



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## March 24th, 2024

### Passion (Palm) Sunday

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#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. March 25th	St. Ninian's Cathedral	3pm	Mass of Chrism	
Tues. March 26th	St. Joseph Hall		Private Mass	For a Special Intention
Wed. March 27th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Chook Gordon
Thurs. March 28th	St. Joseph Church	7pm	Holy Thursday	For Greater Awareness of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri. March 29th	St. Joseph Church	3pm	Good Friday	
Sat. March 30th	St. Joseph Church	8pm	Easter Vigil	For All the Sick
Sun. March 31st	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, March 30th	10 am Mass Sunday, March 31st
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Taralee MacInnis, Rebecca Gracie	Yvonne MacDonald, Ina Taylor, Viola Smith
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Joan Byers, John Ratchford, Jude Rankin, Charlotte Monroe	Taralee MacInnis, Iris Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald, Monica Shebib	Joan Skinner, George Quirk
Interior Church (cleaning)		
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	

#### PARISH NEWS

#### Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Adoration from 8:00pm-9:00pm

Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

Easter Vigil, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 8pm (Note: there will be **NO** 4pm mass)

Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10am.

#### Deanery Wide Confessions

All day Lenten confessions will be held in Bras D'Or on Sat. March 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am until 3pm.

#### Easter Lilies

Anyone wishing to donate lilies for Easter, please have them delivered to the vestry door of the church, on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 10am to 12pm. Thank you.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8-9pm. Please spend this sacred time with our Lord at the altar of repose immediately following the mass of the Last Supper.

## Thank You

Our parish meal last weekend in honor of St. Joseph was a huge success. We raised a total of \$1,420.00. Thank you to Debbie, Theresa and their team who made the meal and to all those who supported the parish by purchasing the delicious soup. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Peace Fr. Doug



**Palm Sunday** marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Crowds of people gathered to shout his praises, and many of them laid palm branches and their cloaks on the road, hailing him as the Messiah. Little did they know that within a week, they would turn against him and demand his crucifixion.

As symbols of these related events, we have decorated the steps of the main altar to signify the road leading into Jerusalem, covered with palm branches, and in front of the high altar, we have a symbol of what is yet to come, the wooden cross, marked with palm in its center and draped in red, of the soon-to-be-spilled Holy Blood of Jesus, as recounted in the reading of 'The Passion of the Lord'.

During this most Holy Season, we remember how Jesus offered so freely of himself, for the benefit and salvation of the human race. In Peace – The Liturgy Committee

## Church Open Good Friday for Stations of the Cross

The Church will be open on Good Friday from noon to 3 pm for Personal Stations of the Cross and Private Prayer. All are welcome.

## Good Friday Walk in North Sydney

Please join the Christian denominations of North Sydney, as we gather for a walk through our town with the Lord's wooden cross, *Praying the Stations of the Cross*, on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

We start at 12 noon, in St. Joseph's Catholic parking lot, and end our praying walk, at St. John's Anglican Church. All are welcome.

## St Joseph Lenten Lecture Series

St. Joseph Parish North Sydney is hosting speakers in Lent, at 34 Archibald Avenue, North Sydney. Lectures start at 2 pm and enter through the side door of St Joseph Parish Hall. All are welcome.

## St. Joseph Lenten Reflection Day

St. Joseph Hall North Sydney, on Sunday March 24th. 2 pm - "Just for Today" by Lisa Power. Speaking about her journey through addiction and mental health. Highlighting how giving a child up for adoption, at the age of 16, started her on a path to overcome the past that had her in its grip. Lisa has written a book called "Promise to Power" which has been submitted for publishing. Lisa is now a teacher with the Cape Breton Victoria Regional Centre for education and has 5 school aged children with her husband Eric Power.

2:40 - Tea, coffee & refreshment break

3 pm - Mike Tobin on Estate Planning

Mr. Tobin is a seasoned property lawyer from North Sydney with over 30 years of experience working and helping people with their legal affairs. He will be addressing sensitive issues that we must all prepare for, such as: wills, property issues,

power of attorney for financial and medical affairs and other legal topics.

3:30 pm - Questions All are welcome 🙏

## Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series

Deepening our Exploration of the Climate Crisis through Laudato Si  
Fr. Darlene O'Leary PhD. - Coordinator Martha Justice Ministry, NGO liaison at the United Nations

Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm in the Yvonne LeVert Hospitality Suite (Multipurpose Room) at Cape Breton University.

Sponsored by CBU Chaplaincy and Newman Society

All are welcome to this free community lecture, refreshments provided.

## Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series – Biography

Dr. Darlene O'Leary is the Coordinator of Martha Justice Ministry with the Sisters of St. Martha, Antigonish.

Darlene has lived out her lifelong commitment to social justice through her academic, advocacy, and policy work all grounded in a deep sense of the sacred and connection to creation.

She has a PhD in Theology and Ethics from Saint Paul University in Ottawa, and her dissertation was on the work of Jesuit theologian, Bernard Lonergan's ethics and economics. For several years, she was Executive Director of Galilee Centre in Amprior, ON, where she ran spirituality and social justice programming. She was also the Socio-economic Policy Analyst with Citizens for Public Justice in Ottawa and worked primarily on poverty eradication in Canada.

She currently serves as the Sisters of St. Marthas' NGO Liaison for the Sisters of Charity Federation NGO at the United Nations.

Darlene is a long-time member of Development and Peace Caritas Canada. She also had the privilege to live and work at Romero House, a refugee community in Toronto, in her early adult life.

She grew up in PEI and now lives in Antigonish with her husband, Digafie, and cat, Oscar. For more information about the Sisters of St. Martha's work contact: Dr. Darlene O'Leary, PhD

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## Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free.

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! MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>

Envelopes		2330.00
Loose Cash		160.00
Fuel		615.00
Initial Offering		5.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Special Collections		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3885.00</b>
Hall Fund		565.00
Church Improvement		100.00

**Surplus for the week of March 16th & 17th \$ 38.85**

## St. Vincent De Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul Northside Council will meet at Bras d'Or Hall on Monday, March 25 at 2:00 P.M. Please note the change in our usual time. Hope to see you there.

## News Story

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-taradawn-chaisson>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-harry-burke-sextortion-1.7150941>

**Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week**

