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January 12th, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

JANUARY 12TH, 2025 †		
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK *Mass Intentions*

Date	Location	Time	Details	<i>Mass Intentions</i> FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Jan.13th	St. Joseph Hall	_____		
Tues. Jan.14th	St. Joseph Hall	_____		
Wed. Jan.15th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. Jan.16th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. Jan.17th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Anthony	
Sat. Jan.18th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For those who will die during the coming year
Sun. Jan.19th	St. Joseph Church	10 am	The Baptism of the Lord	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Jan.18th	10 am Mass Sunday, Jan.19th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Matt Batherson, Georgie Bonnar	Bob Jardine, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker	Alexandra Young, Denise Jardine
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick	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

Thank you for your Christmas Gifts

This year I waited until the Epiphany to open my gifts and was moved by the kind generosity of the people of God. Thank you all for your support and love. As this holy season concludes this weekend, may I take this opportunity to once again wish you all a Merry Christmas and many blessings to all in 2025. Peace, Fr. Doug & Rosie

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.

Confirmation Meeting

There will be a meeting of all parents whose children are making their Confirmation this spring, on Sunday, January 26th downstairs in the hall after the 10am mass. This meeting includes those parents whose children took the program last year.

Parish Meeting

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 11am in the Parish Hall.

Mass Cancellation

Just a reminder that when school is cancelled due to bad weather, weekday mass will also be cancelled

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

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

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[100-Year-Old Woman Who Still Works At Home Depot Has Tips For A Long Life](#)

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 5TH

Envelopes		1500.00
Loose Cash		230.00
Candles		20.00
Fuel		160.00
Initial Offering		110.00
Soleminity of Mary		70.00
Christmas Offering		20.00
Pre-Authorized		750.00
Total		2860.00
Hall		547.00
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

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.

Dying with Christ – Living with Hope

This is a three-video series seeking to demystify the dying process, making way for a new approach to end of life questions. The discussion, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care.

Offered by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada via Zoom on January 15, 22, and 29, 2025, at 8 pm (Atlantic) or February 20, 27 and March 6, 2025 at 1 pm (Atlantic)

For details and to register:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope/>

Holy Rosary Cinema Circle

Join us on Thursday, January 23rd for a showing of “**Love and Mercy: Faustina**” This is an inspiring story of **Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska** of the Blessed Sacrament. St Faustina has a great following both in her native Poland and around the world. Join us for this truly amazing story! This was rescheduled because of bad weather in December. There is no charge for this event. Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount. **All are welcome.** *There are no strangers, only friends we haven't met.*

Documents of the Vatican

From January until May, Fr. Bill Burke will be presenting a series of eight sessions on the documents of Vatican II. The first two will take place Sunday, January 19 and Sunday, January 26 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish from 2:00-4:00pm. All are welcome. The sessions will be livestreamed. Future dates will be announced by the end of January.

Do you receive our diocesan newsletters?

Seven Ears of Grain is emailed each Monday morning, with news and events from our diocese and parishes, plus news and resources from the Vatican and national offices. Witness of Hope is our seasonal newsletter.

To subscribe, visit <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/newsletter/> or email jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Community

Sydney Tuesday, January 21, 2025 1:30 -3:30 pm, an invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office.

This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

KOC

KOC Reaching out for New Members

This weekend at each mass members of the Knights of Columbus will be speaking at each mass reaching out to new members. They will have information pamphlets and applications at the entrance of the church. I am personally a Knight and enjoy the fraternity of the brothers at each monthly meeting. I would love to see you sign up and be at our meetings. The Knights do incredible work in the community and support our church, including the monthly food program. It would be great to have you sign up and be part of the team. Please see one of our members after mass. Peace, Fr. Doug

Quote of the Week

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.”
St. John XXIII

News Story

<https://caregiversns.org/resources/handbook/>

https://s3.amazonaws.com/amo_hub_content/Association392/files/Journal%20of%20Christian%20Healing/Journal%20of%20Christian%20Healing%2C%20V40-1%2C%202024%20Fall-Winter.pdf

