

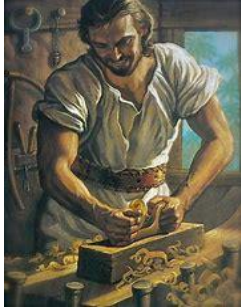


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November 23rd, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ

King of the Universe

World Day of Youth

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Nov.24th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St. Andrew Dung-Lac	Cyril Serroul
Tues. Nov. 25th	St. Joseph Church	11am		
Wed. Nov. 26th	Personal Mass			For all Canadian Veterans both living and deceased
Thurs. Nov.27th	Personal Mass			For all Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Nov. 28th	Personal Mass			For all Deacons
Sat. Nov. 29th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For a Greater Awareness of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun. Nov. 30th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, November 29th		10 am Mass Sunday, November 30th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Debbie Reashore, Rebecca Gracie		Ina Taylor, Pam Hall	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS	Cheryl Delory		Kasom Nzelu, Difu Nzelu	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Joe Tobin, Cathy MacDonald		George Quirk, Joan Skinner, Janis Rose	
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team		Volunteer Team	
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug		Hunter Hill	
RINGING OF BELLS			Dave Williams	

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Our annual Christmas craft and bake sale will be held on Saturday, November 29th 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. A silent 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 Turkey Burgers with coleslaw and dessert for sale for \$10.00. 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.

Envelopes For 2026

The envelopes for 2026 are available at the back of the church. Please put your name on the first two envelopes you use. This will be very helpful as some of the numbers have changed, and cross referencing the name and number allows for easier recording.

Commissioning Service weekend Dec 6/7th

There will be a commissioning service during mass to officially install all current and new Lectors (readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Everyone who reads at mass or reads the Word of God at the hospital or seniors home must be present either Sat. Dec. 6 or Sunday Dec. 7th.

Anyone who gives Holy Communion at mass or has a pyx and brings Communion to a neighbour or family member must be present that weekend. If you have a pyx that you are no longer using, would you consider returning to the parish for others to use?

There will be two commissioning services either Saturday or Sunday during the weekend mass, so Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion can choose which installation service they wish to attend, but those who read or give Holy Communion must attend one, to be certified to give Holy Communion in the New Year.

Peace be with you, Fr. Douglas

Heartful Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Northside Deanery of priests, and all priests in attendance, our dedicated team, and all who contributed to making our recent celebration a beautiful expression of faith and community. Special thanks to the choir, piper, lectors, altar servers, and hospitality ministers for enhancing our liturgy with reverence and joy.

Special thanks to Kasom Nzelu and Moses Odinka for their inspiring talks. We are deeply appreciative of the many volunteers and multi-cultural groups who shared delicious food and generously donated gifts for the auction. Your efforts created a spirit of unity and fellowship that reflects the richness of our parish family. Through your generosity, we raised \$1,000 from the auction, which will be donated to Christmas Daddies to help families in need during the holiday season. Thank you for your time, talents, and generosity. Together, we continue to build a vibrant community rooted in faith and love. "Serve one another humbly in love." – Galatians 5:13 The Northside Deanery Team

Mass Schedule Dec 24, 2025 – January 1, 2026

Wednesday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve Masses – 4 PM and 7 PM

Thursday, Dec 25th Christmas Day Mass – 11 AM

Saturday, Dec 27th – 4 PM

Sunday, Dec 28th – 10 AM

Thursday, January 1st New Years Day – 11 AM

Collections~ Thank You November 15th & 16th		
Envelopes		1845.00
Loose Cash		315.00
Fuel		650.00
Candles		25.00
Church Maintenance		20.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3605.00
Hall		1040.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Pre-Authorized Debit: please call the office to get started.

Ways to Donate:

To donate by credit card, or debit come into the parish office, or by E-transfer, email: stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Diocesan

Greg MacLeod Lector Series

The next Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture series is Monday Nov. 24, 2025 at 6:30 pm with food, and refreshments. All are welcome as Fr Damien – Franciscan Friar of the Atonement, New York; originally from Lingan asks: Can inter-faith (multi-faith) prayer be a stepping stone for

peace at home and abroad? Sponsored by CBU Chaplaincy and the Newman Society



Community

Women's Advent Prayer Breakfast

You are cordially invited to join us for our Women's Prayer Breakfast on Monday December 1st, from 10:00 am to noon at Holy Family Church Hall, located in Sydney Mines. Come and enjoy some fellowship, great conversation and a hearty breakfast. This is open to all Women and admission is free. To register email nsgals2022@gmail.com or contact Norma Blinkhorn at 902 202 2972.

St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Blue Christmas

Service: Join us on Thursday, December 18th, at 3 pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney for a Blue Christmas service. This is a quiet service for anyone who finds it hard to buy into the merriment of Christmas this year. Join us for quiet prayers and reflection, and a chance to rest in the presence of God.

Intriguing Implications of AI Vicar of the Founder Lecture Series

Tuesday, November 25, 12:00-1:30 pm St. Ninian Place, Antigonish
Pope Leo XIV in his address to the participants in the Builders AI Forum on November 6-7 said the development of AI is not only what technology can do, but who we become through what we build, and “this work cannot be confined to research labs or investment portfolios. It must be a profoundly ecclesial endeavor.” Fr. Philip Larrey was a featured speaker at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ annual meeting in September 2025. His presentation was well received by the Bishops, and now we have the opportunity to hear the same presentation. Admission is free. All are invited to attend. Fr. Larrey’s presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period. For more details: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/vicar-of-the-founder/>

CWL

We offer a sincere ‘Thank You’ to all who participated in this year’s Operation Christmas Child campaign. A total of 27 physical shoe boxes have been delivered to our local collection point.

Additionally, the campaign’s new online portal to fill shoe boxes remotely, was used by others.

God Bless You All and Merry Christmas.

Quote of the Week

“God uses the struggles we go through to make us something beautiful. Great graces cannot be obtained without humility. When you yourself experience humiliation, you should take it as a sure sign that some great grace is in store.”
St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Peace Be With You and Have a Great Week