

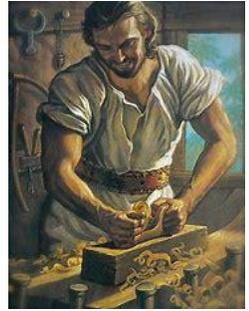


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## February 22nd, 2026

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

FEBRUARY 22ND, 2026 †

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. Feb.23rd	Personal Mass		
Tues Feb. 24th	Personal Mass		
Wed. Feb.25th	Personal Mass		
Thurs. Feb.26h	Personal Mass		
Fri. Feb. 27th	Personal Mass		
Sat. Feb. 28th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm	
Sun.Mar.1st	St. Joseph Hall	10 am	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, February 28th	10 am Mass Sunday, March 1st
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Alberta Devoe, Sally Ryan	Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Charlotte Monroe, Ellen McNamara	Kas Nzelu, Difu Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick	Susan Burton
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

### PARISH NEWS

#### Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2025 are now available for pick-up at the office, Tuesday to Friday or during the weekend masses.

#### Free Wills & Estates Info Session

Sunday Feb. 22, 2026 from 2-4 pm at Jobs Funeral Home in Sydney Mines. All are welcome.

#### Parish Meeting

There will be a **Liturgy Committee** meeting on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you all there.

#### Faith Formation (RCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic faith? Anyone interested in becoming Catholic, or adults who wish to deepen their understanding of the faith are asked to come to the Hall below the church on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> after the 11am mass.

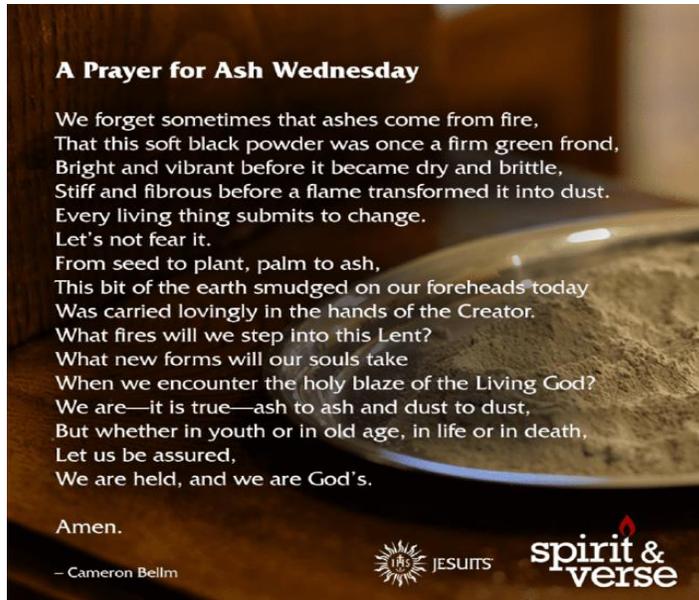
#### Self Service Mass Cards

Complete the mass card by writing your name on the top line. On the second line write the name of the person you are offering mass for. Then keep the mass card and give to the person or the family of the person you offered the mass for. Be sure to complete the envelope portion as well and submit to the Church (office or collection), so the mass gets said by the priest. The parish

secretary will collate the envelopes to ensure the mass gets said in the future.

**Modules for First Communion and Penance (Confession)**

The modules for children making the sacrament of Penance will begin on **February 1<sup>st</sup> and continue to March 1<sup>st</sup>**. For the children making the sacrament of First Eucharist, the modules will begin on **March 29<sup>th</sup> and continue until May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. These classes are half an hour long and are an important part of preparing your child to receive the sacraments. Classes are held on Sundays at 11am downstairs in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call the office at (902) 794-3951



**Lenten Lecture Series**

This Lent we decided to host a few spiritual workshops in place of the lectures. Everyone is welcome to come on Sat. March 7th from 10 until 12 and Sat. March 14th, from 10 until 12 with a back- up date of March 21st if there is a snow day. All are welcome and invited to sign up so we have enough food and free copies of resources. Sign up is with Pam, the parish secretary.

**THE MANY FACES OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER**

You are invited to join us for two sessions on prayer and the many ways we can come to God in our prayer.

**Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 10:00 until 12:00**

**Saturday, March 14, 2026 from 10:00 until 12:00**

**(Weather Date if needed) Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 10:00 until 12:00 . Sessions will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney**

Sessions are facilitated by members of the Cape Breton Local of the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors. There is no fee although a donation is welcomed. **Registration is required to reserve your space.**

To register, **please contact:** one of the below with your name and phone number :

**Gary Fancey** ([gafancey@netscape.net](mailto:gafancey@netscape.net)) (902-862-7580) or

**Julia Townsend** ([juliat@eastlink.ca](mailto:juliat@eastlink.ca)) (902-562-8423)

**St. Joseph's Parish Office** (902-794-3951)

**6 COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! FEB. 14& FEB. 15TH**

Envelopes		1430.00
Loose Cash		270.00
Fuel		665.00
Initial Offering		5.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3120.00
Hall		760.00
Church Improvement		50.00

**7 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](mailto: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.

**Diocesan**

**What is Synodality? From the Final Document:**

**“The terms ‘synodality’ and ‘synodal’ derive from the ancient and constant ecclesial practice of meeting in synods ... Synodality is the walking together of Christians with Christ and towards God’s Kingdom, in union with all humanity.”**

**“Synodality is not an end in itself. Rather, it serves the mission that Christ entrusted to the Church in the Spirit ... By appreciating all charisms and ministries, synodality enables the People of God to proclaim and witness to the Gospel ... Synodality and mission are intimately linked: mission illuminates synodality and synodality spurs to mission.” Synod Reports and Resources are available online: [www.antigonishdiocese.com/listening-church](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/listening-church)**

**Community**

**World Day of Prayer**

World Day of Prayer 03-06-2026: St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 24 King Street, North Sydney will be hosting the World Day of Prayer Service for 2026 on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2:00 pm. This year’s theme is “I Will Give You Rest: Come”! This Service is organized by the Nigerian World Day of Prayer Committee. A light lunch will follow the Service. For more information, please contact Phyllis Reno at 902-794-4881 or Donna MacDonald at 902-794-7796. All are welcome to attend.”

**Stations of the Cross**

Please come and join the CND Associates for the Stations of the Cross on Thursdays of Lent at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church beginning at 11:30 am before the 12:10 mass.

**Cursillo Weekend**

May 21-25, Camp MacLeod, Albert Bridge, Women’s Cursillo, June 4-7. For more info please call Arlene Edwards 902-577-4214 or Karen MacSween at 902-317-5425

**KOC /CWL**

**KOC Thank You**

KOC Council 5109 would like to thank all those who participated in our pancake supper on Strove Tuesday. Special thanks to the ladies of the CWL who provided the guidance and assistance to make this event possible.

**Quote of the Week**

*“Lent reminds us, therefore, that Christian life is a never-ending combat in which the “weapons” of prayer, fasting, and penance are used. Fighting against every form of selfishness and hate, and dying to oneself to live in God is the ascetic journey that every disciple of Jesus is called to make with humility and patience, with generosity and perseverance.” Pope Benedict XVI*

**News Story**

*British MP speaks on Child abuse, corruption*

[https://youtu.be/xdXuycwc-sA?si=D8ivW\\_r\\_5AdEkhUk](https://youtu.be/xdXuycwc-sA?si=D8ivW_r_5AdEkhUk)

<https://www.catholicregister.org/item/3489-olympic-ski-jumping-silver-bronze-medals-lay-on-altar-as-young-athletes-faith-goes-viral>

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