

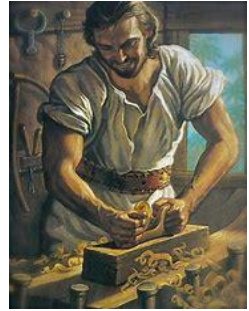


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February 2nd, 2025

Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025 †		
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Feb.3rd	St. Joseph Hall	11am	Funeral	Edgar Wilkie
Tues. Feb.4th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Shaun McNamara
Wed. Feb.5th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Agatha, virgin	
Thurs. Feb.6th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Paul Miki	
Fri. Feb.7th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. Feb.8th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		For a Greater Awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus
Sun. Feb. 9th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Feb. 8th	10 am Mass Sunday, Feb.9th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Alberta Devoe, Rebecca Gracie	Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Tomsy Thomas	Taralee MacInnis, Kay Batherson
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick	George Quirk
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 care.

Faith Study Group

The faith study group is meeting this Sunday after mass at 11 am. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith, the Bible or who has questions on Church teachings are warmly welcome.

NEW - Recitation of the Rosary at Weekday Masses

At SCHEDULED weekday masses, on Monday and Tuesday, please join us at 10:30 am while we pray the rosary to our Blessed Mother.

Delivering Meals to Neighbours

Do you know a neighbor or relative or person that could use a hot 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.

Altar Servers Workshop & Pizza

Saturday Feb. 15th after the 4 pm mass.

Any new and seasoned altar servers are asked to attend the 4 pm mass which will be followed by a brief altar server workshop and pizza party in the hall. Altar servers must have received their first communion.

Please show up for the training. Thank you 🙏 Peace Fr. Doug

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for the tax year 2024 are now available for pick up at the office or during weekend masses.

Recitation of the Rosary

On the first weekend of the month, for February and March, have been **cancelled** while we are in the hall. We will resume again on the weekend of April 5th and -6th. 🙏

Celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise & World Day of the Sick

At the week-end masses, of Feb. 8th and 9th, St. Joseph Parish will hold a combined celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise (Feb. 3rd) and World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11th) with prayers to Our Lady of Lourdes and blessing of the throats, for those who would like to have it done. The following prayer for the sick will be prayed and the Blessing of the Throats will be done after mass.

Prayer for the Sick

O' Blessed Lady of Lourdes, You gave us the spring of life.

Your waters have cured the sick and those who suffer from strife.

In times of worry and doubt You refresh us with your hope.

When relief seems far from sight, You teach us how to cope.

O lovely Lady in white, stay beside us, this we pray.

Send your Son to heal us and be with us each day. **Amen**

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 26TH

Envelopes		1540.00
Loose Cash		295.00
Candles		
Fuel		150.00
Initial Offering		
Christmas Offering		
Pre-Authorized		750.00
Total		2735.00
Hall		222.00
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/>

Diocesan

The following prayer, written for the World Day for Consecrated Life, is provided courtesy U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life And Vocations.

"God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through

our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

Healing Masses

at Our Lady of Grace Monastery

with Fr Albert MacPherson

Next Mass: Saturday, February 22, 1:30 pm

Have you or someone you know had an experience in healthcare where MAiD was offered without a request?

The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA Canada) want you to be heard in a safe and confidential setting.

Please contact: Brad MacKinnon bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org or by phone 902-406-2955 or toll free 1-888-256-8653. CMDA Canada is a Christian organization that supports doctors and dentists in integrating their faith into their professional practice.

Community

Pastoral Arts Celtic Concert:

Place: Stella Maris Church, Creignish. **Date & Time:** Sunday, February 16th, 2025 at 7 p.m. **The performers** include Sabra MacGillivray, Betty Beaton, Wendy MacIsaac, Mac Morin, Troy MacGillivray, Lauren MacKinnon, Cassie & Maggie MacDonald, the Celtic Touch Dancers, and Andrea Beaton. Donations at the door. All proceeds go towards Stella Maris Church, Creignish.

Valentine Dinner & Dance

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is sponsoring a **Valentines Day Dinner and Dance** on Friday, February 14 at Sacred Heart Church Center on George Street. Dinner from 7-8:30, Dance from 8:30-11:30.

Music provided by High Society and The Privateers. Seating in tables of 8. Tickets are \$100.00 each and are available at the parish office at 40 Cabot Street, Sydney. Call for more details (902) 564-9021.

Quote of the Week

"Truth is imposed only by the force of truth itself."

"God gives each of us sufficient grace ever to know his holy will, and to do it fully." St. Ignatius of Loyola

Community Compassionate Cares

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

For assistance phone- 902- 794 -3951

Reporting Sexual Abuse or Cover up by a Bishop

1-866-892-3737. or <https://bishopreportingsystem.ca/>

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week

