



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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January 4th, 2026

Happy New Year

JANUARY 4TH, 2026 †

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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

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

| Date | Location | Time | Details | |
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| Mon. Jan.5th | St. Joseph Hall | 11am | | Jim, Connie & Pat |
| Tues. Jan.6th | St. Joseph Hall | 11am | | Jim, Connie & Pat |
| Wed.Jan.7th | Personal Mass | | | |
| Thurs. Jan.8th | Personal Mass | | | |
| Fri.Jan.9th | Personal Mass | | | |
| Sat.Jan.10th | St. Joseph Church | 4pm | | |
| Sun. Jan.11th | St. Joseph Church | 10 am | | For All Parishioners |
| Ministries | 4 pm Mass Saturday, January 10th | | 10 am Mass Sunday, January 11th | |
| SACRISTAIN & LINENS | Deacon Roy Smith, Team | | Deacon Roy Smith, Team | |
| CHOIR | St. Joseph Choir | | Alan Gale | |
| GREETERS | Debbie Reashore, Georgie Bonnar | | Pam Hall, Gary & Susan Burton | |
| USHERS | Men and Women of the Parish | | Men and Women of the Parish | |
| LECTORS | Charlotte Monroe | | Lynn Hamilton, John Ratchford | |
| PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | Parishioners | | Parishioners | |
| EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION | Lloyd Brewer, Joe Tobin | | Gary & Susan Burton | |
| Interior Church (cleaning) | Volunteer Team | | Volunteer Team | |
| EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING) | Fr. Doug | | Hunter Hill | |
| RINGING OF BELLS | | | Dave Williams | |

PARISH NEWS

Religious Education

All faith formation classes for all levels will resume on January 4th, 2026 at the 10am Mass.

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.

New Envelopes For 2026

Please include your name and address in your first few envelopes for the New Year. This allows the office to keep a proper account of all your information.

First Friday Communion Calls

Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and shut ins on Friday, Jan. 9th. The Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (EMC) members that wish to be on the First Friday Team with Fr. Doug are asked to gather at the Church at 10 am.

Please bring your pyx. EMC Team volunteers will then go two by two into the homes to bring Holy Communion to the shut ins. If you are homebound you may call the office to be added to the visitation list. Peace be with you, Fr. Doug



Happy New Year and many blessings in 2026
Peace be with you all, Fr. Doug Photo By; Don Merritt

New Year Prayer

Gracious God, as we enter this New Year, I seek Your abundant blessings and prosperity. You are the source of every good gift and I look to you for provision. Bless the work of my hands and the plans of my heart. Grant me success in my endeavors, not for my own glory but that I might be a blessing to others. Help me to be a good steward of all You provide, using resources wisely and generously. May my prosperity be not just in material things, but in spiritual growth, strong relationships, and a life that honors you. Guide me to opportunities that align with Your will and give me the courage to pursue them. Let this year be one of abundance in all areas of life, that I might reflect Your goodness to the world. Amen

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! DEC. 24TH & 25TH

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| Envelopes | | 1302.00 |
| Loose Cash | | 1895.00 |
| Candles | | 175.00 |
| Christmas Offering | | 3545.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | | 750.00 |
| Total | | 7667.00 |
| Hall | | 9415.00 |
| Church Improvement | | |

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! DECEMBER 27TH & 28TH

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| Envelopes | | 1200.00 |
| Loose Cash | | 235.00 |
| Candles | | 25.00 |
| Christmas Offering | | 375.00 |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | | 750.00 |
| Total | | 2585.00 |
| Hall | | |
| Church Improvement | | 50.00 |

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.

CWL

There will be a CWL meeting on Monday January 12th, at 7:00pm, all ladies of our parish are welcome to join us for spiritual reflection, fellowship, fun and lunch. Hope to see you all there. God Bless.

Quote of the Week

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be." St. Theresa of Lisieux

News Story

Poor in a Rich country

<https://youtu.be/an3h8u7okLY?si=WAGf-SWBcgZ0-Maj>

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