



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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April 13th, 2025

Passion (Palm) Sunday

APRIL 13TH, 2025 †		
REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon roy.smith@hotmail.ca	<u>Leadership Ministry Team</u> Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance	OFFICE HOURS: TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM TEL: 902 -794-3951

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	 Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. April 14th	St. Joseph Hall	11 am	Funeral Mass	Vera MacMullin
Tues. April 15th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	Mass	For Benson Nguyen
Wed. April 16th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. April 17th	St. Joseph Church	7pm	Holy Thursday	For the lost souls in Purgatory
Fri. April 18th	St. Joseph Church	3pm	Good Friday	
Sat. April 19th	St. Joseph Church	8pm	Easter Vigil	For healing of those addicted to drugs
Sun. April 20th	St. Joseph Church	10 am	Easter Sunday	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, April 19th	10 am Mass Sunday, April 20th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Sally Ryan	Susan & Gary Burton, Elaine MacNeil
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker, Denise Jardine Alexandra Young, John Ratchford	Iris Young, Cheryl Delory
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald, Monica Shebib	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

Visitation to Hospital/Nursing Homes

Relatives or friends of persons in hospital or nursing homes are asked to contact the parish to arrange for spiritual/pastoral care.

Delivering Meals to Neighbors?

Do you know a neighbor or relative or person that could use a meal? Consider coming to St Joseph Hall the 4th Wednesday of each month and picking up meals and bringing to people you know. Each bagged meal includes a healthy well-balanced lunch.

Northside All Day Confessions for Lent

Make your Lenten/Easter Confession on Saturday April 12 at St. Joseph Church in North Sydney from 10 am to 4 pm. Priests of the Northside will be present.

Schedule of priests for confession:

10 -11am **Fr. Angus MacDougall** 1-2pm **Fr. Leo Cordeau**
 11-12pm **Fr. Victor** 2-3pm **Fr. Fabin**
 12-1pm **Fr. Chinonso** 3-4pm **Fr. Doug MacDonald**

Faith Study Group

The Faith Study Group is this weekend after mass. All are welcome.

Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday, April 17th at 7 pm, Adoration 8:00-9:00 PM
Good Friday, April 18th at 3 pm
Easter Vigil, April 19th at 8 pm (NOTE: there will be **NO 4 PM** mass)
Easter Sunday, April 20th at 10 am

Church Open Good Friday for Stations of the Cross

The Church will be open on Good Friday, from noon to 3 pm, for Personal Stations of the Cross and Private Prayer. All are welcome.

Good Friday Walk in North Sydney

Please join the Christian denominations of North Sydney, as we gather for a walk through our town with the Lord's wooden cross, Praying the Stations of the Cross, on Good Friday, April 18th. We start at 12 noon, in St. Joseph's Catholic parking lot, and end our prayer walk, at St. John's Anglican Church. All are welcome.

Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to donate lilies for Easter, please have them delivered to the parish office, during office hours 9-1, on Thursday, April 17th. Thank you.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, April 17th from 8-9 pm. Please spend this sacred time with our Lord at the altar of repose immediately following the mass of the Last Supper.

Confirmation Practice

Please note the date for confirmation practice has changed to **May 1st** at **6:30** in the church. This will be the only practice and all candidates are asked to attend.



Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Crowds of people gathered to shout his praises, and many of them laid palm branches and their cloaks on the road, hailing him as the Messiah. Little did they know that within a week, they would turn against him and demand his crucifixion. As symbols of these related events, we have decorated the steps of the main altar to signify the road leading into Jerusalem, covered with palm branches, and in front of the high altar, we have a symbol of what is yet to come, the wooden cross, marked with palm in its center and draped in red, of the soon-to-be-spilled Holy Blood of Jesus, as recounted in the reading of "The Passion of the Lord". During this most Holy Season, remember how Jesus offered so freely of himself, for the benefit and salvation of the human race.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! APRIL 6TH

Envelopes		1890.00
Loose Cash		305.00
Fuel		35.00
Candles		20.00
Solemnity of Mary		20.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3050.00
Hall		777.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Ways to Donate

Pre-Authorized Debit: please call the office to get started.

To donate by credit card, google pay or PayPal click:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-josephs-parish-north-sydney/>

Fr. Greg Lecture Series

You are cordially invited to the Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series at Cape Breton University on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 in the Yvonne LeVert Hospitality Suite (Multipurpose room) starting at 6:30 pm. Food and refreshments and all are welcome to hear from a documentary film maker who poses the question: Can a documentary film make you a better person?

Check out his documentaries at: www.kmproductions.ca

Bio: Kevin Moynihan (KM Productions.ca)

Kevin Moynihan grew up in Montreal and attended University (Loyola College) in the 1960's earning a BA in Theology. Kevin also earned a Master of Education degree (Adult Education) from The University of Toronto (in 1975).

Since the early 1970's, Kevin has been producing Educational Media for Government (Federal and Provincial); Departments of Health; Hospitals and National Religious Organizations. One project from that decade of which he is very proud is a slide tape documentary in support of the First Nations people of the North West Territories during the MacKenzie Valley Pipeline Debate which was based on the Canadian Bishops' Labour Day Statement entitled "Northern Development: At What Cost?". In the 1980's Kevin produced documentary films for the Dept. of Health in PEI. In the 1990's he produced a series of films for Vision TV on Church Art and Architecture. During that decade he produced distance education programming with Faculty at Atlantic School of Theology which was broadcast on the ASN Network In Atlantic Canada. In 2007, he set up the website KM Productions.ca. All of his films since then are available there including films on issues like Ecology, The Residential Schools Issue in Canada, The Papal Encyclical "Laudato Si" the Principles and Values of the Co-operative System and the Role of Canada's First Responders in welcoming and caring for the Famine Irish In 1847, a film which has become part of the exhibit at the National Famine Centre at Strokestown, Ireland. It will become apparent that Kevin's passion for documentary film making comes from his commitment to Social Justice. Sponsored by CBU Chaplaincy and the Newman Society

Community

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference

Inviting high schoolers into a life changing encounter with Christ ! July 11-13, 2025 at Dalhousie University. For more information visit <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic> Or call Sarah Robinson of Saint Peter's Port Hood to register your youth with the Diocese of Antigonish group that will be attending. [902-302-2324](tel:902-302-2324) or sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com

Fundraising opportunities are available!

KOC

The April General Meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held this month on Wednesday 16 April at 7pm, in the Church hall. The nominating committee will announce recommendations for the new officers for the New Fraternal Year.

Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier will be hosting a Mass for the Silver Rose Ceremony to be held Wednesday 16 April at 6pm. The Mass is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Sydney River.

Quote of the Week

"Do not lose inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your world seems upset. If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to Him quietly and simply."

St. Therese de Lisieux

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week

