

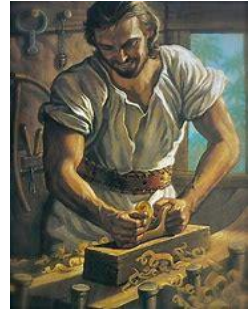


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## May 17th, 2026

### Ascension of the Lord

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<b>REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR</b> CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY <b>Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon</b> roy.smith@hotmail.ca	<b>Leadership Ministry Team &amp; Committees</b> Pam Hall- Secretary / Faith Formation Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Pastoral Council Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Cemetery Monica Shebib-Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team Lana Verschuren- Finance <b>Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at midnight!</b>	<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> TUES., WED. THURS.-9AM- 1 PM  <b>TEL: 902 -794-3951</b>
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<b>ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
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Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. May 18th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Vingilia Vidal Jr.
Tues May 19th	Personal Mass			
Wed. May 20th	Personal Mass			
Thurs. May 21st	Personal Mass			
Fri. May 22nd	Personal Mass			
Sat. May 23rd	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. May 24th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, May 23rd	10 am Mass Sunday, May 24th
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Elaine MacNeil	Susan & Gary Burton, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker, Charlotte Monroe	Alexandra Young, Difu Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald, Dianna Steele	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTÉRIEUR SERVICE (EXTÉRIEUR)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RIGGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

#### PARISH NEWS

#### Recitation of the Rosary

During the month of May, one half hour before all weekend masses, please join us as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother.

#### May is Mental Health Month

Tickets for a dinner for 5 and afternoon at the farm. \$5 tickets available on line or at the office. Draw is May 30th.

<https://farmday.healingmangerfarm.com/>

#### 65th Anniversary of Priesthood

All Parishioners are invited to a special mass to celebrate 65 years of priesthood for Fr. Albert Maroon and for Fr. Leo Cordeau. All are invited to a lunch after mass on the Saturday, May 30th in the hall.

#### Spring cleaning at the church

There will be a spring cleaning at the church on Friday, June 12 from 9 am to noon, free lunch to follow. All are welcome to join Father Doug, so come bring your rakes, shovels and any other equipment to help us clean up the property. All welcome thank you.

## Summer Office Hours

For the months of July and August, the office will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays only starting July 3rd.

## PARISH HEALING MISSION

June 6-10th, St. Joseph Parish, North Sydney

Given by FATHER ALBERT MACPHERSON, OSA, AUGUSTINIAN HEALING MINISTRY, CHAPLAIN OF OUR LADY OF GRACE MONASTERY, DIRECTOR OF OUR LADY OF GRACE SHRINE.

### SCHEDULE

Celebrate and preach at the weekend Masses: Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 10 am.

Sunday Evening, 6:30 PM: HOLY HOUR

MONDAY EVENING, 6:30 PM: HOLY MASS, with theme of RECONCILIATION. Priests hear confessions after mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and close with Benediction.

TUESDAY, 6:30 PM: HOLY MASS and HEALING SERVICE with laying on of hands and anointing with blessed oil (a Sacramental, not the Sacrament of the Sick). Exposition of the blessed sacrament, closing with benediction.

WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM: MASS and HEALING SERVICE with theme of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, exposition and benediction followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Beginning on Saturday, June 6th there will be a gift table at the entrance of the church where rosaries and articles from Medjugorje will be on sale.

There will be a love offering (collection) during the Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, for the Augustinian Healing Ministry. Cheques can be made out to Father Albert MacPherson or the Augustinian Healing Ministry.

### BIOGRAPHY

Father Albert MacPherson, OSA, was born and raised in New Waterford, Cape Breton into a family of thirteen children. He joined the Order of Saint Augustine in 1962 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1974. He did undergraduate studies at Pasadena City College in California, Xavier Junior College and Saint Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia as well as Villanova University in Pennsylvania before pursuing graduate theological studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

After fourteen years of experience in spiritual renewal work, including ten years of pastoral experience in parishes in Ontario, New York, and Florida. Father MacPherson began full-time healing ministry in 1983. A member of Act Heals he has given healing services in Canada and the United States, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean Islands. Thousands have been helped through his healing ministry-spiritually, psychologically, and physically.



### COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! MAY 9TH & MAY 10TH

Envelopes		1765.00
Loose Cash		545.00
Candles		35.00
Needs of the Canadian Church		20.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3115.00
Hall		500.00
Church Improvement		50.00

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30am in the Parish Hall.

### Ways to Donate:

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

#### 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 902-317-5425

### KOC

Father William Kiley Council 5109 will host a Sunday Tea for all widows of deceased members of the council. This event will take place in St. Joseph Church Hall, North Sydney following the 10am mass on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2026. Sandwiches, sweets and fresh fruit will be served along with coffee, tea or juice. Please pass on this information if you know of any council widows who might be interested in attending this gathering. any questions please contact Lloyd Brewer at 902-544-0681 or Tom Gaskell at 902- 736-1267.

### Quote of the Week

*"We stumble and fall constantly even when we are most enlightened. But when we are in true spiritual darkness, we do not even know that we have fallen." Thomas Merton*

### Community Assistance

**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@vaccineinjurysupport.ca](mailto:info@vaccineinjurysupport.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**

