

PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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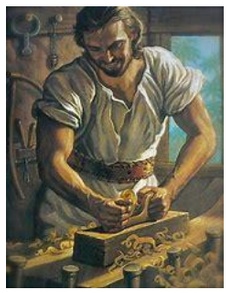

November 22nd, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR
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Leadership Ministry Team & Committees

Pam Hall- Secretary / Faith Formation
Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Pastoral Council
Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Cemetery
Monica Shebib-Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team
Lana Verschuren- Finance
Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at midnight!

OFFICE HOURS:
TUES., WED. THURS.-9AM- 1 PM

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Nov. 23rd	St. Joseph Church	11am	Funeral Mass	George Walker
Tues. Nov.24th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St Andrew Dung	David Tobin
Wed. Nov.25th	Personal Mass			
Thurs. Nov.26th	Personal Mass			
Fri. Nov.27th	Personal Mass			
Sat. Nov.28th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Nov.29th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, November 28th	10 am Mass Sunday, November 29th
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Elaine MacNeil	CWL Member, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Jennifer Roland-Buffett, Paula LeBlanc	Difu Nzelu, Kas Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown, Sheila MacCormick	CWL Members
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTÉRIEUR SERVICE (EXTÉRIEUR)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RIGGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Our annual Christmas craft and bake sale will be held on Saturday, December 5th in the Parish Hall from 10am -2pm. There will be lots of great items for sale, including many great Christmas crafts as well as a gift table and ticket draws. An on- line auction will also be part of the fair this year where you can purchase many gifts for those on your Christmas list. We will also be having Hamburger Soup with a tea biscuit and dessert for $15.00. If you have any items you would like to donate to the fair, you can drop them off here at the office Tuesday through Friday from 9am-2pm. If you would like to donate baked goods for the bake sale, we would greatly appreciate your help. Hope to see everyone at the Fair.

Church Restoration Committee

Calling on contractors and professionals from the parish to come to a meeting on Wednesday Nov. 25th at 3 pm in the Church Hall. This committee will meet a few times to decide on how to proceed with new siding and windows. The committee will create a plan and then we will present it to the community in the spring of 2027

Recitation of the Rosary - Schedule

Please join us, one half hour before mass, on the weekend of Dec. 5th-6th as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother. Hope that you can join us.

Church steeple fixed

In 2022 after hurricane Fiona, I placed a claim with the insurance company to fix the steeple and the cross. The claim is still open and we are hoping for a solution to fix the cross soon.

Peace, Fr. Doug

Bible Study/ RCIA Groups

Next question and answer Bible study and RCIA group is on Sunday, December 13 at 11:15. All are welcome.

BillC-41

The CCCB urges Parliament to split BillC-41 and reject advance requests for euthanasia-Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Christmas Shoe Boxes Thank You

The CWL thanks all who participated in our annual Operation Christmas Child Program (Samariton's Purse Canada) by filling a box, either physically or on-line. A total of 21 boxes were received in our church. After November 15th, boxes must be dropped off at Westside Bible Chapel 325 Keltic Drive. Contact Jodi Skinner (902- 578- 1390) for their hours. Thank you again.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! NOV.14TH NOV.15TH

Envelopes		1520.00
Loose Cash		325.00
Fuel		615.00
Candles		40.00
Change for Change		10.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3260.00
Hall		420.00
Church Improvement		120.00

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 **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

Handel's Messiah

Join us for an uplifting performance of George Frideric Handel's masterwork**. When**: Sunday December 6th at2pm**.Where**: St. Margurite Bourgeoys Church, Cabot St. Sydney. **Admission Free**



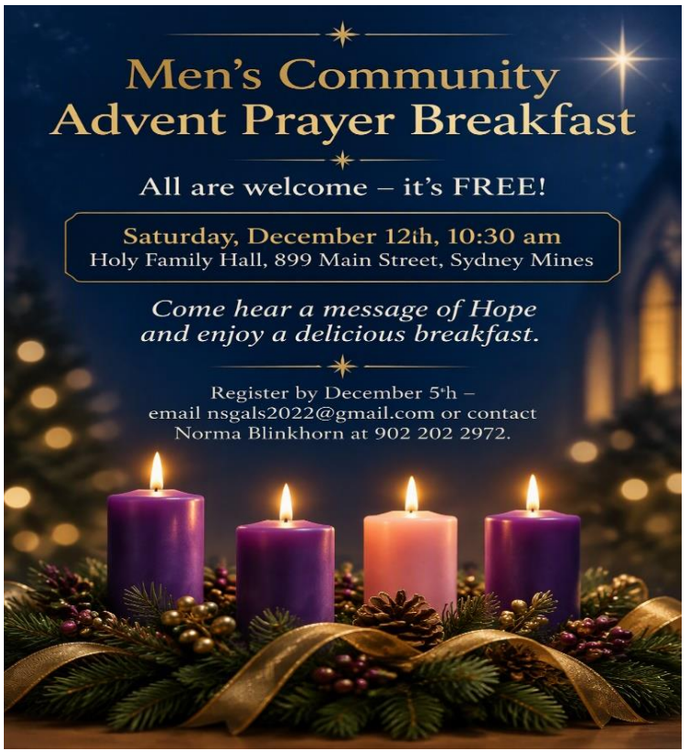
Implementing Synodality at the Parish Level

Presentation by Dr. Michael Higgins
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney
Sunday, November 22 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. All are welcome.

Saturday Adoration

Saturdays, 1:30-2:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St Theresa's Church, Whitney Ave, Sydney.
Come and be in silence with Our Lord. All are welcome.

Community



Men's Community Advent Prayer Breakfast

All are welcome to join us for the Men's Community Advent Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, December 12th at 10:30 am in Holy Family Hall, 899 Main Street, Sydney Mines. Come hear a message of Hope by Reverend Doug MacDonald and enjoy a delicious breakfast. There is no cost to attend. Please register by December 5th by emailing nsgals2022@gmail.com or contacting Norma Blinkhorn at 902- 202-2972.

Hanging of the Greens at United Heritage Church

The Hanging of the Greens is a beloved, long-standing Advent tradition here at United Heritage Church. Join us on Sunday, November 29th at 3:30pm as we share music and explore the stories behind the symbols we decorate with during this sacred time of year. A freewill offering will be taken in lieu of tickets. Get here early to secure your seats!

CWL/ KOC

Professionally-photographed Christmas cards are available in the vestibule before/after mass, as well as in the office during office hours (20 dollars for pkg 8)

Also in the vestibule, is a donation box for youth ski pants, mittens, and toques. Your generous gifts will be donated to Ferrisview and Jubilee schools sometime after January 15/27. Thank you kindly for your continued support and God bless!

The CWL will be donating the generous gifts of ski pants, mittens, and toques received from our parishioners to Ferrisview and Jubilee schools. The donation box will be situated in the vestibule until

January 15, 2027. Thank you kindly for your continued support!

KOC

Council 5109 will be conducting an "Installation of Officers" ceremony on the altar immediately following the 10am mass on November 22nd, 2026. All parishioners are invited to stay and watch this ceremony if they wish.

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week