



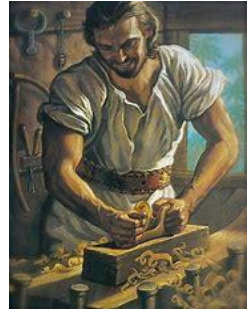
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† OCTOBER 24TH, 2021 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Oct. 25th	Private Mass			For The Unemployed
Tues. Oct. 26th	Private Mass			For All Postal Workers
Wed. Oct. 27th	St. Joseph Church	6:30 pm		For Special Intention
Thurs. Oct. 28th	Private Mass		Mem. of St. Simon & St. Jude	For All Truck Drivers
Fri. Oct. 29th	Private Mass			For All Cashiers
Sat. Oct. 30th	St. Joseph Church			For All Seniors
Sun. Oct. 31st	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 30th the rosary will be lead by Charlotte Munroe; Sunday October 31st by Taralee MacInnis. 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.

Feast of All Souls' Day

This occurs on Tuesday, Nov 2nd but will be observed during the weekend masses of October 30 - 31. The names of this year's deceased parishioners will be read at both masses. Families of the deceased will be called to invite them to attend mass on Saturday or Sunday.

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.

Food Bank

The North Sydney Food Bank is in need of the following items: cranberries, stove top dressing and can milk. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What are the privileged places inside sacred buildings?

They are: the tabernacle, the place where the sacred Chrism and other holy oils are kept, the chair of the bishop (cathedra) or the chair of the priest, the ambo, the baptismal font, and the confessional.

Further Reading: CCC 1182-1186

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. 16th & 17th

Envelopes		1985.00
Fuel		
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		125.00
Candles		20.00
Faith Formation		5.00
Fuel		
Total		2135.00
Hall Fund		535.00

DIOCESAN NEWS



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October 14, 2021 (Feast of St. Callistus who oversaw the first Christian cemetery in Rome)

My Dear Clergy and Faithful

The concerns of people have been heard and there is recognition of the need to allow families to mourn the passing of loved ones. Yesterday, Doctor Strang informed Faith Leaders that Section 16.8 of the Public Health Order of the province has been revised "to incorporate legal authority for a business or organization (including a faith organization)" such as our churches to host a funeral service outside the Proof of Vaccine Protocol if it adheres to the following:

- a maximum of 25 persons attend (excluding the officiant and funeral home staff);
- all persons in attendance wear a mask at the funeral service, both indoors and outdoors;
- all persons (staff and attendees) who are unwell do not attend the funeral service; and
- any business or organization that hosts a funeral service outside the parameters set out sections (a) to (c) must adhere to the POV Protocol.

An online update will be issued today to reflect this change. This change applies only to funeral services and not the visitation or reception. It also does not apply to wedding services.

Fraternally,

+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick



Sisters of St. Martha, Antigonish, NS

NEW POSITION WITH THE SISTERS OF ST. MARTHA,
ANTIGONISH

Community Life Animator

Sisters of St. Martha (CSM), Antigonish are looking to engage a Community Life Animator for our Sisters of St. Martha Community at Parkland, Antigonish. In the spirit of our shared mission and values, the position of the Community Life Animator has been established to support and work collaboratively with the Administrative Coordinator and CSM Leadership to support the ongoing needs of our Sisters.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COMMUNITY LIFE ANIMATOR ROLE:

Participation in the planning and development of a variety of activities and programs that respond to the needs of our Sisters including the need for leisure, social, emotional, and spiritual growth.

- ✦ Actively participating in the Sisters care planning.
- ✦ Planning and implementing large/small groups for social activities, shared prayer, retreat opportunities and community meetings.

- ✦ Ensuring the mission and values of the Sisters of St. Martha find expression in programs and services offered.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Degree related to long term care or therapeutic recreation; MA/MSc preferred.

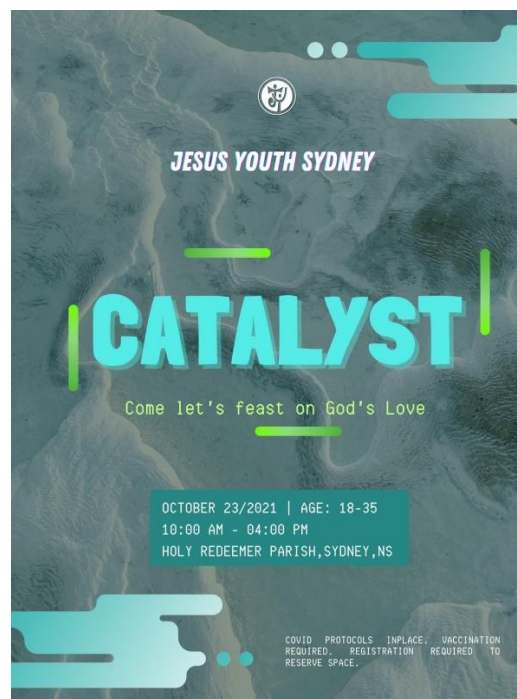
- ✦ At least 5 years' experience in related field.
- ✦ Proof of COVID vaccination status.
- ✦ Working knowledge of Microsoft office suit.

For more information and details please contact Search Committee Assistant, Joan Dewar at joandewar@the marthas.

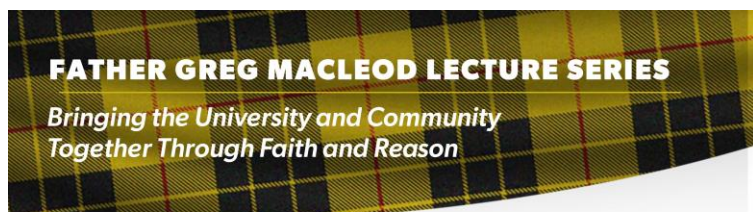
Please include Community Life Animator in the subject line.

Applications Due no later than Friday October 22nd, 2021

Jesus Youth Nova Scotia



Lecture Series



THE LEGACY OF THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SYSTEM:

How did we get ourselves in this situation?

- Addressing 19th century European attitudes towards Indigenous societies being colonized.
- Misplaced ideas of cultural evolution and progress and how the Federal Government and Christian churches were of common purpose in their objective of 'civilizing' through forced acculturation.
- The tragic consequences of this perspective, the vulnerability of students and how many died at residential schools.
- Searching for these often-forgotten burial places.

By Dr. Scott Hamilton

Who conducted research on behalf of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission addressing the location and nature of cemeteries and burial places associated with the schools.

Dr. Scott Hamilton is a professor of Anthropology at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He specializes in northern Plains and Subarctic Indigenous archaeology, the fur trade and ethnohistory.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

7:30pm on ZOOM

Join ZOOM Meeting

Sponsored by: **CBU Chaplaincy and the Newman Society**

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-jesusyouthns@gmail.com or contact 9025490493.

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

CWL AND KOC NEWS

KOC

4th Degree KOC will have their regular monthly meeting October 31st at 2:00 pm at the KOC rooms in Sydney River (Coady House). Masks and proof of double Vax are required but no social distancing is required. Masks must be worn throughout the meeting. Thank You.

Kyte Power

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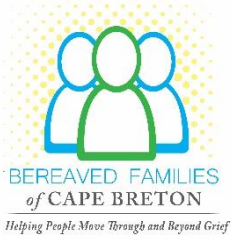
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"ARE YOU GRIEVING? WE CAN HELP!"

Bereaved Families of Cape Breton will be offering a six-week grief support program for people who are grieving as the result of the death of someone they love. The sessions will take place over ZOOM, on Tuesdays from 7:00pm – 8:30pm beginning November 2nd. Each week we will explore a grief-related topic to help you move through and beyond your grief. ***REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED***. These sessions are free of charge. Please register by calling Bereaved Families of Cape Breton at 902-564-6795 or email infobfcb@gmail.com



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Contemplative Writing Program for Family Caregivers

Family caregivers in Cape Breton are invited to participate in a contemplative writing program. Two-hour sessions, held weekly for six weeks, will include guided meditation, writing practices, and time for sharing with other caregivers. To learn more, contact the research team at Contemplative_Caring@cbu.ca or call 902-563-1410.

Quote of the Week

“Real courage is when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.”

HARPER LEE

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

Week 3:

As I continue my weekly letters on one of the most relevant issues now, I would like to begin this week’s letter with a stirring quote from a long time and faithful parishioner responding to recent announcements: “So you gave and supported the Church your whole life, but now the Church says you are not welcome at a time when you need the support. I guess I can’t have a funeral either, so you don’t need my support anymore.” Everyone can still have a funeral, but that encounter reveals how some are interpreting announcements and the pain many of the faithful are experiencing. As your pastor, I will always offer pastoral care to all the faithful regardless of vaccine status (I would never ask you) and you can contact me anytime to talk. One of the cardinal rules of spiritual direction is never to tell people what to do, but rather accompany them and help them to listen deeply and discover the answer written in their heart, which leads to my letter for this week.

What is my conscience and do I have to follow my conscience?

“More than love, than money, than fame, give me truth.” - Henry David Thoreau

What would you rather have on your side, rather than truth? Conscience seeks the truth, a reality that is objectively true, and beyond us, while also speaking deep within us.

“We do not need a truth to serve us, we need a truth that we can serve.” - Jacques Maritain

“Deep within his conscience humanity discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the moment.... For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God.... His conscience is man’s most secret core and his sanctuary. There one is alone with God whose voice echoes in one’s depths” CCC 1776.

Recently I spoke with a parishioner who told me his father always taught him to follow his gut and that is excellent advice. Conscience is that still inner voice deep within us, where only we and God can go. St. Thomas Aquinas says conscience is the act of arriving at a correct moral conclusion about what is to be done. “The judgment of conscience is a practical judgment, a judgment which makes known what one must do or not do” (Veritatis Splendor n. 59). Considering not only yourself, but others as well.

“Humanity has the right to act in conscience and then freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. One must not be forced to act contrary to their conscience, nor be prevented from acting according to their conscience especially in religious matters” CCC 1782. The denial of conscience is not a small reality, actually it leads to authoritarianism, which undermines the common good because none of us are safe. When a person is not permitted to follow their conscience, it also leads to a diminished moral sense, which ultimately leads to a dehumanization of the world because people stop caring when their point of view doesn’t matter. Currently people can come to mass on the weekend without proof of vaccination, if that ever changes and you are discriminated against, please contact me and I will arrange Holy Communion for you each weekend.

“A human being must always obey the certain judgement of his conscience. If one were deliberately to act against it, one would condemn himself” CCC 1790. Catholics have a responsibility to inform their conscience to the truth and then follow their conscience; in the end they must follow their conscience. Two Catholics can come to two different conclusions in their conscience, yet both decisions could be acts of love in different ways, if done in sincere prayer and discernment with God.

Pope Francis says taking the Covid-19 vaccine is an act of love. Could others sincerely following their conscience in not taking the vaccine, actually be loving the common good in a hidden unique way as well by undergirding the fundamental right to life? The reason two good people can arrive at two different answers is because circumstances are different e.g. the personal care assistant at a nursing home works directly with vulnerable people, which is different from the one who has worked at home their entire life for the pro-life cause. Is their room in a free democracy for people to follow deeply held personal beliefs? While it is a right not to get vaccinated, those individuals must use other means not to get the virus, and take extra precautions not to spread it among others. Two sides of the same coin - rights but also responsibilities to the community to prevent infection. Humanity tends to gravitate to black and white views

of reality e.g. the only solution is the vaccine, yet the grace is in the tension.

“Because of our personal dignity, no one may be forced to act contrary to conscience” CCC 1780, “nobody may be forced to act against his convictions, nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with his conscience in religious matters in private or in public alone or in association with others” CCC 2106. The Church is clear that no one may be forced to go against their convictions, yet in a pandemic we also have responsibilities to others: competing goods. **With the right to follow your conscience, also comes responsibilities to protect others from harm in the context of a pandemic.** Infection prevention can be done by those unable to be vaccinated.

The central point of this section is the primacy of conscience. St. Thomas More was beheaded on July 6th, 1535 on Tower Hill for following his conscience. His last recorded words were, *“I am the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”* Saint John Henry Newman famously offers to toast the Pope, but says first to conscience. He goes on to say, *“Conscience is a law of the mind; a messenger of him, who, both in nature and in grace, speaks to us behind a veil, and teaches and rules us. Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ” CCC 1777.* We are bound to follow our conscience even in a pandemic. The moral law is written in our hearts and the Church holds *“a citizen is obliged in conscience not to obey the laws of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demands of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel” (CCC 2242).* *“We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).*

May I conclude with a moving story in the Bible (2 Maccabees 7) of a mother and her seven sons who die for their beliefs. The authoritarian king wanted this Jewish family to eat pork, so he ordered them to eat pork or die. One by one this good mother witnessed all seven of her sons die for following their convictions, thus not eating pork. The authoritarian ruler could not keep this woman from following her beliefs, indeed she reminded her sons to remain faithful to God to the end. I am not suggesting people should get sick and die, rather underlining the significance of deeply held beliefs, whether you share that belief or not. It has been said, *“a failure to understand religion, is a failure to understand the world.”* [2 Maccabees, CHAPTER 7 | USCCB](#)

Should Jewish and Muslim people be forced to consume pork contrary to their conscience for some reason?

If a person cannot get the vaccine, what are reasonable measures they can take to protect others?

