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January 28th, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† JANUARY 28TH, 2024 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Jan. 29th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		For Jean Settle Young & Fr. Joe Gillis
Tues. Jan. 30th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		For Kathleen Capstick
Wed. Jan. 31st	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Dewie & Kevin King
Thurs. Feb. 1st	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Joseph March
Fri. Feb.2nd	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Dave Jessome
Sat. Feb. 3rd	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		For Charles Gracie
Sun. Feb. 4th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, February 3rd	10 am Mass Sunday, February 4th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Kim Dooley	Tarlee MacInnis, Yvonne MacDonald
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Ellen McNamara	Kay Batherson, Denise Jardine
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald	Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)		
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	

PARISH NEWS

Side door open for entering Mass

Since many are sitting in the over flow section (Fr Loughan Room) for weekend mass, you can now enter the hall through the side door in the main parking lot. There are some stairs and then more stairs descending down to the hall, but this may help some people. You can also exit that door. We ask that people choosing to use the side door, only exit the side door and not the main front doors to avoid alarms being set off for unsecure doors. Hope this helps. Thank You 🙏

Persons with Codes to Alarm System

Until the side door alarm pad gets replaced, please enter and exit through the hall, then arm and disarm the alarm from the hall with your four digit code. There has been an unusually high number

of alarms going off in the church in the past few months. My dog Rosie who volunteers security for the parish 24 hours a day doesn't like to be disturbed late at night to go check on the church. Persons and groups that enter the church have 30 seconds to put their four digit code in the system to keep the siren alarm from going off.

If the alarm siren is triggered, you are still asked to slowly put your four digit code in the key pad to shut the siren off. If the alarm system does not immediately shut off, then wait 5 seconds and put your four digit code in again, without pressing any other buttons. If it does not take your code, wait 5-10 seconds and redo until it accepts your approved code. The alarm company will call me to verify if it is a false alarm, and Rosie and I will

check the church, otherwise the police will be dispatched Thank you 🙏 Peace, Fr. Doug

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

At the week-end masses of Feb. 10th and 11th, 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.

At the week-end masses, of Feb.10th and 11th, 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

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2023 are now available on the table at the entrance to the Hall.

Free Money/Grants for You at Church

On Saturday and Sunday Feb. 3 & 4th after mass, MLA Fred Tilley will be present with his secretary at the church hall to fill out a variety of forms for you. These applications are so you can get free grants for heating, food, home repairs, insulation etc. Just bring your ID and tell your friends to get it all done on Feb 3/4th at mass. Peace, Fr. Doug

Holy Cross Cemetery Closed for Winter

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

Our website www.holycrosscemeteryns.com, is now fully up to date. All burials that we have record of, from the mid 70's to 2023, are entered on line. Any person that may have purchased a plot only, that is also now entered online. The name ,address, section, block ,row and grave number are all entered in maybe 80% of the records. Plots sold but still unused have a **** after grave number. All of this information was taken from burial records, some of the writing was hard to decipher, but I have figured names out as best as I could. The above site includes names for 2961 burials. when the site is loaded it might be slow to upload all the records.

Prices for plot purchases and both Cremation and Full (Casket) burials, have not increased since 2012. The only difference since 2012, is that we no longer charge a Perpetual Charge or an Annual Charge. That cost is now included in the burial fee.

Thank you, Daniel McKeough, Chair Holy Cross Cemetery

KOC & CWL

CWL Christmas Ornaments

For those who requested the return of their ornaments, they have been repacked, and are available at the week-end masses in our Chapel until Sunday, Feb 11th.

Any remaining ornaments unclaimed after that date, will be donated to charity. We thank you for your continuing support.

Enjoy chicken? burgers? barbecue?

On Saturday, Feb 24th, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm and Sunday, Feb 25th, from 11 pm to 12:30 pm, your desires will be fulfilled!

The CWL will be serving delicious pulled chicken burgers, a side of tangy coleslaw and scrumptious portion of lemon cake - cost is \$12.00 per serving. **TAKE OUT ONLY.**

Funds raised help the CWL continue its support of parish and community projects.

The finance committee created *hall envelopes* that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JAN.20TH. & JAN. 21ST

Envelopes	1505.00
Loose Cash	135.00
Solemnity of Mary	30.00
Candles	5.00
Initial Offering	100.00
Christmas Offering	
Fuel	615.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	750.00
Total	3140.00
Hall Fund	347.00
Church Improvement	

Shortfall for the week of Jan.20th& Jan.21st\$ 706.15

Diocesan

You are invited to join us for a Lenten session on prayer and exploring spiritual conversation as a way to deepen our relationship with God, and with each other.

You may choose any of the following:

1. Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at **St. Leonard Pastoral Centre**
2. Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at Our Lady Of Fatima Church Hall
3. Saturday, March 16 from 10:00am until 1:00pm at Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall, Brookland St, Sydney.

Sessions are facilitated by members of the Cape Breton Local of the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors.

There is no fee, but registration is required.

To register, please contact: Winnie Odo (twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca) (902-862-2330) or

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

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

Community

Salvation Army Heat Fund

The heat fund starts on January 15th and is for \$400.00. The oil goes directly in your tank or you can receive a credit to N.S. Power. You are required to show proof of income as well as a recent bill. Applications can be obtained at the Salvation Army Store or at Fred Tiley's office, Elliot St. Sydney Mines.

News Story

Federal government's decision to invoke Emergencies Act against convoy protests was unreasonable, court rules

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/emergencies-act-federal-court-1.7091891>



