



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## January 26th, 2025

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday of the Word of God

**JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 †**

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**ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK**



Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Jan.27th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Jean Brenick
Tues. Jan.28th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St. Thomas Aquinas	Raymond Forrest
Wed. Jan.29th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. Jan.30th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. Jan.31st	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. John Bosco	
Sat. Feb.1st	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For all married couples
Sun. Feb. 2nd	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Feb. 1st	10 am Mass Sunday, Feb.2nd
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Elaine MacNeil	Ina Taylor, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Jude Rankin	Difu Nzelu, Kas Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown	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.

#### 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

#### Confirmation Meeting

There will be a meeting of all parents whose children are making their Confirmation this spring, on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> downstairs in the hall after the 10 am mass. This meeting

includes those parents whose children took the program last year.

### **Epiphany Blessing for Your Home**

How to bless your home using holy water, prayers and chalk or a pencil.

The head of the household begins with the sign of the cross, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be... , and/or a spontaneous prayer from the heart asking God to protect this home and all who live here and visit.

Then use chalk or a pencil and write over the front and back door entrances to the home the century, then connected by crosses the first letter of the three wisemen (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and current decade and year: 20 C + M + B 25. Bless each person with Holy Water and then enter each room sprinkling holy water while saying Glory Be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Epiphany Water is available this weekend at mass.

### **COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 19TH**

Envelopes		1450.00
Loose Cash		260.00
Candles		
Fuel		570.00
Initial Offering		10.00
Christmas Offering		20.00
Pre-Authorized		750.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>3060.00</b>
Hall		332.00
Church Improvement		

### **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**

### **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.

### **Community**

### **Pastoral Airs 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.

### **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](mailto:jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca)

### **CWL**

The CWL would like to acknowledge all who helped make our 2024 Christmas Ornament Campaign a success. Special thanks to those who purchased CWL ornaments, thereby supporting our financial obligations to our parish & community commitments.

We have packaged and labeled the ornaments for those who requested them returned. Their owners can pick them up in the basement Chapel, after the week-end masses. Another option is our Parish office, during their posted weekday hours, until the end of February.

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### **Quote of the Week**

*“I denounce the injustice of wealth, for to give someone an unjust salary, when the rich take advantage of the poor is a mortal sin.”*

*Pope Francis*

### **News Story**

<https://www.novascotia.ca/seniors/pub/elderabuse/BrochureFinancialAbuse%5BEN%5D.pdf>

### **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](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca)

[www.abuse-free-sport.ca](http://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](mailto: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**

