

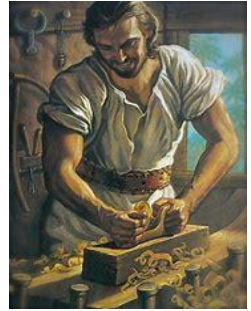


PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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January 5th, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 5TH, 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 Mass Intentions

Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Jan.6th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Patrick Coffin
Tues. Jan.7th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St. Andrew Bessette	Margie MacSween
Wed. Jan.8th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	11am		
Thurs. Jan.9th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)			
Fri. Jan.10th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)			
Sat. Jan.11th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For the return of non-practising Catholics to the Faith
Sun. Jan.12th	St. Joseph Church	10 am	The Baptism of the Lord	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Jan.11th	10 am Mass Sunday, Jan.12th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Rebecca Gracie	Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Tomsy Thomas	Joan Byers, Taralee MacInnis
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald, Janis Rose	Joan Skinner, George Quirk
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

Finance Meeting

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Sunday January 5th after mass at 11:15 am in the Hall.

Recitation of the Rosary

Please join us the weekend of January 4th-5th one half hour before mass as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother

Confirmation Classes

Classes will begin on January 12th, 2025 for all those wishing to make the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025. These classes will

take place on Sunday after the 10am mass downstairs in the hall. Any child age 10 and up are eligible to make their sacrament. To register your child please call the office at (902) 794 - 3951.

Moving to Church Hall

We are moving to the Church hall for weekend masses starting Saturday Jan. 18th at 4 pm. This is only a temporary move for 8 weeks. We will return to the main church for the Feast of St. Joseph our patron on March 19th. All funerals will continue to be upstairs in the main church throughout the winter. Peace, Fr. Doug

Ways and Means / Food Program Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Ways and Means committee/ Food Program on Tuesday January 7th at 11:45 in the Hall.

Soul Watch Spiritual Connection Group

As we enter the new year this is a time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. How was your relationship with God in 2024? Were there areas that you struggled with and don't want to repeat in the new year? What would you like your relationship with God to look like in 2025? Frank Unger, a Doctor of Psychology candidate who has worked in the religious field for over a decade, is hosting a monthly group session that explores these areas and helps you develop a customized approach for moving past the stumbling blocks in your personal and corporate walk with God. The price for attendance is \$500 to reserve a spot throughout the year or \$50 per session. Each session will come with a lecture on the topic, an opportunity to ask questions and share your experiences, and also materials and exercises for you to use at home. By attending and engaging you are giving yourself, your family, and your community the gift of a thriving and growing relationship with the Creator Himself.

Warm regards,

Frank - Soul Watch Consulting

Suite 7, 7 Convent St. North Sydney, (902) 322 -7232

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! DEC. 21ST/22ND

Envelopes	1910.00
Loose Cash	250.00
Candles	60.00
Fuel	85.00
Expectant Mothers	
Pre-Authorized	750.00
Total	3055.00
Hall	430.00
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/>

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! DEC.24TH & 25TH

Christmas Envelopes	4636.00
Loose Cash	1525.00
Candles	100.00
Fuel	1100.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	750.00
Total	8111.00
Expectant Mothers	6100.00
Hall	2125.00
Church Improvement	50.00

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! DEC.28TH, 29TH

Envelopes	1595.00
Loose Cash	330.00
Candles	20.00
Fuel	20.00
Expectant Mothers	50.00
Christmas Offering	280.00
Pre-Authorized	750.00
Total	3045.00
Hall	1835.00
Church Improvement	4050.00

COLLECTIONS` THANK YOU! DEC. 31ST, JAN. 1ST

Other Envelopes	343.00
Loose Cash	300.00
Candles	20.00
Soleminity of Mary	965.00
Initial Offering	447.00
Pre-Authorized	750.00
Total	2825.00
Hall	90.00
Church Improvement	100.00

Diocesan

Week of Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, usually held in January, is scheduled this year for the week of Mon. Jan. 20th through to Friday Jan. 24th, 2025 Venue TBA.

Quote of the Week

“Tenderness and mercy are the heart of the Gospel. Otherwise, one doesn't understand Jesus Christ, or the tenderness of the Father who sends Him to listen to us, to cure us, to save us.” Pope Francis

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

