



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 25TH, 2026 †

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

**Mass Intentions** 

Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Jan.26th	St. Joseph Hall		St. Timothy, St. Titus	Funeral Mass in Cheticamp
Tues. Jan.27th	St. Joseph Hall			Personal Mass
Wed.Jan.28th	Personal Mass		St. Thomas Aquinas	
Thurs. Jan.29th	Personal Mass			
Fri.Jan.30th	Personal Mass			
Sat.Jan.31st	St. Joseph Hall	4pm	St. John Bosco	
Sun. Jan.Feb.1st	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, January 31st			10 am Mass Sunday, February 1st
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team			Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir			Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Elaine MacNeil			Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish			Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Jude Rankin, Paula LeBlanc			Alexandra Young, Kas Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners			Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald			Susan Burton
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team			Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug			Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELS				Dave Williams

### PARISH NEWS

#### Mass in the Hall for 8 weeks

Mass in the hall goes for 8 weeks starting Sat. Jan. 17 at 4 pm. Please park as normal and enter the hall entrance. Note: All funerals remain upstairs throughout the winter. We will return upstairs on the weekend of Sat. March 14th at 4 pm. On March 14th we will also have a Parish meal in honour of St. Joseph our Patron and it is a fundraiser for our wonderful CWL.

The Catholic Church teaches in these situations we are to stand during the consecration. UNITY is such a paramount value of the praying community, that we all stand, sit, kneel and respond together. For health reasons, lack of space, & if no kneelers are present, the Posture for mass in the Hall is standing at the consecration with a profound bow when the priest genuflects. For those who cannot follow the Church teaching, I invite you to gather in the side so as not to break unity of posture or confuse people. Unity in our mass is very important, so I

invite everyone to follow the instructions of the Church for these unique situations and kneel for a prolonged period after mass.

Thank you all. Peace, Fr. Doug

#### Tax Receipts

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

#### Weekday Mass Cancellation

Just a reminder that when **school is cancelled, due to bad weather**, weekday mass will also be cancelled.

#### 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 ([julia@eastlink.ca](mailto:julia@eastlink.ca)) (902-562-8423)**

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

### **COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Envelopes		1185.00
Loose Cash		345.00
Fuel		650.00
Initial Offering		20.00
Solemnity of Mary		15.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2965.00
Hall		292.00
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**

### **Ultreya Meeting**

The first Ultreya of the New Year will take place Thursday, January 29 at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there.

### **Community**

St. Mary's CWL invites you to an information session on HUMAN TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION presentation by: Elizabeth Fry Society, East Bay Firehall, Sunday, February 1, 2 - 4 pm

### **Sweet Serenade with the Cape Breton Chorale**

Tea/Coffee/Sweets and Song, Sat. Feb 14th - two shows 1:00 P.M - 2:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. \$30 per person - Storm date is Saturday, February 21st. United Heritage Church Hall. 500 Charlotte St., Sydney. Seating is limited and pre-purchase is recommended. Call 902-270-2591 or buy online at [capebretonchorale.com](http://capebretonchorale.com)

### **KOC**

Knights of Columbus Council 5109 of North Sydney will be having a pancake and sausage supper on February 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Bras D'Or, from 4:30 to 7pm. Eat in only. No charge but donations will be accepted. Hope to see you there.

### **Quote of the Week**

*"Be humble and you will never be disturbed. It is very difficult in practice because we all want to see the results of our work. Leave it to Jesus."*

*Mother Teresa*

### **News Story**

Public Prayer Ban in Canada? A Catholic Priest Explains What's at Stake

[https://youtu.be/BzR\\_a2xtxcc?si=hWwzFpQL3WgiPGGU](https://youtu.be/BzR_a2xtxcc?si=hWwzFpQL3WgiPGGU)

Jim Carrey on Forgiveness

[https://youtu.be/gKOMCpe-rqM?si=laL9FpkPfANJ\\_OEe](https://youtu.be/gKOMCpe-rqM?si=laL9FpkPfANJ_OEe)

Indiana Hoosiers quarterback Fernando Mendoza

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/sB6sLgvVilk>

Church leaders must listen to abuse victims, those who suffer, pope tells cardinals -

<https://catholicreview.org/survivors-praise-popes-words-during-consistory-that-not-welcoming-abuse-victims-is-scandal/>

### **Community Cares**

**Kids Help Phone** – 1-800-668-6868

**Canada Suicide Prevention:** 1-833-456-4566 or Text. 4564

**Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line:** Call/text: 1-888-837-7678

[info@abuse-free-sport.ca](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca) [www.abuse-free-sport.ca](http://www.abuse-free-sport.ca)

**Compassionate Community Care** 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

**End Human Trafficking** <https://blocktraffik.org/>

**Vaccine Injury Support Program** 1-833-489-0839

[info@vaccineinjuryupport.ca](mailto:info@vaccineinjuryupport.ca)

**Parenting Resources:** <https://axis.org/resources/>

**Expectant Mothers Fund - Phone- 902- 794 -3951**

**Adult Protection** 1-800-225-7225 “Any real, potential or suspected physical, sexual, financial, or emotional abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults 16 years or older.”

**Reporting Sexual Abuse or Cover up by a Bishop:** Call 911

or 1-866-892-3737 or <https://bishopreportingsystem.ca/>

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