



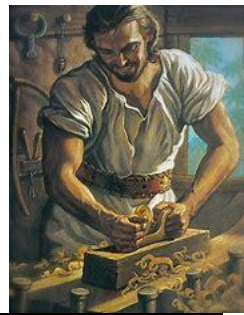
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29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

† OCT. 18TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †


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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

| Date | Location | Time | Details | Mass Intentions  |
|------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| Mon. Oct 19th | Private Mass | | | FOR THE WEEK |
| Tues. Oct. 20th | Private Mass | | | For Dr. Mark Knott |
| Wed. Oct. 21st | Private Mass | | | For Diane Pero |
| Thurs. Oct. 22nd | Private Mass | | | For Special Intention |
| Fri, Oct. 23rd | Private Mass | | | For All Volunteers |
| Sat. Oct. 24th | St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church | 3:15 pm 4:00 pm | Confessions Mass | For All Clergy |
| Sun. Oct. 25th | St. Joseph Church | 10:00 am | Mass | For Parishioners |

| Ministries | 4 pm Mass Saturday, Oct. 24th | 10 am Mass Sunday, Oct. 25th |
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| SACRISTAIN & LINENS | Deacon Roy Smith, Team | Deacon Roy Smith, Team |
| CHOIR | | |
| GREETERS | Ellen McNamara, Elaine MacNeil | Pam Hall, TaraLee MacInnis |
| USHERS | Sally Ryan, George Mullins, Joe Howell | Cavell Young, Viola Smith, Yvonne MacDonald |
| READERS | Frank McNamara | John Ratchford |
| PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | | |
| EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION | Cathy MacDonald | George Quirk |
| 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

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Bishop Kirkpatrick has given approval for limited hall use by our parish, if the parish community can adhere to certain safety protocols. Therefore, the Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Wednesday, October 21st at 7 pm in the hall to decide on our course forward.

Representatives of the hospitality committee and the funeral reception committee are asked to attend this meeting and share their input. Thank you all for your participation in keeping our church clean, safe and virus free.

Peace, Fr. Doug

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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

What are the duties of children toward their parents?

Children owe respect (filial piety), gratitude, docility and obedience to their parents. In paying them respect and in fostering good relationships with their brothers and sisters, children contribute to the growth in harmony and holiness in family life in general. Adult children should give their parents material and moral support whenever they find themselves in situations of distress, sickness, loneliness, or old age .*Further reading: CCC 2214-2220, 2251*

What are the duties of parents toward their children?

Parents, in virtue of their participation in the fatherhood of God, have the first responsibility for the education of their children and they are the first heralds of the faith for them. They have the duty to love and respect their children as *persons* and as *children of God* and to provide, as far as is possible, for their physical and spiritual needs. They should select for them a suitable school and help them with prudent counsel in the choice of their profession and their state of life. In particular they have the mission of educating their children in the Christian faith.

Further reading: CCC 2221-2231

How are parents to educate their children in the Christian faith?

Parents do this mainly by example, prayer, family catechesis and participation in the life of the Church.

Further reading: CCC 2252-2253

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. 10 th , 11 th | |
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| Envelopes | 2115.00 |
| Loose cash | |
| Fuel | 35.00 |
| Holy Cross | 20.00 |
| Special Collection | 255.00 |
| Candles | 10.00 |
| Faith Formation | |
| Totals | 2435.00 |
| Hall Fund | 310.00 |

DIOCESAN NEWS

Message from Diocesan Youth Ministry/Norma Blinkhorn, Coordinated of Youth Ministry

With the approval of Bishop Kirkpatrick, we are looking for youth to participate in a ZOOM meeting regarding how youth experience society in the Church today.

These sessions are a facilitated conversation organized by ages of youth and with consent of their parents. The facilitator for the Atlantic Canada sessions is Trevor Dreesbeck, Archdiocese of Moncton.

The background is Pope Francis’ post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit* (2018). The Catholic Bishops in Canada are seeking to reflect and respond to the hopes, joys, and fears that young people experience in society in the Church today.

The virtual conversations are being held at the following dates and time per age group;

Ages 12-15 - October 24, 2020 - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Ages 16-19 - October 24, 2020 - 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Ages 20-24 - October 29, 2020 - 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Virtual conversations are limited to 6 youth per Diocese. If you know of any youth in your parish that might be interested in this event please have them email me at or call me at 902 202-2972 by October 20, 2020. Norma Blinkhorn

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.

Christmas Dinners Since Christmas is only a few weeks away, we at the Food Bank 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 dressing. Thank you all for your kindness. We appreciate all your help. [North Sydney Foodbank](#)

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

“Teach us to give and not count the cost.” St. Ignatius de Loyola

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!