

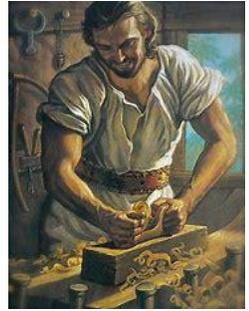


PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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March 1st, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. March 2nd	Personal Mass		
Tues March 3rd	Personal Mass		
Wed. March 4th	Personal Mass		
Thurs. March 5th	Personal Mass		
Fri. March 6th	Personal Mass		
Sat. March 7th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm	
Sun. March 8th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, March 7th	10 am Mass Sunday, March 8th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Rebecca Gracie	Bob Jardine, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Jennifer Buffett, Cheryl Delory	Denise Jardine, Ken MacDonald
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick	George Quirk
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.

Parish Meeting

There will be a **Liturgy Committee** meeting on Wednesday, March 4th 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 8th after the 11 am 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 1st and continue to March 1st**. For the children making

the sacrament of First Eucharist, the modules will begin on **March 29th and continue until May 3rd**. 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) (902-862-7580) or

Julia Townsend (juliat@eastlink.ca) (902-562-8423)

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

6 COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! FEB. 21ST& FEB. 22ND

Envelopes		1220.00
Loose Cash		175.00
Candles		20.00
Fuel		85.00
Initial Offering		15.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2265.00
Hall		400.00
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 **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.

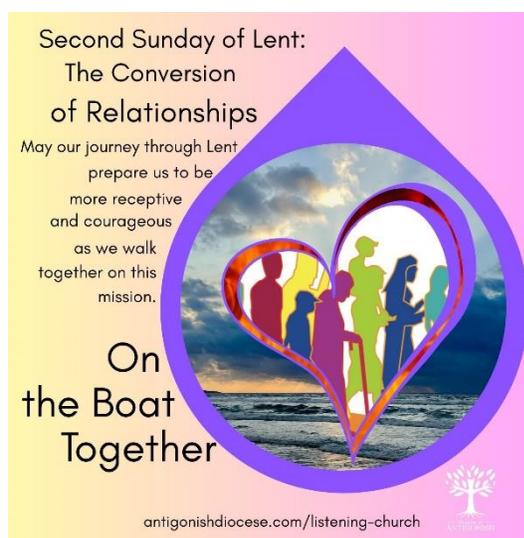
Diocesan

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



For Second Sunday of Lent: March 1

Embracing Synodality through Faith, Discipleship, and Transfiguration

Just as Abram responded to God’s call with faith and obedience, and Jesus was transfigured to reveal God’s

glory, we too are called to be transfigured through our participation in the Church’s mission. Synodality calls us to be a community that listens deeply to the needs, charisms, and voices of all the baptized, especially those on the margins. We are called to foster a synodal Church that encourages more lay ministries, supports community discernment, and responds creatively and courageously to the needs of our people. May our journey through Lent prepare us to be more receptive and courageous as we walk together on this mission. Synod Reports and Resources are available online: www.antigonishdiocese.com/listening-church

Do you receive our diocesan newsletters?

Seven Ears of Grain is emailed each Monday morning, with news and events from our diocese and parishes, plus news and resources from the Vatican and national offices. Witness of Hope is our seasonal newsletter. To subscribe, visit <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/newsletter/> or email jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

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 6th, 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

French Mass

There will be a Mass in French at the Centre Communautaire Étoile de L’Acadie (15 Inglis St, Sydney, NS) on Saturday March 7, 2026 at 5:30PM. Pot Luck supper to follow along with music from Le Cercle Musicale de la région de Sydney. Everyone welcome !

CWL

There will be a CWL meeting on March 9th, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are welcome. A lunch will follow the meeting.

Quote of the Week

“Nothing created has ever been able to fill the heart of man. God alone can fill it infinitely.” St. Thomas Aquinas

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week