

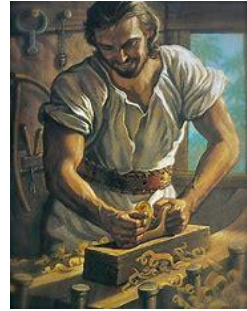


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## March 16th, 2025

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

<b>MARCH 16TH, 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	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. March 17th	St. Joseph Hall	_____	No Mass	
Tues. March 18th	St. Joseph Hall	_____	No Mass	
Wed. March 19th	St. Joseph Hall			
Thurs. March 20th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. March 21st	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. March 22nd	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		For a greater awareness of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun. March 23rd	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, March 22nd	10 am Mass Sunday, March 23rd
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Debbie Reashore, Rebecca Gracie	Bob Jardine, Ina Taylor
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Cheryl Delorey	Difu Nzelu, Kas Nzelu
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 Neighbours

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



# 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  
**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>

**“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://bfocb.ca>

**COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! MARCH 9TH**

Envelopes		1330.00
Loose Cash		195.00
Initial Offering		
Fuel		25.00
Expectant Mothers		
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2300.00</b>
Hall		412.00
Church Improvement		100.00

**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/>

**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

**First Saturday Devotion and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

Mass will be held at Stella Maris Church, Louisbourg, on the first Saturday of the month of April through to August in devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Mass is at 9:00 am, Rosary begins half an hour before Mass, on April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother asked that faithful Catholics observe five First Saturday Masses. The Blessed Mother explained, “I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour (15 minutes) while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.” Father IK is available to hear confession prior to Mass, or at any of the weekday Masses prior, or upon request. All are welcome.

**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.

**Turkey Burger Sale** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, Bras d'Or on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-2p.m. \$12 per person, Take out only! Dessert Included. For tickets phone Cecilia 902-736-8605

**News Story**

<https://nationalpost.com/opinion/proposal-to-strip-religious-groups-of-charitable-tax-status-would-eviscerate-canadas-charities>

**Quote of the Week**

*“Lent reminds us, therefore that Christian life is a never-ending combat in which the weapons of prayer, fasting and penance are used. Fighting against evil, against every form of selfishness and hate, and dying to oneself to live in God is the ascetic journey that every disciple of Jesus is called to make with humility and patience, with generosity and perseverance.” Pope Benedict XVI*

