batherson

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 23rd the rosary will be lead by Cathy MacDonald; Sunday October 24th by Iris Young. 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.

Mass for Shut-ins

Parishioners are cordially invited to join members of our CWL & KOC and their spouses, as they attend their annual joint Mass

for Shut-ins on Saturday, Oct 30th, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River.

You must be on site by 10 am – following the current COVID restrictions. The celebrant will be Fr. Doug with Deacon Roy. Music by Pat Moore.

This Mass will be aired on Sunday, Nov 7th – the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time at 11:30 am AST on CTV television.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will take place again this year. However, the ongoing pandemic has resulted in some supply shortages. We have a limited quantity of shoeboxes for parish distribution, but you can use any standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. We will have instructions available plus Age Category Labels for your use.

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.

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

If you can't get one of our shoeboxes, or a standard shoebox, you can also pack a shoebox(es) online and follow your box(es) at PackBox.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 lobby area. These will sit for 72 hours before being packed for shipment.

Please return your shoeboxes no later than Monday, November 15th. The shipping crates will be collected promptly thereafter by Samaritan's Purse, so they can arrive at their destination before Christmas.

The CWL thanks you for your ongoing support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church?

It is the source and summit of all Christians life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying actions of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.

Further Reading: CCC 1324-1327-1407

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. 9th & 10th

Envelopes		1855.00
Fuel		
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		80.00
Candles		20.00
Faith Formation		20.00
Fuel		
Total		1975.00
Hall Fund		125.00

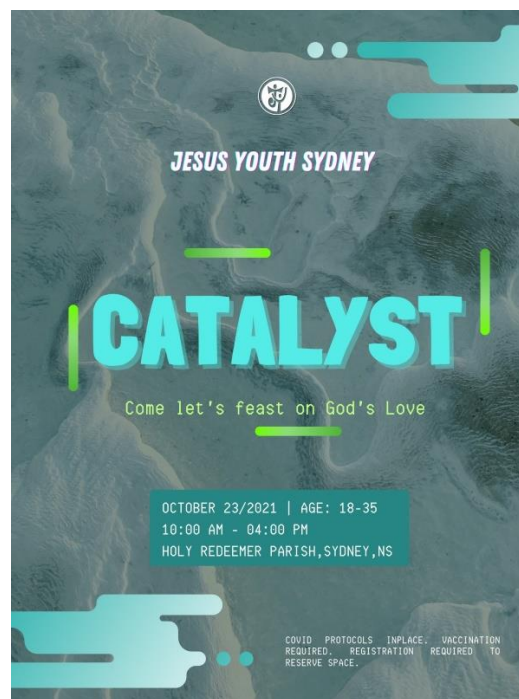
DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

Jesus Youth Nova Scotia



This October Jesus Youth Nova Scotia

Is organizing a one-day event for the youth around Sydney. This will be a beautiful fellowship gathering with some spiritual content and a way to know Jesus better.

Date: 23rd, October 2021

Time: 10am-3pm

Venue: Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier, Sydney.

For more information-feel free to reach out to us through this Facebook page or by email-jesuyouthns@gmail.com or contact 9025490493.

Come let's feast on God's love!!!

CWL AND KOC NEWS

The CWL would like to thank everyone involved in making our CWL Fundraiser Concert on Sunday, Oct 3rd, a success: the performers - musicians, singers & dancers; Railroad Recording Productions for their sound system; the support workers for greeting everyone & addressing any needs that arose; and, of course, our audience who expressed their enthusiasm for every act with loud applause. We hope to do this again.

KOC Meeting

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Energy Saving Program for Seniors

You may qualify for Efficiency Nova Scotia's *Home Warming* program (www.homewarming.ca). The *Home Warming* 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

Prayer Meeting Update

A reminder that the prayer meetings are moving to Sunday this week (Oct 17) at 7pm at Grace Fellowship Church.

Masks and proof of vaccination will be required.

Quote of the Week

“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze.”

St. Catherine of Sienna

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

Last week you read my introductory letter entitled: Yes to Vaccines/No to Mandates. The world is divided over this issue, but let it not divide us here. Wherever you land on the spectrum, I implore you to humbly submit your thoughts to God in prayer. You might ask God questions like: God, how do you want me to understand this issue? God, how do you want me to relate to my brothers and sisters, especially those who hold a different view from me. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral, therefore I offer you quotes from the Church to assist you in your reflection. May Jesus the Good Shepherd keep our flock united through these challenging times.

What is human freedom and the common good?

“Humans are rational and therefore like God; they are created with freewill and are master over their acts” Sir 15:14
“Freedom is the power rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act” CCC 1731.

“Only in freedom can one direct oneself toward goodness; Man’s dignity demands that one act according to a knowing and free choice that is personally motivated and prompted from within” (Vatican II, GS 17).

The Sound of Music is a classic movie with a profound message about human freedom. Perhaps that is why so many watch it again each year. Never underestimate the desire for freedom and the extent some will go to be free, as the Captain and his family fled into the Austrian mountains because he did not want to be forced to violate his conscience. So we begin by looking at the nature of the human person who was born with free will. Our free will is what makes us truly human. Our exercise of free will to do good increases our freedom. Thank you to all parishioners who took the time to reflect and exercised their conscience freely and to all who were free to take the Covid-19 vaccine.

St. John Paul II said, *“freedom is not doing what we want to do, but what we ought to do.”* He went on to say, *“human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God’s image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are”* (Centesimus Annus). At the core of who we are, is a free person made in the image and likeness of God, from which our rights flow → our rights flow from who we are, created with rationality and self-awareness, thus our intellect can know truth and by our will we can pursue the good. It is the centrality of this very point, the very nature of humanity which I hope we can reflect on and respect in our self and others.

“Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person” (Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC 1738).

G.K. Chesterton said, *“The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself.”* *“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children”* CCC 2223. The rights of parents in the care and education of their children should take precedence over any duty owed to the State. Under the **principle of subsidiarity (things are handled best at the local level)**, decisions about the moral good should be left under the care of those who have the most immediate responsibility and not be usurped by higher authorities. Parents decide whether to vaccinate their children. *“Political authorities are obliged to respect the fundamental rights of the human person”* CCC 2237. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, *“The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.”*

“Political authority must be exercised within the limits of the moral order and must guarantee the conditions for the exercise of freedom” CCC 1923. Governments maintain freedom in society by following *“the principle of the rule of law, in which the law is sovereign and not the arbitrary will of some”* CCC 1904. *“If rulers were to enact unjust laws or take measures contrary to the moral law, such arrangements would not be binding in conscience”* CCC 1903.

The human person is also social, for we are made in the image and likeness of God, who is a community of persons in the Holy

Trinity. Our communal dimension is an essential component of our human nature; hence isolating human beings against their will can be destructive. Isolating free people in a free society may lead some to a dark place and as your pastor, please call me if you or someone needs counselling. I want to give you hope and know that I care and love you.

Since free people have to share space in our community, then *with these rights, also comes responsibilities*. Unvaccinated have a responsibility to take measures to protect others like they did in 2020 before the vaccine existed. We have a healthy tension between the rights of a free individual and the rights of the common good of society. What does the Church mean by the term common good? Vatican II put it this way; *“The common good comprises the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more easily” GS 26. “The common good consists of three essential elements: respect for and promotion of the fundamental rights of the person; prosperity of society; the peace of its members” CCC 1925.*

Notice how the common good is based on the development and flourishing of individuals and groups of individuals, thus there is no conflict between the individual and the common good, only a delicate balancing act. **There is no conflict between the two and be wary of anyone who tries to make a conflict.** *“In keeping with the social nature of humanity, the good of each individual is necessarily related to the common good, which in turn can be defined only in reference to the human person” CCC 1905.*

In communism, the State or common good is everything at the expense of people, for individuals are just a cog in the wheel and disposable. In a democracy, the individual rights are pivotal and actually strengthen the common good as properly understood. Historically, authoritarians do not respect individual rights under the guise of a false notion of the common good – the good of the State.

Society ensures social justice when it respects the dignity and the rights of the individual person as the proper end of society itself. It is also true that the common good may take precedent over an individual in some ways, while not violating fundamental freedoms. Therefore *“authority is exercised legitimately if it is committed to the common good of society. To attain this, it must employ morally acceptable means” CCC 1921.* Remember, even God doesn't violate our freedom.

Public authorities deserve our respect and cooperation for just laws. Public servants, serve the people. *“The common good concerns the life of all. It calls for prudence from each, and even more from those who exercise the office of authority” CCC 1906.* With a new vaccine policy, may we all imagine the face of someone in our sphere whom we love, but who may also think differently.

What is freedom? Are you free? Do you want to be free? Not everyone does e.g. voluntary servitude

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God, how do you want me to understand this issue? God, how do you want me to relate to my brothers and sisters, especially those who hold a different view from me?