



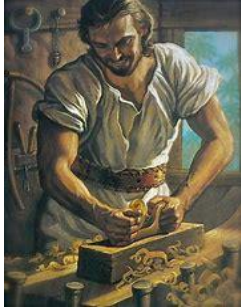
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November 30th, 2025



1st Week of Advent

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK					Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Date	Location	Time	Details		
Mon. Dec. 1st	St. Joseph Hall	_____		Personal Mass	
Tues. Dec. 2nd	St. Joseph Hall	_____		Personal Mass	
Wed.Dec.3rd	Personal Mass		St. Francis Xavier		
Thurs.Dec.4th	Personal Mass			For all Holy Souls in Purgatory	
Fri.Dec.5th	Personal Mass			For all Deacons	
Sat.Dec.6th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For those addicted to drugs	
Sun.Dec.7th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners	
Ministries		4 pm Mass Saturday, December 6th		10 am Mass Sunday, December 7th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS		Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR		St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS		Alberta Devoe, Georgie Bonnar		Viola Smith, Pam Hall	
USHERS		Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS		Jude Rankin		Kay Batherson, Denise Jardine	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION		Lisa Brown, 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

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 it 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.

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**

Advent Prayer

Father, thank you for sending Jesus your Son to us. In this Advent season, prepare the 'inn' of our hearts with silence as the straw for the creche, and adoration as the swaddling cloth to wrap Him in. Make us contemplatives of a new order - able to hear Your voice and heed your word.

Advent Wreath Lighting -1st Week of Advent

The purple candle on the bottom left is lit. “Hope or Prophet’s candle”, because it represents God’s promise to Adam and Eve after they lost heaven by disobeying Him, but he promised to send them a Redeemer.

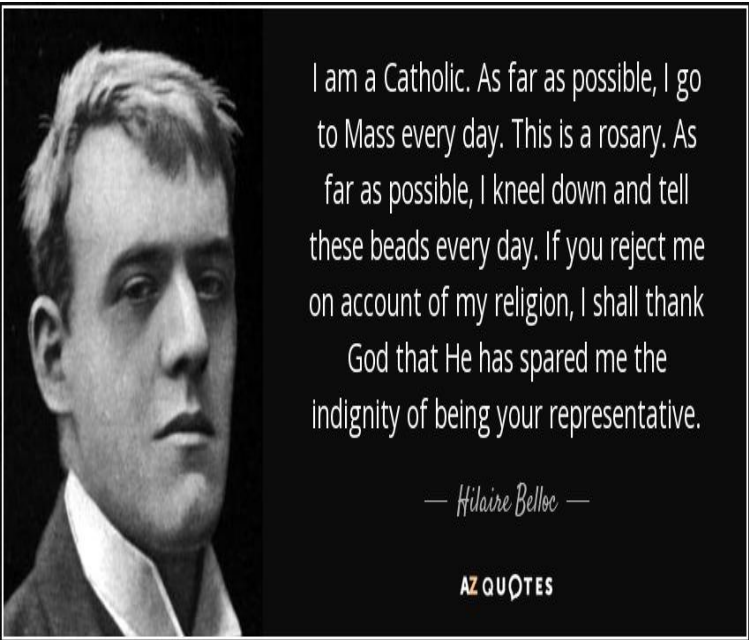


Saint Stephen Feast Day, Dec. 26th

As we begin this new liturgical year, we wish to invite you to come into the Church Hall/office to see the newly restored statue of St. Stephen. The statue was originally from the Florence Parish named after St. Stephen, the deacon.

Job At Souls Harbour

<https://ca.indeed.com/cmp/Soul's-Harbour-Rescue-Mission/jobs?jk=223e3e321366ba15&start=0&clearPrefilter=1>



Collections~ Thank You November22nd & 23rd		
Envelopes		1460.00
Loose Cash		375.00
Fuel		515.00
Candles		30.00
Church Maintenance		
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3130.00
Hall		590.00
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

Fr Greg MacLeod Lecture Series: Fr Albert MacPherson: Can multi-faith prayer lead to peace?

https://youtu.be/_wZebUHNrLo?si=xxIsfWk3Z6pKrvaJ

Cape Breton Advent Calendar

Prepare your heart for Christmas with the Cape Breton Advent Calendar!

Beginning December 1st, enjoy a daily Scripture passage paired with a beautiful photograph by Cape Breton’s own Steven MacNeil.

This Advent Calendar is a free service for Cape Breton provided by Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount and is accessible anywhere though the Internet. Visit each day and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. (But you have wait till December 1st! no peeking!)

Watch for the Cape Breton Advent Calendar on Facebook or tuerchen. [app/0wSONibkc4ab462u](https://www.facebook.com/app/0wSONibkc4ab462u)

The Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is opening for a one day only Christmas Shopping Sale. On Sunday, December 7th from 1 to 4 pm, all items, except candles will be 50% OFF for one day only. Cash Only. The Shrine is open year-round. We thank you sincerely for all your support this year. Many projects have been completed.

Have a Merry Christmas and Good Health and Happiness in the New Year. Board & Management of the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine. For inquiries call 902-945-2221

Community

St. Joseph Parish Bras d’Or Christmas Concert Fundraiser

Bras d’Or Hall, 24 Villa Drive, Sunday, Nov. 30th at 7pm to 9pm. Tickets are \$20.00. For tickets call the Parish Office at 902-736-9633. Talent Co-ordinator: Fred Lavery. There will be 50/50 tickets and canteen services available. Accepting Food Bank Donations.

Quote of the Week

“Advent is here. What a marvellous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come - for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist.”

News Story

https://youtu.be/_wZebUHNrLo?si=f4PbOrO47_V6r5Hy

Peace Be With You and Have a Great Week
