

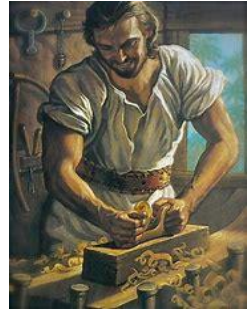


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April 5th, 2026

Easter Sunday

Happy Easter

APRIL 5TH, 2026 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. April 6th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		David Jessome
Tues April 7th	St. Joseph Hall	6:30 pm	Fr Greg Lecture, CBU	
Wed. April 8th	Personal Mass			
Thurs. April 9th	Personal Mass	10:30 am	Liturgy Committee	
Fri. April 10th	Personal Mass			
Sat. April 11th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. April 12th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, April 11th	10 am Mass Sunday, April 12th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Elaine MacNeil	Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Charlotte Munroe, Carolyn Aker	Kay Batherson, Cheryl Delorey
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila McCormick, Cathy MacDonald	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

Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday April 2nd - 7 pm

Good Friday April 3rd: 3 pm

Easter Vigil April 4th: 8 pm (**NOTE: there will be NO 4 PM mass**)

Easter Sunday April 5th: 10 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday, April 2nd from 8-9 pm. Please spend this sacred time with our Lord at the altar of repose immediately following the mass of The Last Supper.

Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of The Cross

Will be held on Friday, April 3rd beginning at noon at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church and ending at St. John The Baptist Anglican Church. All are welcome to participate. Due to inclement weather, the Walk of the Cross will be held inside the Church.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us at 6 pm on Holy Thursday April 2nd for the Stations of the Cross.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the 12 new people who were welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. God is always loving us, and working in our lives and in our parish.

Holy Oils

CWL St. Joseph Oils will be available from any member or you can call Debbie Murphy at 902-794-7947.

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Renew or Begin Your Relationship with Jesus Christ

Experience the peace and power of the Holy Spirit

- . Deepen *your* prayer life
- . Strengthen *your* Faith

Beginning Thursday, April 9th at 7:30pm, Saint Joseph Hall

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

The chaplet of divine mercy will be said 1/2 hour before each mass this weekend and an additional Holy hour, with confessions will be celebrated at 3 PM on Sunday, **April 12**. All are welcome.



Marriage Preparation Course

A marriage preparation course is being offered at St. Joseph’s Parish, 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney on Sunday, April 19th from 10 am to 4 pm. It is a requirement for any couples seeking to be married in the Catholic Church and all couples in the diocese are welcome to this free course.

Marriage prep starts with mass at 10 am with a special homily on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, followed by a social in the hall. Then sessions on: hopes, dreams, communication spirituality, conflict, family, intimacy, NFP and finances. Includes a free lunch & certificate and ends at 4 pm. Couples must register by Wednesday April 15th at 902-794-3951 or by email: or stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca

A free survey on marriage compatibility at:

<http://marriageprep.dynamiccatholic.com/>

and other free resources are to be reviewed prior to arrival:

beholdvancouver.org

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! MARCH 28TH MARCH 29TH

Envelopes		1985.00
Loose Cash		445.00
Candles		40.00
Fuel		100.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3325.00
Hall		467.00
Church Improvement		500.00

Ways to Donate:

Send a cheque donation: St Joseph Parish

P.O. Box 338 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney, N.S. B2A 3M4

E-transfer: Email a donation to the parish email address:

stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca **Credit card, or debit card:** Please come into the parish office to complete your donation.

Parish Envelopes: Please see the office or ask us at mass for your own personal box of donation envelopes.

Hall Fund Envelopes: 100% of Donations to the St. Joseph Hall Fund stay in North Sydney and are spent locally. They are available throughout the Church.

Pre-Authorized Debit: Please bring a void cheque and call the office to get started.

Cash Donations: All cash donations given directly at the office get a tax receipt. Loose cash donated at mass is locked in security bags by two screened volunteers and the total amount is posted each week in the bulletin.

Fr. Greg Lecture Series

You are warmly invited to the next Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series at Cape Breton University, 1250 Grand Lake Road, Sydney N.S. (Yvonne LeVert Hospitality Suite, Campus Centre, near the cafeteria) on Tuesday April 7th, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Historian Fraser Dunn will be answering the question: What was Rev. Dr. Moses Coady’s definition of democracy and how did he fight for Social Justice for all people? Refreshments provided and all are welcome. Peace be with you, Fr. Douglas MacDonald, Cape Breton University Chaplaincy

Community

Cape Breton Chorale Spring Concert

Emma Francis, Conductor

Paula Jane Francis, Organ/Piano

Join the Cape Breton Chorale for an afternoon of music featuring Gabriel Faure's Requiem and Canadian Folk Songs.

When: Sunday, May 3, 2026, 3:00pm

Where: St. Andrews Presbyterian, corner of Main St and Queen St, Sydney Mines Tickets: \$30 general admission

Order by calling 902-270-2591 or buy online at capebretonchorale.com

CWL /KOC

There will be a **CWL** meeting on Monday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. We will have two guest speakers this month, Fr. Doug MacDonald and Barbara Smith. The topic will be The Healing Manger Farm. A lunch to follow. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

There will be a **KOC** Meeting on Wednesday April 8th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are welcomed to attend.

News Story

<https://youtu.be/gdt2SeZV-xc>

Quote of the Week

“When our Lord inspires us with some good deed, He also gives the strength to do it” St. Margaret



Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week