



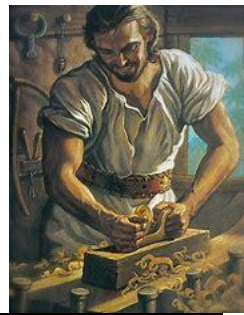
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30th Sunday In Ordinary Time


† OCT. 25TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions 
Mon. Oct 26th	Private Mass			FOR THE WEEK
Tues. Oct. 27th	Private Mass			For A Special Intention
Wed. Oct. 28th	Private Mass			For The Ederly
Thurs. Oct. 29th	Private Mass			For All Hospital workers
Fri, Oct. 30th	Private Mass			For All Teachers
Sat. Oct. 31st	St. Joseph Church St. Joseph Church	3:15 pm 4:00 pm	Confessions Mass	For First Responders
Sun. Nov. 1st	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Oct. 31st	10 am Mass Sunday, Nov. 1st
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Susan Spurrell, Georgie Bonnar	Pam Hall, TaraLee MacInnis
USHERS	Irene Cogan Kim Dooley, Elaine Igoe	Cavell Young, John Ratchford, Joe Tobin
READERS	Iris Young	Kay Batherson
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 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

Feast of All Souls Day

This occurs on Monday, Nov 2nd. During the pandemic, Father Doug is only allowed to do weekend masses and funerals, so this feast day will be observed during the week-end masses of Oct 31st & Nov 1st. 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.

Bishop Kirkpatrick Permits Limited Hall Use

Parish groups can now return to use the hall again starting in November with new mandatory protocols:

1. Groups use only the hall entrance and then ensure each person attending their meeting, signs in with their phone number or email address.
2. The group leader saves the contact forms for confidentiality and for possible contact tracing if necessary.
3. Use hand sanitizer when signing in, maintain physical distancing, avoid sharing materials, and wear masks inside. No group singing is permitted in the hall at this time, so

organizations will have to read, rather than sing traditional practices.

4. Cleaning- after the meeting wipe down any high touch surfaces eg. chairs and tables, door handles etc. with the cleaning materials provided.

5. If a parish group plans to book the hall, they will need to notify the office in advance.

Thank you all for your cooperation, Peace, Fr. Doug

Barriers to Open Pews Removed

Parish Pastoral Council decided it is safe to remove the barrier on open pews. Now both entrances to each pew are open to move in and out of.

This means people sitting on the sides of the church next to the stain glass windows (sections 1 & 4) can come forward for communion and then more easily return to their seat. People sitting in the centre sections (2 & 3) will still need to walk around the loop, but not as far since the other end of their pew is now open.

We trust this will help and we are continuing to monitor our numbers and re-evaluate as health guidance and our bishop’s directives come in.

Parish Pastoral Council

Dear CWL, KOC, and AA Groups,

Good news. Parish groups can return to use the hall again starting in November.

1. Groups must sign in with their phone number or email address.
2. The group leader saves the forms for confidentiality and possible contact tracing if necessary. Since the Parish Pastoral Council is a public group with names in the bulletin, I shared their names from our meeting to show you what we expect from groups each time they come here.
3. Use hand sanitizer and after the meeting wipe down any high touch surfaces eg. chairs and tables, door handles etc.
4. If a group plans to book the hall, they will need to notify the office and secondly me to ensure the heat is on. Text messages are preferred 902-217-6770 with date and time of your meeting, 5 days before the meeting.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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

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

Why must human life be respected?

Human life must be respected because it is *sacred*. From its beginning, human life involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. It is not lawful for anyone directly to destroy an innocent human being. This is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator. "Do not slay the

innocent and the righteous" (*Exodus 23:7*).

Further reading: CCC 2258-2262, 2318-2320

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. 17 th & 18 th		
Envelopes		1415.00
Loose cash		
Fuel		40.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		465.00
Candles		15.00
Faith Formation		
Totals		1935.00
Hall Fund		250.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

KOC

CWL

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Bank Notice

Since Christmas is only a few weeks away, we at the foodbank 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 top dressing. Thank you all for your kindness. We appreciate all your help. North Sydney Foodbank.

Remembrance Day

Due to the pandemic the Legion wants people to know there is no Remembrance Day Service this year. A private service for Legionaries will take place at the cenotaph, and people may still support the Legion by purchasing a wreath and laying it on their own time on Remembrance Day. You can buy a wreath at the Legion by dropping into the local Legion between 10 am and midnight daily - \$35 to \$45 each.

Special Collections

The weekend of November 14 and 15, the World Day of the Poor, there will be a collection for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace—Caritas Canada. In the wake of COVID-19, Development and Peace has launched a campaign **Recovering Together** to meet the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters in the global south. Your generosity will support Development and Peace partners to develop responses with their communities to provide:

- ❖ immediate aid and information on health and safety,
- ❖ access to services,
- ❖ assurance that human rights are respected,
- ❖ help to build resilience.

Please bring your own envelopes from your envelope boxes marked, “Development and Peace” for the basket which will be at the back of the church. You can also donate at www.devp.org and choose the “Give Now” tab. If you prefer to donate by phone, please call 1-888-234-8533. Pope Francis implores us to live out the “civilization of love” and to “find within us the necessary antibodies of justice, charity and solidarity.” Thank you for your generosity on this World Day of the Poor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bishop of Antigonish

Community Compassionate Care

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If angles could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion” St. Maximilia Koble

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!