

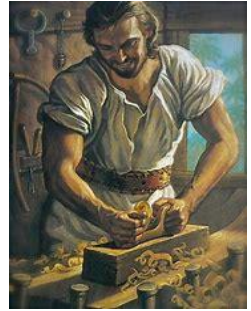


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April 19th, 2026

Maid Awareness Sunday

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. April 20th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Elaine MacPherson
Tues April 21st	Personal Mass			
Wed. April 22nd	Personal Mass			
Thurs. April 23rd	Personal Mass			
Fri. April 24th	Personal Mass			
Sat. April 25th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	St. Mark	Jane Nicholson
Sun. April 26th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, April 25th	10 am Mass Sunday, April 26th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Sally Ryan	Bob Jardine, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Ellen McNamara, Paula LeBlanc	Kason Nzelu, Difu Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown, Ken Young	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

Parish Meeting

There will be a Finance Meeting on Sunday April 26th at 11am in the Parish Hall.

Access to Holy Cross Cemetery

The chains at the cemetery have been removed. Please use caution while on the premises as there are many limbs and branches down. Cleanup will begin in early May.

Looking for Cups and Saucers

Anyone who may be looking to donate cups and saucers for the Healing Manger High Tea are warmly encouraged to call the parish office and we will come to your house to pick them up. Tea will be served in tea cups at the Manger event on May 2nd.

Healing Manger Farm High Tea

Tickets for the tea luncheon are available at the parish office during office hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am to 2 pm. Consider purchasing your \$15 ticket now to ensure your seat, as seats are limited. Tickets not pre-sold will be available at the door. Delicious sandwiches including organic chicken & egg sandwiches, sweets, tea & coffee are all available. *Wear your best hat to win a prize.* Guest musician Rob Murphy will sing 300 days, and lots of fun for Mental Health treatment at the Healing Manger Farm. Anyone struggling can come for free to be healed by the animals, for nature heals.

[Nature Heals
healingmangerfarm.com](http://healingmangerfarm.com)



Holy Oils

St. Joseph Holy Oils are available from any member of the CWL or by contacting Debbie Murphy at 902- 794- 7947.

Thank You

We would like to thank the ladies of St. Joseph CWL for their generous donation to the Faith Formation Program.

13 couples for Marriage Preparation

Special welcome to all the engaged couples to St. Joseph Parish this weekend who are preparing for marriage.

10 am mass

11 am - Coffee get to know social

11:20 - Hopes/dreams - Couples sharing

11:45 - Finances

12: 15 - Spirituality

12:45 pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - Communication, Conflict resolution

2 pm - Theology of Marriage

2:30 pm - Love Languages walk with fiancé

3 pm - Family, intimacy, & NFP

MAID - Medical Assistance in Dying

The Catholic Church believes in the sanctity of life from conception to natural end. This weekend the Diocese is asking all parishes to take a stand for life and to explain why we are against MAID. Veterans, the disabled, people suffering from economic hardships or mental illnesses are being offered death (MAID) instead of treatment and support. The culture of death predicted by St. Pope John Paul II is on display in Canada today from the womb to the tomb. The downstream negative spin offs of this deadly mindset will only lead to more death in a multitude of other ways. What type of Canada do we want for our communities? This is ultimately a spiritual issue, so first and foremost PRAY! Also consider using the letter template attached to the bulletin or your own personal letter and sending it to our government representatives. Peace, Fr. Doug

Just War Theory

In the Catholic tradition, all the criteria must be met for a war to be justified. Historically these principles were enunciated first by St. Augustine and later by St. Thomas Aquinas:

1. Right intent for use of force
2. Exercised by right authority
3. Must have a just cause
4. Probability of success
5. Must be a last resort

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2307-2317) permits war only under strict conditions of moral legitimacy, prioritizing peace and recognizing "just war" as a last resort for self-defense. It mandates that damage by an aggressor must be grave/certain, with serious prospects of success and no greater evil produced.

Core Components of Catholic Just War Doctrine (CCC 2309):

- **Just Cause:** A real, grave, and lasting damage inflicted by an aggressor.
- **Legitimate Authority:** Declared by a lawful sovereign, not private individuals.
- **Right Intention:** Aiming to establish peace and correct injustice, not vengeance or territory.
- **Last Resort:** All other peaceful means of resolution must have been exhausted.
- **Proportionality:** The use of arms must not produce evils worse than the evil to be eliminated.

Key Considerations in the Catechism:

- **Presumption Against War:** The Church urges the avoidance of war and stresses that "the mere fact that war has... broken out does not mean that everything becomes licit".
- **Modern Warfare:** The Church strongly condemns total war and the indiscriminate destruction of cities or areas.
- **Non-Combatants:** Non-combatants, wounded soldiers, and prisoners must be treated humanely.

- **Responsibility:** While legitimate defense is allowed, the church calls for intense prayer to free humanity from the "ancient bondage of war".
- **Development:** Pope Francis has emphasized the extreme difficulty of meeting these conditions in modern times, urging a focus on non-violent conflict resolution and stating "Never again war"

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! APRIL 11TH&12TH

Envelopes		2215.00
Loose Cash		315.00
Fuel		40.00
Candles		75.00
Good Friday		30.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3425.00
Hall		707.00
Church Improvement		150.00

Ways to Donate:

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.

Community

Ceilidh Musical evening, May 8th, 2026 Chalk Dust:

On Friday May 8th, 2026, St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, will be hosting a Ceilidh provided by local band Chalk Dust. The concert will take place from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. This is a free will offering fundraising event. with proceeds going to help with church maintenance costs.

Hospice Cape Breton

Support Cape Breton Hospice by donating and/or purchasing pre-loved possessions including kitchen ware, jewelry, china, art work and much more at the NSCC Waterfront Campus, Building B. Donations: May 7, 8 and 9 from Noon to 4pm. Sale Days: May 15,16 and 17. (For Information call 902-562-0662)

CWL

The CWL will have a special mass this Sat, April 18th at 4:00pm. The CWL will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, our Lady of Good Council. This is a celebration, and our CWL would love to invite everyone to join us in our hall after mass for tea and cake.

News Story

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/catholic-nuns-caring-dying-patients-fight-new-york-trans-rule-face-jail-time>

Quote of the Week

"Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset. If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to Him quietly and simply." St. Francis de Sales

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week