



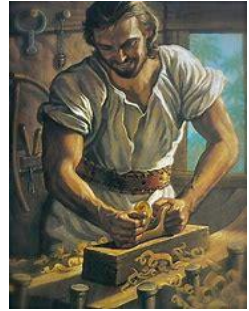
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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions 
 FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. Sept. 13th	Private Mass		For Helen Jabalee
Tues. Sept. 14th	Private Mass		For Regina Jobs
Wed. Sept. 15th	St. Joseph	6:30 pm	For Marguerite Travers
Thurs. Sept. 16th	Private Mass		For First Responders
Fri. Sept. 17th	Private Mass		For The Lonely
Sat. Sept. 18th	St. Joseph Church		For Clerks/Cashiers
Sun. Sept. 19th	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.

Northside Weekday Mass Schedule

Starting Wednesday Sept 8th at 6:30 pm weekday masses will resume at St Joseph Parish in North Sydney. People are invited to enter through the front doors each Wednesday for mass. For your convenience the following Northside weekday masses are also available:

Tuesday - Sydney Mines 10 am

Wednesday - Bras d'Or 6 pm and

North Sydney 6:30 pm

Thursday - Bras d'Or 6 pm

Friday - Alder Point 9 am, Sydney Mines 10 am

Peace, Fr. Doug

Office Opening to Public

Starting Wednesday September 8th, the Parish office will be opened to the public. Each Wednesday the office will be open from 9am to 1pm and we invite people to enter the hall and go directly to the office window with your mask on.

Peace Fr. Doug

Mother of Sorrows Shrine

On Sunday, September 12th the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine annual celebration takes place.

At 1:00 pm the Continuous Rosary starts at the Shrine and continues until Mass time 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Parish Church in Mabou.

There will be refreshments at the Parish Hall after Mass with current COVID protocols in place.

Everyone is welcome !!

Call 902-945-2221 for any inquiries

Thanks again, Mae & Betty Ann

Confirmation Classes

Registration for confirmation classes has begun. Any student in grade 6 and up can register by calling the office at 902- 794 -3951 or by email:stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca Classes begin on September 26th after the 10am Mass.

First Eucharist Registration

Registration for First Eucharist for students in grade 2, will take place on September 12th and September 19th after the 10am Mass downstairs in the Hall .

First Penance Registration

Registration for First Penance for students in grade 4 will take place September 12th and September 19th downstairs in the Hall after the 10am Mass.

All other levels from Pre Primary to Level 6 can also register on September 12th and 19th downstairs in the Hall.

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

Sept. 5th, 2021

Envelopes		1315.00
Fuel		
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		240.00
Candles		20.00
Faith Formation		
Totals		1575.00
Hall Fund		60.00
PreAuthorized Debt		3009.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

How does sin proliferate?

Sin creates a proclivity to sin; it engenders vice by repetition of the same acts.

Further reading: CCC 1865, 1876

What are vices?

Vices are the opposite of virtues. They are perverse habits which darken the conscience and incline one to evil. The vices can be linked to the seven, so-called, *capital* sins which are: pride, avarice, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, and sloth or acedia.

Further Reading :CCC 1866-1867



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September 8, 2021 (Feast of the Birth of Mary)

My Dear People,

We hope that September will bring greater freedom if we enter Phase 5 later this month and yet clearly, we continue to struggle with the uncertainties of COVID-19. We need to remain vigilant. We extend greetings to people of Polish descent as we say happy Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month. September 21 marks the 100th anniversary that the Sisters of St. Martha moved from the College to Bethany. Bethany Centennial Garden will officially open on this same day. The 52nd International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest that had been delayed due to the COVID-19 opened on September 6th.

Reflections on the Twenty-Third Sunday Year B - Jesus calls us to be open to him.

The prophet Isaiah in our first reading this past Sunday instructs us, say to those of fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God...He will come and save you." God is still alive and working within us and among us. What a universal and timeless message for us this past Sunday.

We have so many issues that cause us to be anxious today. We are concerned about all the people who suffer from the wild fires, flooding, tropical storms and earthquakes. We are concerned about the people of Afghanistan. We are concerned about the implications of our own political elections. We are concerned about the new school year and about the on-going and ever-changing variants of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are concerned about all the personal worries and health concerns that threaten to overwhelm us.

We all have challenging issues to face as individuals and as a faith community. It is very tempting to just look away, to shut down, to close our hearts to those situations. What Jesus said to the deaf mute in the gospel, what James wrote to the early Christians about welcoming the poor are the words Jesus addresses to us today, 'Ephphatha' be opened.

All of us are a little deaf and speechless, maybe not exactly the same as the man presented to Jesus in the gospel. Yet often enough we fail to listen and grasp the real meaning of what is happening around us. We may hear people speak, but we fail to listen to what they are saying. By touching the man's ear first, perhaps Jesus was teaching us to listen before we speak. This message fits in well with the synodal process, outlined below.

The Mission of the Baptized

By his words and deeds, Jesus demonstrates that he is the fulfillment of the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah. Clearly, Jesus came to touch our lives and help us break through the barriers that separate us from one another. He offers us the same words he offered to the deaf man in the gospel: "Be opened!" This miracle has been incorporated into the baptismal liturgy in the 'Ephphatha' prayer. This prayer is offered at the conclusion of the baptismal rite. "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father." Jesus came to liberate us, to "open" us, to enable us to fully live our relationship with God and with others. That is why this word, "Ephphatha - Be opened," sums up the entire mission of Jesus Christ.

Many concerns and issues are before us as we continue to deal with COVID-19 and as we enter into a new school year with our educational and faith formation programs before us. It promises to be a challenging year as we address many seemingly diverse concerns. I think they can be all tied together by focusing on how we live out our baptismal call. The sacrament of baptism empowers us to be ambassadors for Christ. With this sacrament, we put on Christ and take up the mission of the Gospel. Through the waters of baptism, we are empowered to live the radical lifestyle modeled by Jesus Christ. The second reading this past Sunday cautions us about treating others according to a double standard. Jesus challenges us to open our

senses, recognize the plight of those around us, and courageously do whatever we can to assist them and correct the social ills, even within the Church. Be opened.

Indian Residential Schools

As a faith community, I hope we can begin to address and better understand our church's role with Indian Residential Schools. Instead of promoting a culture that values and cherishes every life, we somehow supported and enabled a system that separated children from their families, culture and way of life and put them in place where they were often underfed, neglected and abused. This a "teachable moment" for all of us and we must learn from it. October 1 is Treaty Day in our province. Now September 30th has been declared "Truth and Reconciliation Day" in Canada. This day will become an annual federal statutory holiday to help educate us by focusing our awareness across our nation. Each province will determine how they will honour this day. We must determine what we can do to promote "Truth and Reconciliation" not only on one day, but throughout the year.

We are inspired by the gospel to do our best to see the whole picture, hear the entire story and speak the complete truth, no matter how difficult, challenging or disconcerting it may be. Jesus challenges us to open our senses and do what is necessary to assist; in short to offer hope. Be opened.

Worldpriest Award to Canada

To offer prayer and support for our priests, in 2002 St. John Paul II designated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart to be a World Day of Prayer for Priests. The aim was to invite all the clergy and all the faithful of the Church to join in prayer for the sanctification of priests.

In 2010, Worldpriest began an Annual Rosary Relay on this feast day. Worldpriest is a global lay organization devoted to affirming and supporting the priesthood through ministry and prayer, especially with their Annual Global Rosary Relay. Supported by Pope Francis, this is a day to encircle the world in prayer for all priests. Each of the participating prayer locations in over seventy countries pray a particular mystery of the Rosary on the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in thanksgiving to God for our priests and to implore the protection and loving care of Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary who is the Mother of all priests. As we celebrate the Birth of Mary, we are reminded of her openness at the Annunciation. God's eternal plan began in time because of Mary's consent to be the mother of Jesus. May we be as open so that Christ may live in and through us.

Worldpriest selects and presents a country with the award of Outstanding Participation and Promotion in the Global Rosary Relay. This year, Canada was selected for the award since in just two years Canada more than doubled its participation to include every province and all of the Northwest Territories. This year a record number of people gathered in individual parishes throughout Canada to pray for priests on June 12. I note this date, since it was more than two weeks after news about the unmarked burial sites at the Kamloops Indian Residential School came to light.

The Diocese of Antigonish was selected to receive this award on behalf of the Church of Canada since Isabel Gillis, the Worldpriest Representative for Canada is a member of our Diocese. We decided that this award be presented on our diocesan feast day. A plaque will be placed in St. Ninian Cathedral. Further information about Worldpriest is available on their website: <https://www.worldpriest.com/>

Feast of St. Ninian, Our Diocesan Patron Saint September 16

The presentation of the Worldpriest plaque will take place at the Cathedral as we gather to celebrate Mass on the feast of St. Ninian on Thursday, September 16 at 12 noon. Worldpriest have requested

that this Mass will be videoed so that it may be shared worldwide. I am inviting you to attend but there is limited seating due to the COVID restrictions.

Awaiting COVID-19 Update

Speaking of COVID restrictions, once the province reaches 75% full vaccination, we hope to enter into Phase Five in mid September. We are not sure what this will mean given the rise of the more infectious Delta variant and now the Mu variant found in 39 countries including South America and Europe. Most likely, we will be required to wear masks for indoor gatherings for the foreseeable future. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html>

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Instituted by Pope Francis in 2015 after the release of his environmental encyclical "Laudato Si," the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation takes place each year on Sept. 1. This Day of Prayer is in keeping with themes expressed in the encyclical, and is also seen as a sign of unity with the Orthodox Church, which established September 1 as a day to celebrate creation in 1989.

Beginning on September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which continues until October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the faithful of the world are encouraged to renew the relationship with our Creator and all of creation through this celebration. It is a time for to consider making concrete changes to our lifestyle. [The theme this year is "A Home for All? Renewing God's oikos."](#) Oikos is a Greek word for home or household. Clearly, we are witnessing the effects of climate change in our world with the extreme temperatures, droughts, wildfires and floods. We must do whatever we can, however insignificant, to help reverse climate change. Be opened.

XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2023

Pope Francis will open the upcoming Synod on 9-10 October 2021, in Rome. The following Sunday, 17 October 2021, each Bishop is invited to open the Synod in his respective diocese. The synodal journey is divided into three phases, diocesan, continental and universal, culminating with the General Ordinary Assembly in October 2023.

The Synod of Bishops was established in 1965 by Pope Paul VI, who hoped that the synod would encourage close union between the pope and the world's bishops, and "ensure that direct and real information is provided on questions and situations touching upon the internal action of the Church and its necessary activity in the world of today."

Pope Francis reminds us that, "a synodal Church is a Church that listens, which realizes that listening is 'more than simply hearing'. It is a listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the 'Spirit of truth'. It is a time of walking together, a time to open up, to listen to one another carefully, to interpret the signs of the times in the world around us in light of the gospel.

The theme of this upcoming synod is "*For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.*" The first stage of the synodal process consists in consulting the People of God, in order to listen "to what the Spirit is saying to the Church." The bishop opens the Synod in his diocese, to initiate and guide the consultation, and to preside over the pre-synodal meeting that closes the diocesan phase, by gathering all the responses to questionnaire and sending them to the C.C.C.B. The *Preparatory Document* and the *Vademecum for the Synod* were just presented in Rome. We need to plan and prepare for our participation in this synod. We want people of every parish to be involved in this process. Be opened. Stay safe and keep well.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-09/the-synod-listening-to-the-faithful-preparatory-document.html>

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2021/09/07/0540/01156.html#INGLESEOK>

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Faternally yours,

+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Bible tells us how to get peace—but you can't do it alone.

Fortunately for us, there's a clear formula for peace found in God's Word. In the book of Philippians, Paul is writing a letter to the church of Philippi. He's encouraging them, answering some of their questions, and giving solutions to age-old questions we're still asking today. In chapter four, Paul gives us a pretty clear picture of what it looks like to seek God's peace. Let's take a look: *Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:4-7 NLT. Powerful stuff, right? So let's break it down. To find peace, we need to: 1. *Always be joyful in the Lord.* (Our joy is deeper than our circumstances—our joy is found in Christ alone!)

2. *Let everyone see that we are considerate in all we do.* (Put others first—remember, we can beat stress by thinking of ourselves less.)

3. *Remember the Lord is coming soon.* (Keep an eternal perspective.)

4. *Don't worry about anything.* (Give your worries over to God.)

5. *Instead, pray about everything.* (Everything. Seriously. Whenever you get stressed, pray about it right then and there.)

6. *Tell God your needs.* (There's no magic formula for prayer. Just tell God what's on your heart and your mind, and trust Him to meet those needs in ways only He can.)

7. *Thank him for all he has done.* (Don't forget to say thank You for all the ways He's already proven Himself faithful in your life.)

So, there you have it. Peace is possible. The Bible gives us a clear pathway to peace, but we can't do it alone. Peace is only possible in the presence of Jesus. Why? Because peace isn't the absence of problems;

it's restoring what's broken, and only God has the power to heal us from the inside out and make broken things new.

Challenge: Read Philippians 4:4-7 a few times. Write it down.

Put it somewhere you will see it often.

Prayer for School Beginning

The usual worries and concerns around the first day of school are heightened in a particular way this year due to the ongoing coronavirus global pandemic. God hears our prayers and provides for our needs at all times and so we offer this prayer for all students, teachers, parents, school staff and the many others who begin a new school year.

Dear God, with a new school year upon us, we pray for our...

STUDENTS, that You would ease any anxiety they may have about going back to school amidst the pandemic. We pray for the safety, health, and well-being of those returning to in-person classes. May each student young, older, new, or soon to graduate find a supportive network of friends and family and the perseverance to face every challenge with Your strength.

PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, that You would grant them wisdom in their decisions and choices in their child's schooling. Ease their concerns and worries as they send their children off to school. We pray for your provision for the physical, spiritual, emotional, and financial wellbeing of all families. We pray for a support system that they can turn to when the challenges of life are overwhelming.

TEACHERS, SCHOOL STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION, that You would grant them peace and discernment in their decision making. We pray for wisdom for school leaders, and for the safety of every staff person on every school campus. May they feel supported by their communities as they educate our children.

In Jesus name we pray,
Amen.

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KOC MEETING

K of C 4th degree Assembly 0797 will meet Sunday, September 26th at 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Hall. Social distancing and face masks are required.

Thank you,

Kyte Power

Faithful Navigator

ST. JOSEPH CONCERT

Sunday October 17th

Time: 7pm

Admission: \$10 or at door or goodwill offering

Featuring Music, Song and Dance

Covid Protocols and Social Distancing will be followed.

Terry Fox Run

The 41st. Terry Fox Run is Sunday Sept. 19th and is still a Virtual Run. However, there is a Run from the Northern Yacht Club organized by Stephanie Langley for the Terry Fox Foundation. You can register online to register for your particular run, bike or roller-blade or donation: by e-mailing lacey.johns@terryfoxrun.org or phone: Provincial Office at 902-423-8131

Poverty Reduction Coalition

On **Wednesday, September 15, at 1pm**, the **Antigonish Poverty Reduction Coalition (APRC)** is hosting an online event focused on the coming federal election. This will be an opportunity to hear from federal candidates about their parties' positions on poverty eradication, guaranteed livable income supports, and affordable housing. As well, there will be information about where to vote and to assist those needing transportation to the polling stations.

For more information about how to participate, please contact Wyanne Sandler at wyanne@awrcsasa.ca or 902-863-6221 or go to the APRC Facebook page for livestreaming of the event.

Bethany Centennial Garden



SAVE THE DATE!

September 21st

BETHANY CENTENNIAL GARDEN OFFICIAL OPENING

Details to follow

THE SISTERS OF ST. MARTHA OFFICIALLY OPEN BETHANY CENTENNIAL GARDEN

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the Congregation moving from their original Motherhouse on the Campus of St. Francis Xavier University to Bethany Property in 1921. On this day, Sisters of St. Martha will officially open **Bethany Centennial Garden** created on the grounds of the deconstructed Motherhouse building.

Designed by Viridis Design Studio Ltd., built by Dexter Construction, the **Bethany Centennial Garden** includes a heritage walk that highlights significant moments in the Congregation's history, places for sitting, accessible walking paths, spaces for meditation and contemplation.

Incorporating pieces of the former Motherhouse foundation, as well as the steeple that once stood atop of the Bethany Chapel, now part of a reflecting pool, **Bethany Centennial Garden**, reflects the Marthas' continued desire to *bring a contemplative and compassionate heart to our fractured world*

Sr. Brendalee Boisvert, Congregation Leader shared that "in the spirit of Gospel Hospitality, the creation of **Bethany Centennial Garden** comes from a desire to continue to share with the larger community of Antigonish Town and County, and beyond, this sacred place which we are blessed to call home. It is our desire that all who come here join us as *we seek to deepen communion among ourselves and those we encounter*".

Most of the features of **Bethany Centennial Garden** are complete, however due to delays related to Public Health Measures and the State of Emergency in the Province of Nova Scotia, there are still some areas to be completed, in particular, the heritage walk story boards and the steeple reflecting pool.

Parking is available at the entrance to **Bethany Centennial Garden**.

The public is asked to pay attention to signage throughout the Bethany property.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God Wants us to be. "

St. Therese of Lisieux

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

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week
