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March 30th, 2025
4th Sunday of Lent

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. March 31st	St. Joseph Hall	11 am	Mass & Adoration	Gerald McNamara
Tues. April 1st	St. Joseph Hall	11am	Mass	Gerry MacInnis
Wed. April 2nd	St. Joseph Hall	6:30 pm	Lecture Series “What’s wrong with MAID “	
Thurs. April 3rd	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. April 4th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. April 5th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For the return of non-practising Catholics to the Faith
Sun. April 6th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, April 5th	10 am Mass Sunday, April 6th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Sally Ryan	Ina Taylor, Yvonne MacDonald
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker	Iris Young, Helen Gray
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald, Sheila MacCormick	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 5th for all students planning on making their confirmation on May 2nd. The retreat starts at 10am and ends with mass at 4pm. All candidates are required to attend.

Adoration

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday March 31st and again on Monday April 7th after the 11 am mass.

Parish Meeting

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Thursday, April 3rd at 11 am in the Parish Hall.

Mass of Chrism

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on April 14th at 3pm at St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish. All are welcome to attend.

Recitation of the Rosary

Please join us the weekend of April 5th & 6th, one half hour before mass, as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother.



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.



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2025 St. Joseph Lenten Lecture Series

St. Joseph Parish North Sydney is hosting a lecture asking: "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. Refreshments and all are welcome.

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Biography Lenten Lecture Speaker

Larry Worthen grew up in the Fredericton area of New Brunswick. Larry is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School (1981) who had a career in management in the not-for-profit sector and Nova Scotia Department of Justice. He is a trained facilitator, adult educator and mediator. Larry is married to Dr. Linda Gagnon and resides in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He was ordained deacon in the Catholic Church for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth in 2012. In May of 2013, he graduated from the Atlantic School of Theology with his MA in Theology and Religious Studies. His thesis outlines the role of proclamation in the New Evangelization. Larry and Linda have two adult children and six grandsons and two granddaughters.

Since 2012 he has been Executive Director of the Christian Medical Dental Association of Canada an associate of 1600 Christian physicians and dentists from across Canada. The goal of the organization is to help practitioners integrate faith and professional practice.

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

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

<http://bfocb.ca>

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! MARCH 23RD

Envelopes	2680.00
Loose Cash	215.00
Fuel	150.00
Candles	25.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	750.00
Total	3820.00
Hall	362.00
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

Lenten Retreat St. Joseph Bras D'OR

A Lenten Retreat with Fr. Bill Burke will be held at St. Joseph Church Bras D'Or on Wednesday April 9th and Thursday April 10th at 6:30pm. The retreat each night will conclude with mass and all are welcome.

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

CWL

The CWL would like to thank parishioners for continuing to support our spring fundraiser. The funds raised go towards meeting our parish and community commitments.

Taralee MacInnis, President

News Story

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/262855/dr-jerome-lejuene-the-catholic-doctor-who-discovered-the-cause-of-down-syndrome>

https://images.hallow.app/quotes/en_2025-03-28.png

Frozen Embryo Adoption from IVF:

<https://youtu.be/G479rhlysc?feature=shared>

Quote of the Week

"To do the will of God, man must despise his own; the more he dies to himself, the more he will live to God."

St. Peter Claver

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week

