

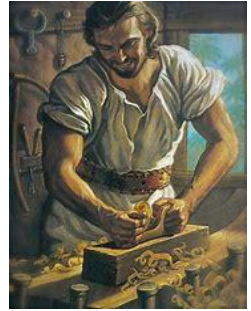


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December 3rd, 2023 1st Sunday of Advent

† DECEMBER 3RD, 2023 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Dec.4th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		For Soney& Butch King
Tues. Dec. 5th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		For David Covin
Wed. Dec.6th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines) St. Joseph (Bras D'OR)	9am 6pm		
Thurs. Dec.7th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines) St. Joseph (Bras D'Or)	9am 6pm	St. Ambrose	
Fri. Dec. 8th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines) St. Ann's (Alder Point)	9am 9am	The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary	
Sat. Dec.9th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Dec.10th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, December 9th	10 am Mass Sunday, December 10th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Kim Dooley, Georgie Bonnar	Matt Batherson, Taralee MacInnis, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Charlotte Munroe	Joan Byers, Kay Batherson
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick, Lloyd Brewer	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	?	?
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Ben Tucker

PARISH NEWS

Parish Envelopes 2024

The new envelopes for 2024 are ready and are now available at the back of the church for pick up. Thank you for your continued support.

Food Bank

The food bank is in need of men's jeans and also men's boots. If you are able to help, please drop these items off at the food bank Monday to Friday. Thank You.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Friday, December 8th and reopening on Tuesday, December 11th.

Mass Schedule Dec 23 – January 1, 2024

Saturday Dec 23 – mass 4 PM; Sunday Dec 24 – 10 AM

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses – 4 PM and 7 PM; Christmas Day Mass – 11 AM

Saturday Dec 30 – 4 PM; Sunday Dec 31 – 10 AM (NOTE - No New Years Eve night Mass)

Monday – January 1 New Years Day – 11 AM

Religious Education

What is one's duty toward the truth?

Every person is called to sincerity and truthfulness in acting and speaking. Everyone has the duty to seek the truth, to adhere to it and to order one's whole life in accordance with its demands. In Jesus Christ the whole of God's truth has been made manifest. He is "the truth". Those who follow him live in the Spirit of truth and guard against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy.

Further reading: CCC [2464-2470, 2504](#)

Advent Wreath & It's Meaning: Dec 3rd

This Advent Season, we will again be seeking parishioners to come up and light the week's candle on our Parish Wreath.

On the **1st Sunday of Advent**, the purple candle on the bottom left is lit. It is known as the "Hope or Prophet's candle", because it represents God's promise to Adam & Eve after they lost heaven by disobeying Him, but He promised to send them a Redeemer.

If you are interested in doing this, please tell the Greeter as you enter the church. They will inform a Sacristan who will take you & your partner / family to the altar for instruction & practice prior to the start of the mass. The lighting will be done at the beginning and Father will request the lighter(s) of the candle to come forth.

The finance committee created *hall envelopes* that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! NOV.25TH. & NOV.26TH

Envelopes		1425.00
Loose Cash		205.00
Fuel		140.00
Candles		25.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Indigenous Fund		
Special Collections		
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2570.00
Hall Fund		350.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Shortfall for the week of Nov.25th & Nov. 26th \$ 1276.15

Advent Materials and Christmas Cards

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday December 3, 2023

The Emmaus Book Store invites you to stop by and view our selection of Advent Materials and Christmas Cards:

- Advent Wreath Rings and Candles
- Advent and Christmas devotion books for adults, young people and families
- Christmas cards

Diocesan Pastoral Centre
200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103,
Membertou, NS
902-539-6188 ext 222 or 1-800-656-5311 ext 222

Community

WESTERN CAPE BRETON CURSILLO MOVEMENT ULTREYA

December 6th, Wednesday 2023 Mass- 6:30 Old Renewal Centre Chapel (Gaelic College Mabou) Ultreya to follow at 7:15 in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou.

CWL & KOC

The CWL is again offering for sale, Christmas Ornaments for loved ones who are in our thoughts and prayers. The order sheets are in **CWL Christmas Ornaments** envelopes, at the back of the church, and on-line with our Parish bulletin, as a separate attachment. When completed, place your order form with its payment in an envelope marked as **CWL Christmas Ornaments** on week-ends, in the masses' collection basket or drop it off at the church during office hours. If using a personal cheque, please make it payable to "St Joseph's CWL". The cut-off date for acceptance of orders is **Sunday, Dec. 17th**. Our price remains at \$5 for each ornament. The ornaments will be labeled as instructed on your order form and placed on the Parish Christmas tree for Dec. 24th services. After the conclusion of the Christmas season, those requesting their ornaments will be contacted by phone for their pick-up time & location. We thank you for your continuing support over the years.

Quote

"No change of circumstances can repair a defect of character".

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Canada Suicide Prevention Service

1-833-456-4566 or Text. 4564

Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line: Call/text: 1-888-837-7678

info@abuse-free-sport.ca www.abuse-free-sport.ca

Compassionate Community Care 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

End Human Trafficking

<https://blocktraffik.org/>

Vaccine Injury Support Program

1-833-489-0839 info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca

<https://vaccineinjurysupport.ca/en>

Parenting Resources:

<https://axis.org/resources/>

Expectant Mothers Fund-free baby food/ diapers. Call for help or to donate- 902-794-3951

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week