

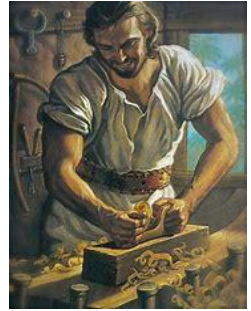


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December 24th, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

Merry Christmas

†DECEMBER 24TH, 2023 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Dec.25th	St. Joseph Church	11am	Solemnity	
Tues. Dec. 26th	St. Joseph Hall		St. Stephen	
Wed. Dec.27th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. John, Apostle	
	St. Joseph (Bras D'OR)	6pm		
Thurs. Dec.28th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	The Holy Innocents	
	St. Joseph (Bras D'Or)	6pm		
Fri. Dec. 29th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
	St. Ann's (Alder Point)	9am		
Sat. Dec.30th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Dec.31st	St. Joseph Church	10 am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, December 30th	10 am Mass Sunday, December 31st
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Alberta Devoe, Rebecca Gracie	Taralee MacInnis, Matt Batherson, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Carolyn Aker	Helen Gray, Alexandra Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick, Cathy MacDonald	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)		
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	

PARISH NEWS

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 Year's Day – 11 AM

Ministries Schedule Christmas Eve – New Year's Day

Greeters: Dec 24th – 4 PM: Ina Taylor, Debbie Reashore, Georgie Bonnar: **7 PM:** Kim Dooley, Elaine MacNeil, Sally Ryan

Dec 25th 11 AM: Yvonne MacDonald, Yvette Landry, Pam Hall

January 1st 11 AM: Elaine MacNeil, Debbie Reashore, Viola Smith

Lectors: Dec 24th – 4 PM: Denise Jardine / Carolyn Aker

7 PM: Fred MacLeod / Daniel McKeough

Dec 25th 11 AM: John Ratchford / Iris Young

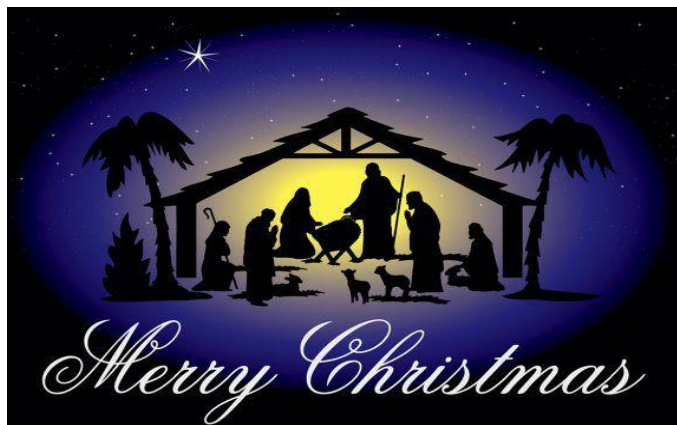
January 1st 11 AM: Taralee MacInnis / Joan Byers

Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers of Communion:

Dec 24th – 4 PM: Lisa Brown / Lloyd Brewer: **7 PM:** Sheila MacCormick, Monica Shebib

Dec 25th 11 AM: Janis and Richard Rose:

January 1st 11 AM: Janis and Richard Rose



Dear People of God,

Merry Christmas and many blessing upon you. I wish you grace and peace as you prepare to gather with loved ones and celebrate the birth of our Savior, from whom every blessing comes, this Christmas season.

Peace, Fr. Doug

Office Closure

The office will be closed from December 26th to January 2nd for Christmas break. Thank you for your understanding.

Poinsettias Donations

Thank you to the KOC and others for donating our

Christmas Poinsettias. The Church looks beautiful as we welcome the anniversary of the coming of our Lord. Peace, Fr. Doug

Religious Education

Advent Wreath & It's Meaning: Dec 24th

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

On the **4th Sunday of Advent**, the purple candle on the bottom right is lit. It is known as the "Peace or Angle's candle", because it represents God choosing Mary to be the mother of His Son and, for us to feel God's peace which Jesus came to bring to us.

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! DEC. 16TH. & DEC. 17TH

Envelopes		2255.00
Loose Cash		215.00
Fuel		220.00
Candles		50.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Faith Formation		
Special Collections		
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3515.00
Hall Fund		2245.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Shortfall for the week of Dec.16th& Dec. 17th\$331.15

KOC

Knights of Columbus, Council 5109 North Sydney donations: Xmas Daddies \$350, Church Poinsettia \$200, IWK \$250, Pro-Life \$250, Chalice \$100, Wheelchairs \$250,Memorial High Bursary \$500, Special Olympics \$100, St. Joseph's Hall, North Sydney \$500, Mass for Shut-ins \$100, Christmas Cheer \$250, Adopt a Family \$200, Clifford Street Youth \$100, St. Joseph's Hall, Bras 'Dor \$500, Northside Community Pool \$500, North Sydney Food Bank \$500, Northside Little League \$500.

In Memoriam



In our hearts your memory lingers,

Sweetly tender, fond and true

There is not a day that we do not think of you.

Fondly remembered by: **William & Kathleen Hayes son and daughter in-law , and son Kevin.**

Quote

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." Martin Luther King

"The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much." Henry David Thoreau

News Story

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/12/16/vatican-trial-cardinal-becciu-corruption/>

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dcf doc_20231218_fiducia-supplicans_en.html

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