

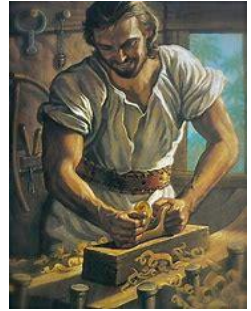


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February 23rd, 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025 †		
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Feb.24th	St. Joseph Hall	11 am		For Joe Garnier
Tues. Feb.25th	St. Joseph Hall	—————	Funeral 1pm, Bay St. Lawrence	
Wed. Feb.26th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. Feb.27th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. Feb.28th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. March 1st	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		For those suffering with various forms of mental illness
Sun. Feb.23rd	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, March 1st	10 am Mass Sunday, March 2nd
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Rebecca Gracie	Viola Smith, Taralee MacInnis
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Charlotte Monroe	Kas Nzelu, Difu Nzelu
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 spiritual/pastoral care.

Delivering Meals to Neighbours

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.

Confirmation Inscription February 23rd

All candidates must be present next Sunday, Feb. 23 at the 10 am mass for the Inscription ceremony. They must stay after mass for preparation classes which end Sunday March 23rd. Retreat is Saturday, April 5th and Confirmation is Friday May 2nd, 2025 at 6:30 pm with the Bishop.

Pastoral Council

The meeting is cancelled until a later date.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday, March 5th at 11 am and again at 6:30 pm in the Hall.

Minister Schedule for Ash Wednesday

11am

Lector: Jude Rankin

Greeters: Rebecca Gracie and Yvonne MacDonald

Distribution of Ashes: Janis and Richard Rose

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: George Quirk

Music: St. Joseph Choir

6:30 PM

Lector: Charlotte Monroe

Greeters: Ellen McNamara and Elaine MacNeil

Distribution of Ashes: Lisa Brown

Extraordinary Minister of Communion: Cathy MacDonald

World Day of Prayer 2025

St. Joseph Church, in North Sydney, invites you to celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 7th at 2 p.m. in the church hall at 34 Archibald Avenue. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. All are welcome to attend. Free Will Offering.

Holy Cross Cemetery

The two access roads at Holy Cross Cemetery now have chains up, preventing access to the cemetery, until the spring.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are taught in Matthew 25

- Feeding the hungry
- Giving drink to the thirsty
- Clothing the naked
- Sheltering the homeless
- Visiting the sick
- Visiting the imprisoned
- Burying the dead

In what sense do we understand man and woman as created "in the image of God"?

The human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in his own divine life. All human beings, in as much as they are created in the image of God, have the dignity of a person. A person is not something but someone, capable of self-knowledge and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with God and with other persons.

Further reading: CCC 355-357

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! FEBRUARY 16TH

Envelopes		1265.00
Loose Cash		280.00
Candles		
Fuel		640.00
Solemnity of Mary		10.00
Christmas Offering		40.00
Pre-Authorized		750.00
Total		2985.00
Hall		362.00
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

Prayer Cards Available

Prayer cards are now available free of charge from our Diocesan Pastoral Centre and Chancery Office.

Printable posters and prayer cards are available on our website.

For these resources and to learn more of the Jubilee year:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/jubilee-2025/>

THE MANY FACES OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER

You are invited to join us for two sessions on prayer and the many ways we can come to God in our prayer.

Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 10:00 until 12:00

1. **Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 10:00 until 12:00**
2. **(Weather Date if needed) Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 until 12:00**

**Sessions will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall,
9 Brookland St, Sydney.**

Sessions are facilitated by members of the Cape Breton Local of the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors. There is no fee although a donation is welcomed. **Registration is required to reserve your space.**

To register, please contact:

Gary Fancey (gafancey@netscape.net) (902-862-7580) or

Julia Townsend (juliat@eastlink.ca) (902-562-8423)

Quote of the Week

"I know now that true charity consists in bearing all our neighbours' defects- not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues." St Therese de Lisieux

News Story

<https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2025/02/17/the-churchs-dysfunctional-culture-of-respect-and-obedience/>

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 Group

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

