

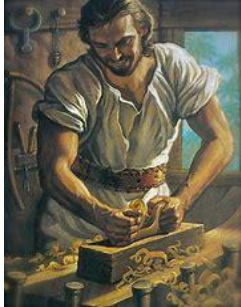


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October 11th, 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Thanksgiving

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REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon roy.smith@hotmail.ca	<u>Leadership Ministry Team & Committees</u> 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 TEL: 902 -794-3951
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				Mass Intentions 
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Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Oct. 12th	Personal Mass			
Tues. Oct. 13th	Personal Mass			
Wed. Oct. 14th	Northside Guest Home	1:30 pm		
Thurs. Oct. 15th	Personal Mass		St. Theresa of Jesus	
Fri. Oct. 16th	Personal Mass		St. Marie- Marguerite DYouville	
Sat. Oct. 17th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Oct.18th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, October 17th	10 am Mass Sunday, October 18th
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Georgie Bonnar	Ina Taylor, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Charlotte Monroe, Jude Rankin	Helen Gray, Denise Jardine
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy MacDonald, Ken Young	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

Fall Fair Winners

Our Fall Fair once again this year was a huge success. We raised a total of \$13,703.45 with the support from our Parish Community, local merchants and the many volunteers. Thank you all so much. The winners of our drawers are: **50/50 Draw**, Colleen, **Hutch** -Clarissa Keeping, **Wreath**: SR. Congratulations to all the winners.

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.

Healing Manger Farm Open House

If anyone would like to come out and visit the animals on Sat. October 10th from 10-2 pm, you are very welcome. There will be free chili, music, 2 horses, 2 donkeys, 5 goats, 7 ducks, cats & dogs and an optional walk a thon to raise money to build a storage place for hay. If anyone wants to recommend people we could hire to help us with the build let Fr Doug know. Healing Manger Farm address is:

7003 Kempt Head Road

Book of Remembrance

Starting this weekend, until the end of the month, the Book of Remembrance. for All- Souls’ Day, will be available for you to sign.

Please share the names of your dearly departed for remembrance during the All- Souls’ masses in November.

Faith Formation Change for Change

Our Faith Formation will be starting on October 18th and this year we will be starting our **Change for Change Program**. We will invite the children to bring in any change they may have earned during the week and place it in the container located on the altar. At the end of the year, we will ask the children where they would like their money to go and then it will be donated to that organization

St Stephen has a new stand thanks to an anonymous donor.



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 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

Ways & Means Committee Meeting

There will be a short meeting of the Ways & Means Committee on Sunday October 18th at 11am after mass downstairs in the Hall.

Keys to the Church

Just a reminder for all persons with keys to the Church, that when they have completed their ministry they must return their key to Pam the secretary at St. Joseph’s office. Documentation is completed and then the parish secretary will give the new key to another person in that organization. Peace, Fr. Doug

Chaplaincy Chili

CBU Chaplaincy is hosting meals for students and I am wondering if any North Sydney parishioners would be open to making a pot of chili for the student gatherings? There are numerous gatherings but you would only be asked once a year. If you are interested, please call the parish office to sign up by Sept. 30th. Sponsors of the meal have the option for Fr Doug to pick up and return your pot, or you are also welcome to join us at CBU and meet the students. Call 902-794-3951 to sign up. Peace, Fr. Doug; CBU Chaplain

Father Greg MacLeod Lecture Series

Ten Years of MAiD in Canada – Are the risks to patient safety worth the emphasis on autonomy?

Presented by a lawyer and a physician from Halifax on Friday October 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Cape Breton University in the Yvonne LeVert Hospitality Suite (Between Great Hall & cafeteria).

Larry Worthen BA. MA (Th.) LLB and Dr. Linda Gagnon M.D.

All are welcome to CBU for this free community lecture, food and refreshments provided.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! OCTOBER 3RD. & 4TH		
Envelopes		1920.00
Loose Cash		400.00
Fuel		35.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Needs of the Canadian Churches		30.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3160.00
Hall		795.00
Church Improvement		140.00

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..

Community

Cape Breton Right to Life Diaper Drive

Cape Breton Right to Life is hosting a diaper drive throughout the month of October. Parishioners are asked to bring donations of diapers and place them in the collection box at the entrance of the church. All donations will be donated to Family Place Resource Centre where they will be distributed to families in need throughout their six offices across Cape Breton.

KOC / CWL

Council 5109 KOC would like to remind all members that this month's meeting will take place next Wed 14 Oct. at 7pm sharp in St. Joseph's Church Hall, North Sydney. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The KOC North Sydney, will be having a Food Drive in support of the North Sydney Food Bank on October 17th from 10am to 2pm. Please drop off your donations in St. Joseph Church parking lot.

CWL Cold Weather Drive

With the colder weather upon us, the CWL is identifying a need to provide hats, mittens, and ski-pants to school-aged children in the local area. We appreciate if you are able to assist with this initiative by kindly dropping off either a hat, or set of mittens, or ski-pants to the church. Thank you & God bless.

Halloween Party

The Catholic Women’s League (CWL) is having a “Halloween Party”, on Thursday October, 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. Let’s Double the fun by bringing a friend to join us. In fact, we will be in full costume! We would love to have every woman in the Parish join us for a “Spooktacular” evening!! A prize will be awarded for Best costume.

*Gentle reminder to CWL members to please bring something to ‘munch and crunch’.

News Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgywEkFGY8>

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week

