

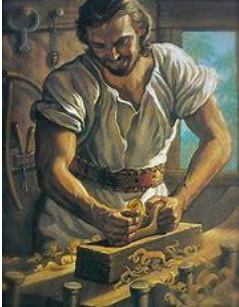


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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August 31st, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| AUGUST 31ST, 2025    †   |   |   |
| REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR<br>CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY<br>Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon<br>roy.smith@hotmail.ca | <u>Leadership Ministry Team</u><br><br>Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance | OFFICE HOURS:<br>TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM<br><br>TEL: 902 -794-3951 |

| ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK          |                                    |       |                                  |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Date                                 | Location                           | Time  | Details                          | Mass Intentions<br>FOR THE WEEK |
| Mon. Sept. 1st                       | St. Joseph Hall                    | _____ | Private Mass                     |                                 |
| Tues. Sept. 2nd                      | St. Joseph Hall                    | _____ | Private Mass                     |                                 |
| Wed. Sept. 3rd                       | Holy Family (Sydney Mines)         | 9am   |                                  | St. Gregory, The Great          |
| Thurs. Sept. 4th                     | Holy Family ( Sydney Mines)        | 9am   |                                  |                                 |
| Fri. Sept. 5th                       | Holy Family (Sydney Mines)         | 9am   |                                  |                                 |
| Sat. Sept. 6th                       | St. Joseph Church                  | 4pm   |                                  | For the conversion of sinners   |
| Sun. Sept. 7th                       | St. Joseph Church                  | 10 am |                                  | For All Parishioners            |
| Ministries                           | 4 pm Mass Saturday, September 6th  |       | 10 am Mass Sunday, September 7th |                                 |
| SACRISTAIN & LINENS                  | Deacon Roy Smith, Team             |       | Deacon Roy Smith, Team           |                                 |
| CHOIR                                | St. Joseph Choir                   |       | Alan Gale                        |                                 |
| GREETERS                             | Elaine MacNeil, Rebecca Gracie     |       | Bob Jardine, Pam Hall            |                                 |
| USHERS                               | Men and Women of the Parish        |       | Men and Women of the Parish      |                                 |
| LECTORS                              | Carolyn Aker                       |       | Difu Nzelu, Kas Nzelu            |                                 |
| PRESENTATION OF GIFTS                | Parishioners                       |       | Parishioners                     |                                 |
| EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION | Sheila MacCormick, 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

### Recitation of the Rosary

On the weekend of September 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup>, the recitation of the rosary will resume one half hour before mass.

### Week Day Masses

Week day masses will resume the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

### 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.

### Fall Fair

Our Fall Fair is fast approaching. The date for this year’s fair is September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. We depend on the generous support of the parishioners to make this event a success. If you have any items you may want to give a new home to, we will

gladly take them. Our bake sale was well received last year and so we hope parishioners will be willing to help us again this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 902-794-3951. Hope to see everyone at the fair. Your continued support allows us to continue with this fundraiser for our parish.

| Collections~ Thank You Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3rd |  |         |
|---|--|---------|
| Envelopes   |  | 1245.00 |
| Loose Cash  |  | 405.00  |
| Candles   |  | 15.00   |
| Holy Cross  |  | 60.00   |
| Pre-Authorized Debit                              |  | 750.00  |
| Totals  |  | 2500.00 |
| Hall Fund   |  | 680.00  |
| Church Improvement                                |  | 485.00  |

| Collections~ Thank You Aug.9 <sup>th</sup> &10th |  |         |
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| Envelopes  |  | 1383.00 |
| Loose Cash                                       |  | 435.00  |
| Seminarians                                      |  | 375.00  |
| Candles  |  | 25.00   |
| Pre-Authorized Debit                             |  | 750.00  |
| Totals   |  | 2965.00 |
| Hall Fund  |  | 180.00  |
| Church Improvement                               |  | 150.00  |

| Collections~ Thank You Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup> &17th |  |         |
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| Envelopes  |  | 1730.00 |
| Loose Cash   |  | 480.00  |
| Seminarians  |  | 150.00  |
| Candles  |  | 35.00   |
| Church Maintenance                                 |  | 20.00   |
| Pre- Authorized Debit                              |  | 750.00  |
| Totals   |  | 3165.00 |

| Collections~ Thank You Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> &24th |  |         |
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| Envelopes  |  | 1435.00 |
| Loose Cash   |  | 375.00  |
| Candles  |  | 50.00   |
| Pre-Authorized Debit                               |  | 750.00  |
| Total  |  | 2610.00 |
| Hall Fund  |  | 592.00  |
| Church Improvement                                 |  | 75.00   |

**Ways to Donate**

**Pre-Authorized Debit: please call the office to get started.**

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**To donate by credit card, google pay or PayPal click:**

**<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-josephs-parish-north-sydney/>**

**Come to the office to use our debit or credit card machine**

**Diocesan**

**Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine**

Save the date SEPTEMBER 14 and plan to attend the Annual Celebration at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine. It all starts at the Shrine at 1:00 pm with the Continuous Rosary, continuing until 4:00pm Mass in St. Mary’s Church here in Mabou, Cape Breton.

Many prayers will be said for many intentions. Please join with us in prayer from home if you are unable to attend. Lunch at the Parish Hall after Mass compliments of St. Mary’s CWL. The gift shop is open every day from 10 am until 4 pm until mid October. Cash only.

Inquiries? Call 902-945-2221 The Shrine is open year round.

Thank-you for your continued support.

Board of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.

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**Parish Mission**

Please mark your calendar for the Parish Mission in St. Peter’s Parish Port Hood, from Saturday, October 25 to Tuesday 28, 2025 preached by Archbishop Martin Curry, Archbishop Emeritus of St. John's NL. The mission will begin with the Holy Mass on Saturday at 4.00pm. Details to follow.

**Community**

**Travel Ban under the authority of the *Forests Act***

Effective August 5, 2025 at 4:00pm, the Province of Nova Scotia has issued a Fire Proclamation – Travel Ban under the authority of the *Forests Act*. This proclamation prohibits entry into the woods in all counties across Nova Scotia for the purposes of travelling, camping, fishing, or picnicking without a valid travel permit. People will have mixed feelings about these decrees, so we are simply informing people of the decision of government. Pray for rain.

**The Cape Breton Ostomy Peer Support Group** There will be a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025 from 2pm - 4pm at the South Bar Firehall, South Bar, NS This is a support group for those living with an ostomy or who may be getting an ostomy and their support person. For more information contact Stasia - 902-562-1367 or Dan at 902-565-4004, Thank you.

Stasia Digou, Facilitator

**KOC**

There will be a KOC meeting on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All Catholic men are welcome to attend.

**Quote of the Week**

*“Whoever is near us and needing us must be our “neighbor”, it does not matter whether he is related to us or not, whether he is morally worthy of our help or not. The love of Christ knows no limits. It never ends; it does not shrink from ugliness and filth.”*

*St. Teresa Bnedicta of the Cross*

**News Story**

*[WellNS – Mental Wellness in Nova Scotia – WellNS is a group of researchers focused on understanding the mental wellness of Nova Scotians across the lifespan.](#)*

**Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week**

