

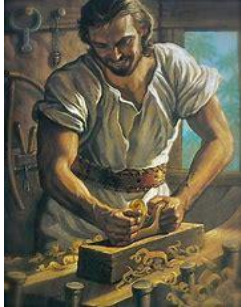


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| OCTOBER 5TH, 2025    †   |   |   |
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| REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR<br>CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY<br>Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon<br>roy.smith@hotmail.ca | <u>Leadership Ministry Team</u><br><br>Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance | OFFICE HOURS:<br><br>TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM<br><br><br>TEL: 902 -794-3951 |

| ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK          |                                  |       |                                 |   |
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| Date                                 | Location                         | Time  | Details                         | Mass Intentions<br>FOR THE WEEK  |
| Mon. Oct.6th                         | St. Joseph Hall                  | 11am  |                                 | Anthony Joseph Walsh  |
| Tues. Oct.7th                        | St. Joseph Hall                  | 11am  | Our Lady of the Rosary          | Theresa Reid  |
| Wed.Oct.8th                          | Holy Family (Sydney Mines)       | 9am   |                                 |   |
| Thurs. Oct. 9th                      | Holy Family ( Sydney Mines)      | 9am   |                                 |   |
| Fri. Sept. Oct.10th                  | Holy Family (Sydney Mines)       | 9am   |                                 |   |
| Sat. Oct.11th                        | St. Joseph Church                | 4pm   |                                 | For a Greater Awareness of the Blessed Sacrament  |
| Sun. Oct.12th                        | St. Joseph Church                | 10 am |                                 | For All Parishioners  |
| Ministries                           | 4 pm Mass Saturday, October 11th |       | 10 am Mass Sunday, October 12th |   |
| SACRISTAIN & LINENS                  | Deacon Roy Smith, Team           |       | Deacon Roy Smith, Team          |   |
| CHOIR                                | St. Joseph Choir                 |       | Alan Gale                       |   |
| GREETERS                             | Ann Sampson, Georgie Bonnar      |       | Bob Jardine, Pam Hall           |   |
| USHERS                               | Men and Women of the Parish      |       | Men and Women of the Parish     |   |
| LECTORS                              | Charlotte Monroe                 |       | Kay Batherson, John Ratchford   |   |
| PRESENTATION OF GIFTS                | Parishioners                     |       | Parishioners                    |   |
| EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION | Lisa Brown, Sheila MacCormick    |       | George Quirk, Joan Skinner      |   |
| Interior Church (cleaning)           | Volunteer Team                   |       | Volunteer Team                  |   |
| EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)         | Fr. Doug                         |       | Hunter Hill                     |   |
| RINGING OF BELLS                     |                                  |       | Dave Williams                   |   |

## PARISH NEWS

### Recitation of the Rosary

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

### Fall Fair Thank You

Our Fall Fair was a huge success again this year. We would like to thank everyone who helped make the day such a successful one for the parish. To all the volunteers who helped out the day of the fair, to those who made such delicious baked goods, to all those who donated items to the fair and to the merchants who

generously donated items for our auction, we thank you. We raised a total of **\$13,200.00**.

The winners of the tickets were: 50/50 Draw: Patsy Young, Console Table: Ina Taylor, Wreath: Paula Keefe, Sign: Mary MacDonald, Fall Banner: Monica Shebib. Congratulations to all the winners.

### Lectors/Readers & Communion Refresher

For all current Lectors/Readers, Ministers of Communion there will be a refresher session given by Father Douglas on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the parish hall.

Attendance is mandatory!!The latest Liturgical Guidelines will be shared. Anyone interested in becoming a Lector/Reader, Minister of

Communion at Mass or visiting people in their homes are most welcome to join us. Sharing a cup of tea will follow!!Your coordinator of these Ministries will be in touch.

**Bus Pilgrimage for 200th Anniversary Monastery**

On Friday October 24 the Parish is organizing a bus pilgrimage to the Monastery for their 200th anniversary and other Holy sites in the Diocese for the Jubilee Year. Parishioners interested should act fast and make their payment at the parish office to reserve your seat before the bus is full. Cost is \$60 tax included per person, which includes lunch and all transportation to and from the Church.

**Parish Pilgrimage Schedule:** 9 am - 9 pm

8:30 am bus arrives & loading

9 am - Depart Church (Rosary on way)

10:30 am - Mabou Shrine

11 am - Depart

Noon - Mass, Our Lady of Grace Monastery

12:30 pm - Lunch & bring a non-perishable food donation.

1:15 pm - Light candles, Holy Spring at Shrine

2 pm - Depart

2:30 - Arrive Antigonish, walk through Cathedral Doors & Pray, Confession, visit St. F.X.U. campus & tour the town.

4 pm - Visit Sisters of St. Martha Bethany.

5 pm - Leave Antigonish

5:45 pm - Supper Auld’s Cove Big Stop Irving

7 pm - Depart home

8:45 pm - Arrival back at Church

\*Washroom on the bus.

The parish secretary will receive payments to reserve your seat at the parish office on Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am to 2 pm. If the bus is not filled with parishioners by Friday October 10th, the pilgrimage will be opened up to other parishes. For more information call the chair of the Liturgy Committee Cathy MacDonald +1 (902) 322-8597.

| Collections~ Thank You September 27th & 28th |  |         |
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| Envelopes                                    |  | 2435.00 |
| Loose Cash                                   |  | 220.00  |
| Candles                                      |  | 40.00   |
| Needs of the Canadian Church                 |  | 340.00  |
| Pre- Authorized Debit                        |  | 750.00  |
| Total  |  | 3785.00 |
| Hall   |  | 227.00  |
| Church Improvement                           |  | 150.00  |

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

**Ways to Donate**

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**To donate by credit card, google pay or PayPal click:**

**<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-josephs-parish-north-sydney/>**

**Come to the office to use our debit or credit card machine**

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**Witness for Human Life**

Life a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. Please join us on Sunday Oct. 5 from 2-3pm. at the Port Hastings rotary and add your voice to the voiceless.

**Prayers For Canada**

Please Join us in praying for Canada on October 12th at 12:00 noon in front of City Hall 320 Esplanade, Sydney. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save Canada through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother

**October 18- 29: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

with Fr. Tim Broderick Spiritual Chaplain and Rhonda-Lynn group leader. Cost - \$3299.00 includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax; twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide. Single room supplement -\$300.00, if available. Contact Rhonda-Lynn for more information and itinerary. 902-448-3660.

**Milestone Celebration for Fr. Doug Murphy**

Sunday October 26th, Westmount Legion 2 Till 5, there will be Food and Entertainment and best wishes only. The Celebration is for 3 milestones, 65th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, 20 years of Ministry at Holy Rosary and his 90th Birthday later in November. All are welcome.

| Community |
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**Healing Manger Farm Walk a thon & Open House**

On Saturday October 11, 2025 at 7003 Kempt Head Road, there is an open house and optional walk a thon from 10 am – 2 pm to raise money for mental health treatment. The Manger offers immediate therapy in two ways:

1. From the comfort of your home with online counselling by a certified Canadian Counsellor, and/or
2. In person animal therapy at the Healing Manger for nature heals.

Attached to this bulletin is the Walk a thon poster and sign up. Please bring any donations to the event or drop by the parish office. Debit and credit machine available. Free chili, music and come see the animals.

Visit our mental health non-profit website: [healingmangerfarm.com](http://healingmangerfarm.com)

**Samaritan’s Purse**

Samaritan’s Purse Canada has been doing essential relief and development work in Jesus’ name all around the world since 1973.Our church participates in their annual Operation Christmas Child program that collects gift-filled shoeboxes, filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, from caring donors and distributes them to struggling children in the developing world countries. We encourage you to visit their website, where the option to fill a shoebox on-line is available. As in previous years, at St Joseph Church, empty shoeboxes are at the back of the church for your usage with a return date at our church of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

| KOC & CWL |
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***Serve Others:***

***Make an impact.*** As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you can be part of our multi-billion-dollar charitable legacy. Support and participate in thousands of charitable programs -both local and international- that help those who need it most.

***As a member you have the opportunity to help us:***

- Provide winter coats for children in need
- Give food to families
- Provide wheelchairs for the disabled and handicapped
- Respond to the needs of our community.

***Become a Knight***

Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> degree will meet this Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 2 pm to 3 pm Coady House Sydney River. Election of officers will take place at this important meeting. Thank you, Kyte Power

902-561-5891

**CWL Meeting**

CWL meeting, Monday, Oct 6 at 7:00 pm in our hall. We are making wreath's for everyone to take home, we welcome the lady's of our parish to come and join us, we will have fun and lunch.

| Quote of the Week |
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*“Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.”*

*St. Lucy*

| Peace Be With You and Have a Great Week |
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