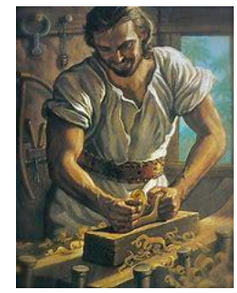


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November 8th, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026 ✝

REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR
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Pam Hall- Secretary / Faith Formation
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Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Cemetery
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Lana Verschuren- Finance
Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at midnight!

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

TEL: 902 -794-3951

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Nov. 9th	St. Joseph Church	11am	Funeral Mass	Art MacMullin
Tues. Nov.10th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St. Leo The Great	James MacNeil
Wed. Nov.11th	Personal Mass		St. Martin of Tours	
Thurs. Nov.12th	St. Joseph Church Northside Guest Home	11am 1:30	Funeral Mass	Albert Wilkie
Fri. Nov.13th	Personal Mass			
Sat. Nov.14th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Nov.15th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, November 14th	10 am Mass Sunday, November 15th
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Sally Ryan	Viola Smith, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Ellen McNamara, Jude Rankin	Cheryl Delorey, Alexandra Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Sheila MacCormick	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

RCIA Meeting

There will be a RCIA/Q&A meeting on Sunday November 15th after mass in the Hall at 11:15 am. All are welcome whether Catholic or not. We will discuss all your questions about the faith.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

The RCIA also called OCIA program is starting. This year we are working with another parish who runs the program every Sunday night online. In addition, there will be a meeting in the parish hall later this fall. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know of someone who is, please contact the parish office and complete the form. Sessions are Sunday evenings from your home. Call or email us 902-794-3951 to get the information to join. Peace, Fr. Doug

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a Samaritan's Purse Canada project that sends gift filled shoeboxes to those in need worldwide. In 2025, 12.2 million shoeboxes were collected globally and distributed in more than 170 countries and territories. You can go online to fill a shoebox at: "Samaritans Purse.ca/occdonate". A limited number of boxes are available at the back of the church for return no later than Sunday, November 15th. After mass on Sunday Nov 15th, our church shoeboxes will be picked up for delivery to the drop off location: Westside Bible Chapel, 325 Keltic Drive, Sydney. Phone number 902- 567- 2181.

Recitation of the Rosary - Schedule

Please join us, one half hour before mass, on the weekends of Nov 7th - 8th and Dec 5th -6th as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother. Hope that you can join us.

Office Closure

The office will be closed next Wednesday November 11th for Remembrance Day. The office will reopen on Thursday for regular office hours.

Altar Servers Party with Adult Chaperones

The Altar Servers party is Saturday Nov. 14 starting at 6:15 pm at McDonald's in North Sydney for supper, followed by Bowling at 7 pm at Strand Bowling Alley Sydney Mines.

Parents please come to the supper and for bowling. Thank you for your service.

Funeral Notice

The funeral for Stanley "Stan" Bruno Romo who died October 12th, 2026, will be held on Saturday November 14th, 2026 at 10:30 in St. Joseph Church Bras d'Or.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! OCTOBER 31ST NOV. 1ST

Envelopes		1695.00
Loose Cash		505.00
Fuel		50.00
Candles		25.00
Change for Change		25.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3050.00
Hall		810.00
American Money		227.16

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

Adoration of the Blesses Sacrament

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.

Worship Hour at Holy Redeemer Parish

Join us for an hour of adoration and worship music for youth and young families! Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier. The first Friday of every month, starting at 7:00pmEveryone is invited!

Nov. 1, 6-9 pm Final Episode:
Entre Deux Rivières/Between Two Rivers with Fr. Peter LeBlanc on CKJM FM: Coopérative Radio Chéticamp Ltée
Uplifting reflections and spiritual music.
After 9 years on the air, the show will mark its anniversary on Oct. 29 and air its final episode on November 1, All Saints Day.
Following that, Fr. Peter LeBlanc will continue his radio ministry with special episodes for Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, and other celebrations. Aired on 106.1 FM in Chéticamp, 92.5 FM in Pomquet and 97.5 in Sydney. Listen via radio or the CKJM website: https://www.ckjmfm.ca/

ULTREYA

Come join us for our monthly Ultreya to be held this month at St Leonard's Parish, New Waterford. November 26 at 6:30.

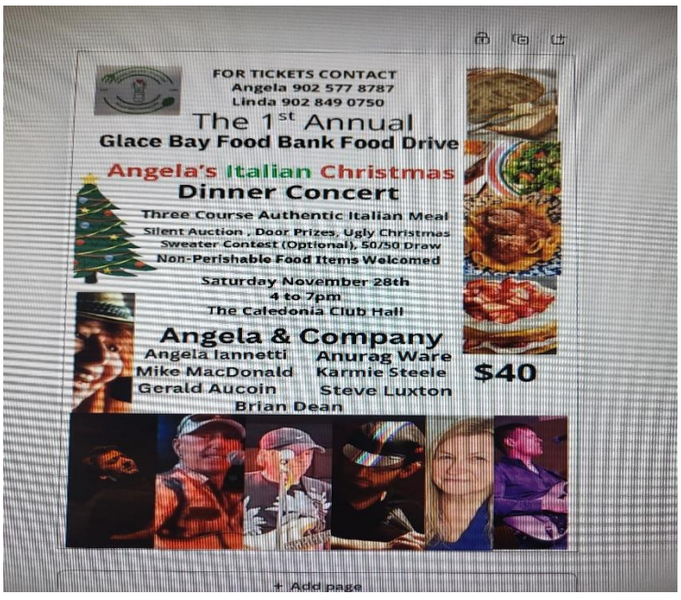
We will light candles in memory of those cursiestas who have gone before us.

Women's Advent Community Prayer Breakfast

Preparing the way: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

In this holy season of waiting and hope, women from across our community are warmly invited to gather around the table for nourishing food, heartfelt fellowship, seasonal music, scripture and prayer. Together, we will quiet our hearts, rejoice in God's promises and prepare the way for the coming of Christ. Please join us on Monday, November 30th from 10:00 am to 12 noon at Holy Family Church Hall, located at 899 Main St. Sydney Mines. Come as you are and bring a friend and share in the light and grace of Advent. For more information contact Norma Blinkhorn at nsgals2022@gmail.com or (902)202-2972. The first Advent Prayer Breakfast last year saw over 200 women attend. SEATING IS LIMITED so please call to register and reserve your seat(s). This event is FREE to all women who would like to attend. Registration will be from November 5th to November 22nd. So BOOK YOUR SEAT EARLY . All Are Welcome!

Community



Tea And Talk

Sydney Tuesday, November 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 phone902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

CWL/ KOC

Game Night

The CWL will be hosting a "game night" at the next CWL meeting on November 9th at 7pm in the church hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us and please bring a friend to share in the fun!

The CWL will be donating the generous gifts of ski pants, mittens and toques received from our parishioners to "Ferrisview and Jubilee Schools. Thank you kindly for your support**!**

CWL Christmas Cards

Beginning November 7th, until Christmas week, the CWL will be selling professionally-photographed Christmas cards, (by the talented John Ratchford), displaying the interior of our beautiful Church, capturing the true essence of Christmas. The cards will be made available in the vestibule before and after weekend masses. Additionally you may purchase them from the office during regular office hours. A package of 8 cards and envelopes will sell for only 20.00! A fraction of the cost for which they would otherwise be sold. Whether it be for Christmas or simply as a keepsake, we trust you will like the cards as much as we do. Thank you for your continued support of the CWL.

KOC Meeting

This month's KOC meeting will be held in the church hall on Thursday November 12th at 7pm due to Wednesday being Remembrance Day. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week