

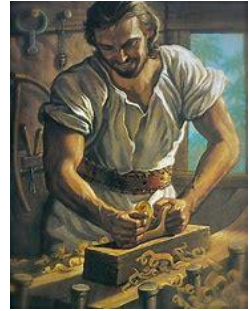


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## March 23rd, 2025

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

<b>MARCH 23RD, 2025 †</b>		
<b>REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR</b> <b>CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY</b> <b>Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon</b> <b>roy.smith@hotmail.ca</b>	<b><u>Leadership Ministry Team</u></b> Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance	<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> <b>TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM</b>  <b>TEL: 902 -794-3951</b>

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. March 24th	St. Joseph Hall	_____		
Tues. March 25th	St. Joseph Hall	_____		
Wed. March 26th	St. Joseph Hall	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Lecture Series</b> How to stay in your home as we age?	
Thurs. March 27th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. March 28th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. March 29th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		For Persecuted Christians around the world
Sun. March 30th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, March 29th	10 am Mass Sunday, March 30th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Alberta Devoe, Georgie Bonnar	Taralee MacInnis, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Charlotte Munroe	Kay Batherson ,Alexandra Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown, Lloyd Brewer	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
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 Neighbors?

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 Retreat

There will be a confirmation retreat on Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> for all students planning on making their confirmation on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The retreat starts at 10am and ends with mass at 4pm. All candidates are required to attend.

##### First Communion and Penance Modules

The modules for the sacraments of First Communion and Penance will start on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10am mass downstairs in the hall. These modules are in preparation for your child making their sacrament of First Communion which is on May 11<sup>th</sup> and Penance on April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the office at (902) 794-3951

**CMDA** **WHAT'S WRONG WITH MAID?**

**Tuesday April 1st at 7:00pm** | **Faith Baptist Church Sydney, NS**

**Wednesday April 2nd at 6:30pm** | **Saint Joseph's Catholic Parish North Sydney, NS**

**CMDA Canada's Executive Director, Larry Worthen, will provide timely information on MAiD in Canada, policies regulating MAiD, and how we can advocate for dignity-affirming alternatives and conscientious practice in our province.**



[Bit.ly/WWWMSydney](https://bit.ly/WWWMSydney)  
**RSVP TODAY!**

### 2025 St. Joseph Lenten Lecture Series

**St. Joseph Parish North Sydney is hosting three speakers in Lent at 34 Archibald Avenue.**

Lectures start at 6:30 pm and please enter through the side door of St Joseph Parish Hall. Refreshments and all are welcome.

#### **How do we stay in our home as we age?**

By: Cape Breton Continuing Care Coordinator: Claire MacDonald-Sampson. Wednesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm

<https://caregiversns.org>

#### **Biography Lenten Lecture Speaker**

Claire MacDonald-Sampson

Claire is a Team Lead Care Coordinator with Continuing Care. She has worked with Continuing Care since 1998 in various capacities but mostly as a Care Coordinator. Prior to working with Continuing Care, she worked in the health care system in Ottawa, Ontario before returning home to Cape Beton.

As a Care Coordinator, Claire provides Assessment and Care Management for Continuing Care Programs.

Claire Sampson-MacDonald

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#### **“What’s Wrong with MAiD?”**

By: Lawyer Larry Worthen, Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada. Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm

<http://bit.ly/WWWMSydney>

#### **How do we deal with grief when someone we love dies?**

By: Psychologist Frank Unger .Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm

<http://bfoch.ca>

### **COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! MARCH 16TH**

Envelopes		1640.00
Loose Cash		280.00
Initial Offering		25.00
Fuel		385.00
Candles		15.00
Solemnity of Mary		10.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3105.00
Hall		182.00
Church Improvement		150.00

#### **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**

#### **Jubilee Pilgrim’s Way March 19<sup>th</sup>- December 28h, 2025**

Our Diocesan Pilgrim’s Way for the Jubilee Year includes parishes, shrines, and sacred celebrations honouring namesake saints, cultures, and traditions woven into the rich tapestry of our diocese.

The Way begins with the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, and ends with the Jubilee closing Mass at St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish. Passports are being prepared. Map now available online:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/pilgrims-way/>

We are invited to visit any of our diocesan sites on or around their special dates, or at any time throughout the year. Events for each site will be posted online and shared via bulletin notices as details are available.

#### **Lent 2025 online:**

Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's Lenten letter, Lenten message of Pope Francis, and a weekly reflection from diocesan hermit Sheila O'Handley, plus CCCB Journey Through Lent videos and more:

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

#### **Healing Mass**

Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Next Mass: Saturday, March 29, 1:30 pm

Father Albert MacPherson, OSA, Augustinian Healing Ministry

### **Community**

#### **Job Posting- St. Joseph, St Ann, and St Joachim Parish Secretary**

Full-time (35 hours at \$21.00 per hour). It is mandatory for the work to be performed in the parish office. There will be no remote working. For a list of the job description, please contact the St. Joseph Parish Office, Bras D'Or at (902) 736-9633.

### **News Story**

<https://www.archtoronto.org/siteassets/media/archdiocese-of-toronto-main-site/files/archbishop-leo/hon.-dominic-leblanc---february-21-2025.pdf>

### **Quote of the Week**

*“Understand this well: there is something divine hidden in the most ordinary situations, and it is up to each one of you to discover it.”*

*St. Josemaria Escriva*

**Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week**

