



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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December 25th, 2025

Nativity of the Lord

Merry Christmas

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| | | DECEMBER 25TH, 2025 † | | | |
| REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon roy.smith@hotmail.ca | | Leadership Ministry Team Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance | | | OFFICE HOURS: TUES., WED. THURS.-9AM- 1 PM TEL: 902 -794-3951 |
| ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK | | | | | <div>Mass Intentions</div> <div>FOR THE WEEK</div>  |
| 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

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**

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.



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 20 th &21st | | |
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| 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 oved 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 from12pm 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 from12pm 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