

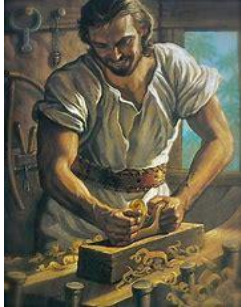


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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January 4th, 2026

Happy New Year

	JANUARY 4TH, 2026    †	
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
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Date	Location	Time	Details	
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

### Recitation of the Rosary

Please join us in the new year, on the weekend of January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, **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.

### Religious Education

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

### 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. 24 <sup>TH</sup> & 25 <sup>TH</sup>		
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 27 <sup>TH</sup> & 28 <sup>TH</sup>		
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.alianzinc.ca](mailto:stjoseph2006@ns.alianzinc.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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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
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*“Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be.”    St. Theresa of Lisieux*

News Story
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*Poor in a Rich country*  
<https://youtu.be/an3h8u7okLY?si=WAGf-SWBcgZ0-Maj>

Community Compassion Cares
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**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**

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month from 12pm until quantities last*  
*St. John’s Anglican Church, 28 King St. North Sydney*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each Month from 12pm until quantities last*  
*St. John’s Anglican Church, 28 King St, North Sydney*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 12pm until quantities last*  
*St. John’s Anglican Church 28 King St. North Sydney*  
*4<sup>th</sup> 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
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