



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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December 25th, 2025

Nativity of the Lord

Merry Christmas

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Dec. 22nd	St. Joseph Hall			
Tues. Dec. 23rd	St. Joseph Hall			
Wed. Dec. 24th	St. Joseph Church	4pm, 7pm	Nativity of the Lord	4pm- For the People 7pm - Put Christ in Christmas
Thurs. Dec. 25th	St. Joseph Church	11am	Nativity of the Lord	For Charlie & Kay Burton Billy & Merlin Siblings
Fri. Dec. 26th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	Feast of St. Stephen	For the Parishioners of St. Stephen's Parish, Florence & Whitney Pier
Sat. Dec. 27th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For the lonely
Sun. Dec. 28th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, December 27th	10 am Mass Sunday, December 28th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Rebecca Gracie	Pam Hall, Ina Taylor
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Ellen McNamara	Ken MacDonald, Lynn Hamilton
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Sheila MacCormick	George Quirk, Joe Tobin
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

Office Schedule for Christmas

The office will be open Wednesday on December 24th until 12 noon. The office will be closed on Thursday December 25th, Friday December 26th. There will be a Mass on Friday December 26th at 11am for the feast of Saint Stephen. The office will reopen on Tuesday December 30th and closing at noon on December 31st. The office will be closed on Thursday New Years Day and again on Friday January 2nd. The regular office schedule will resume on Tuesday January 6th.

Recitation of the Rosary

Please join us in the new year, on the weekend of January 3rd – 4th, one half hour before mass, as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother.

Weekday Mass Cancellation

Just a reminder that when school is cancelled due to bad weather, weekday mass will also be cancelled.

Mass Schedule Dec 24, 2025 – January 1, 2026

Wednesday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve Masses – 4 PM and 7 PM

Thursday, Dec 25th Christmas Day Mass – 11 AM

Saturday, Dec 27th – 4 PM

Sunday, Dec 28th – 10 AM

Thursday, January 1st New Years Day – 11 AM

Elizabeth Fry Society food donations from St Joseph Parish, North Sydney

Thank you for supporting these women and helping these women to see their dignity, and we are reminding them we all better than our worst act and one poor decision does not define who we are.

Merry Christmas

God of mercy and hope,
as we rejoice in the birth of
Your Son,
let His light shine in our hearts
and guide us in love and
compassion.
May the peace of Christ dwell
within us
and inspire us to share His joy
with others.

Amen.



Collections~ Thank You December 20th &21st

Envelopes		2480.00
Loose Cash		285.00
Fuel		75.00
Candles		25.00
Expectant Mothers		100.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3715.00
Hall		7810.00
Church Improvement		150.00

7 Ways to Donate for Year End tax receipts:

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.

In Memoriam



Let this be a loving reminder that someone is missing today. Someone our hearts still hold on to, as we travel along life's way. Someone who made life so special, for all those who gather here. Someone who won't be forgotten, but cherished from year to year. And now, as we pause to remember let us all fondly recall how dearly each of us loved you.

Remember by, Pat, Kay and Kevin Hayes

Quote of the Week

"Tenderness and mercy are the heart of the Gospel. Otherwise, one doesn't understand Jesus Christ, or the tenderness of the Father who sends Him to listen to us to cure us, to save us." Pope Francis

Community Compassion Cares

Northside Soup Kitchen

The Northside Soup Kitchen is open every Monday and Tuesday from 11am to 1pm. It is open to anyone who wants a free hot meal. They are located at 127 Brook Street, North Sydney. Phone number (902) 794-0555

Free Meals in North Sydney

1st Thursday of each Month from 12pm until quantities last

St. John's Anglican Church, 28 King St. North Sydney

2nd Thursday of each Month from 12pm until quantities last

St. John's Anglican Church, 28 King St, North Sydney

3rd Thursday of each month from 12pm until quantities last

St. John's Anglican Church 28 King St. North Sydney

4th Wednesday of each month from 12pm until quantities last

St. Joseph Church 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney

North Sydney Food Bank

Open Friday from 9-12pm. Closed last Friday of each month.

25 Wilkie Ave. North Sydney (902) 794-1144

Souls Harbour

Providing food, clothing, shelter and programs for those living in poverty

848 Main St. Sydney Mines. Open Monday -Friday, Noon-3pm

Sydney Mines Food Bank

1 Cottage St. Sydney Mines

Offers daily drop in on Friday only from 12pm-3pm (902) 544-1247

Community Cares Youth Outreach

Provides a supportive environment for youth to develop life and work skills, engage in community activities and reach their potential

.King St. Sydney Mines (902) 544-0043



Peace Be With You and Have a Great Week