



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## January 11th, 2026

### Baptism of the Lord

JANUARY 11TH, 2026 †

**REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR**  
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Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance

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#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

**Mass Intentions**

**FOR THE WEEK**

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Jan.12th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	Billy LeBlanc
Tues. Jan.13th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Joseph Edwards
Wed.Jan.14th	Northside Guest Home	1:30pm		For all the Sick
Thurs. Jan.15th	Personal Mass			
Fri.Jan.16th	Personal Mass			
Sat.Jan.17th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm	St. Anthony	
Sun. Jan.18th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, January 17th	10 am Mass Sunday, January 18th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Sally Ryan	Viola Smith, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker	Kas Nzelu, Difu Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown	Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

#### PARISH NEWS

##### 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.

##### Faith Exploration (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, Jan. 11 after mass at 11 am. We will be exploring the Book of Proverbs and all your questions. All are Welcome.

##### Liturgy Meeting

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Parish Hall.

##### Mass in the Hall starts January 17th

Starting Sat. Jan.17<sup>th</sup>, we will have weekend masses in the Parish Hall below the Church. Funerals will continue to be upstairs all winter, but regular masses will take place in the Hall for two months during the winter. This allows us to prioritize our resources, so all mourning families can have a warm Church for community funerals. We anticipate moving back upstairs on Saturday, March 14th in preparation for Feast of St. Joseph.

## **Epiphany Blessing of your home: 20+C+M+B+26**

May Christ Bless this home, invoking the names of the 3 Wiseman who acknowledged the Lord Jesus. You can use chalk or pencil to write this above the door.

<https://youtu.be/tnHBMtSf3Eo?si=M-rWko1ZlBqv4clU>

### **COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 1ST**

Loose Cash		60.00
Candles		10.00
Christmas Offering		225.00
Initial Offering		403.00
Solemnity of Mary		922.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2370.00
Hall		110.00
Church Improvement		

### **COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes		1383.00
Loose Cash		365.00
Candles		55.00
Initial Offering		182.00
Solemnity of Mary		250.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3010.00
Hall		677.00
Church Improvement		100.00

### **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.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.

### **Diocesan**

There will be a Mass in French at the Centre Communautaire Étoile de L'Acadie ( 15 Inglis St, Sydney, NS ) on Saturday January 10, 2026 at 5:30PM. Pot Luck supper to follow along with music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome !

**Session on MAiD:** Knights of Columbus-St. Peter's Council Port Hood-is hosting a session on **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) on Sunday January 25, 2026, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**. The session will be led by **Professor William Sweet**, Director, Centre for Philosophy, Theology, and Cultural Traditions, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish. There will be a presentation and time for questions & answers. Snacks and Tea will be served.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage**, April 26 - May 6, 2026 with Fr. Andrew Gillies and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier (group leader). \$2,899. (return flights from Halifax). Single supplement \$350 (if available). Included in price: airfare, ground travel in Europe, two meals a day, professional Medjugorje guide, two days of excursions to the UNESCO city of Mostar and a local village Surmanci — Divine Mercy Chapel.

Contact: [rhonda\\_lynn\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:rhonda_lynn_c@hotmail.com) or (902)448-3660

### **Community**

Turnbull Concert at Holy Cross Church Glace Bay on Sunday Feb.22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each and can be purchased at the parish office or phone 902- 849 – 6849.

### **CWL /KOC**

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.

There will be a **KOC** meeting on Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

### **Quote of the Week**

*“Christ made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom he angles serve.” St. Angus*

### **News Story**

The Catholic Church built Western Civilization

<https://youtu.be/xjLMua0UDEY?si=7pdkj2Me0xO5YydA>

World Champion athlete gets public apology for pandemic mistreatment

<https://youtu.be/Zg841nXxQZ4?si=RXWLKcZ08DwdQ3L4>

Canadian Vaccine Injury Compensation Program | Consumer Law Group Class Actions Canada

<https://www.clg.org/Class-Action/Other-Cases/Canadian-Vaccine-Injury-Compensation-Program>

### **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**

*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**