



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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March 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. March 9th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Vincent Legatto
Tues March 10th	Personal Mass			
Wed. March 11th	Personal Mass			
Thurs. March 12th	Personal Mass			
Fri. March 13th	St. Joseph Hall	Mass 9am with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament		For Richard & Margaret Vickers
Sat. March 14th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		
Sun. March 15th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, March 14th	10 am Mass Sunday, March 15th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Georgie Bonnar	Bob Jardine, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Paula LeBlanc, Carolyn Aker	Gary & Susan Burton
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

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 11am 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

Mass Upstairs

Next weekend March 14th/15th, we will return upstairs for Mass. The cold months of January and February have passed quickly and we look forward to returning upstairs for mass.

Recitation of the Rosary

Weekend masses will be returning to the main church on the weekend of March 14-15. Please join us, on that weekend, one half hour before mass, as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother.

CWL Fundraiser

The CWL will be selling their pulled bbq chicken burger, coleslaw and lemon cake for \$10.00, on Saturday March 14th after mass.

Also, for the celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph, the CWL will have the blessing of St. Joseph Parish Holy Oils (for personal use) and are asking a suggested offering of \$5.00 per oil. The oils will be available after mass on March 14th and 15th.

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. 28TH& MARCH 1ST

Envelopes		1720.00
Loose Cash		320.00
Fuel		60.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2875.00
Hall		1255.00
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.

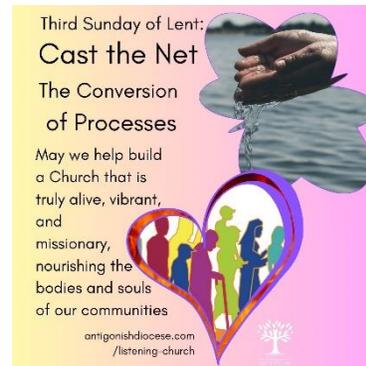
Diocesan

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<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/newsletter/>

or email jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca



For Third Sunday of Lent: March 8th

Embracing Synodality through the Lens of Scripture

The story of the Samaritan woman at the well reveals Jesus as the source of "living water," a symbol of the grace that quenches our spiritual

thirst and calls us into authentic encounter and conversion. The Scriptures remind us that life-giving water—God's grace—flows through community. Just as Jesus offered the Samaritan woman a new way of seeing and living, we are called to create spaces where all members of the Church can encounter Christ, be heard, and participate fully in the decision-making processes. This includes revitalizing our participatory bodies—diocesan councils, parish councils, and other structures—ensuring they reflect the diversity and richness of our communities.

Let us be inspired by the Gospel's call to renewal and conversion. By doing so, we help build a Church that is truly alive, vibrant, and missionary.

Synod Reports and Resources are available online:

www.antigonishdiocese.com/listening-church

Community

Sydney Tuesday, March 17, 2026 1:30 -3:30 pm. An invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office.

This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

Mobile Blood Donor Clinic for CBRM

The Antigonish Diocesan Council of the CWL is advocating for a mobile blood donation clinic in CBRM. One million new blood donors are needed over the next five years. The nearest clinic in Port Hawkesbury requires a 4-5 hour round trip. Parishioners, please write to the NS Premier, Minister of Health and Wellness, local MLAs, and MPs, and Dr Graham Sher, CEO Canadian Blood Services, 1800 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 4J5 urging support for this request.

CWL/KOC

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.

There will be a KOC meeting on **Wednesday March 11th at 7pm** in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Quote of the Week

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark, but the real tragedy is the adult who is afraid of the light." Plato

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week