

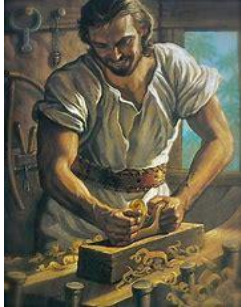


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September 7th, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025 †		
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Sept. 8th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ruth Ann Williams
Tues. Sept. 9th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Georgina Burton
Wed. Sept. 10th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. Sept. 11th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. Sept. 12th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. Sept. 13th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	St. John Chrysostom Bishop	For a Greater Awareness of the Blessed Sacrament
Sun. Sept. 14th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, September 13th		10 am Mass Sunday, September 14th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Georgie Bonnar		Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS	Jude Rankin		Joan Byers, Kay Batherson	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Theresa Ivey, Ken MacDonald		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

On the weekend of September 6th /7th, the recitation of the rosary will resume one half hour before mass.

Week Day Masses

Week day masses will resume the week of September 8th & 9th at 11am.

Parish Meetings

There will be a Liturgy Meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

Levy Insurance

The Diocese has decided to raise the Levy (Tax) on each parish from 13.5% to 15%. This means 15% of our donations must be sent to the Diocese for their operations. We are paying all our bills and we can absorb this new change.

Faith FormationClasses

Registration for Faith Formation classes for all levels from Pre Primary to Level 6 will be held on September 21st after the 10am mass downstairs in the Hall. We will be having ice cream and floats for all the children. Our faith is something important we need to pass on to our children, and we hope to see all our young people attend these classes starting on October 5th, 2025.

St. Joseph Fall Fair

Our Fall Fair is fast approaching. The date for this year’s fair is September 27th from 10am to 2pm. We depend on the generous support of the parishioners to make this event a success. If you have any items you may want to give a new home to, we will gladly take them. Our bake sale was well received last year and we hope parishioners will be willing to help us again this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 902-794-3951. Hope to see everyone at the fair. Your continued support allows us to continue with this fundraiser for our parish.

Visitation to Hospital/Nursing Homes

Relatives or friends of persons in hospital or nursing homes are asked to contact the parish to arrange for spiritual/pastoral care.

Delivering Meals to Neighbors’

Do you know a neighbor or relative or person that could use a meal? Consider coming to St Joseph Hall the 4th Wednesday of each month and picking up meals and bringing them to people you know. Each bagged meal includes a healthy well-balanced lunch.

Collections~ Thank You August 30 th &31st		
Envelopes		1890.00
Loose Cash		340.00
Candles		10.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Totals		2990.00
Hall Fund		322.00
Church Improvement		75.00

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

Ways to Donate

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

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

Diocesan

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

Save the date SEPTEMBER 14 and plan to attend the Annual Celebration at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine. It all starts at the Shrine at 1:00 pm with the Continuous Rosary, continuing until 4:00pm mass in St. Mary’s Church here in Mabou, Cape Breton. Many prayers will be said for many intentions. Please join with us in prayer from home if you are unable to attend. Lunch at the Parish Hall after Mass compliments of St. Mary’s CWL. The gift shop is open every day from 10 am until 4 pm until mid- October. Cash only. Inquiries? Call 902-945-2221 The Shrine is open year round.

Thank-you for your continued support.

Board of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.

Do you receive our diocesan newsletters?

Seven Ears of Grain is emailed each Monday morning, with news and events from our diocese and parishes, plus news and resources from the Vatican and national offices. Witness of Hope is our seasonal newsletter.

To subscribe, visit <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/newsletter/> or email jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

A Day of Care for our Common Home

Saturday, Oct. 4Our Lady of Grace Monastery

10 am: Mass for Care of Creation celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Followed by light refreshments, then a screening of the documentary Laudato Si' 10th Anniversary and a conversation with the filmmaker, Kevin Moynihan. The day will conclude with small table discussions guided by Dr. Darlene O'Leary, Martha Justice Ministry, on options and actions we can choose for home and parish to help heal and nurture our common home.

This Jubilee event is free and open to all ages: individuals, families, parish volunteers, catechists, and everyone interested in learning more about how to care for our common home.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hatt, jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca or <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/living-laudato-si-10/>

Parish Mission

Please mark your calendar for the Parish Mission in St. Peter’s Parish Port Hood, from Saturday, October 25 to Tuesday 28, 2025 preached by Archbishop Martin Curry, Archbishop Emeritus of St. John's NL. The mission will begin with the Holy Mass on Saturday at 4.00pm. Details to follow.

Community

Sydney Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 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 phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

Bras D’ OR Fall Fair

CWL Fall Fair will be held on Wednesday September 24th from 11am to 2pm at the Bras D’Or Hall. Lunch \$15 Eat in or Take Out! Turkey Burger or Hamburger Soup, Tea Biscuit, Strawberry Shortcake, tea or coffee. There will be Bake Tables, Flea market, CWL Thanksgiving Basket with Turkey Dinner and all the trimmings. Gift Cards.

2025 CELTIC COLORS EVENT

Trinity Anglican Church Sydney Mines will once again open the doors of our 184 year old Harris Church, October 18th 2025 from 10am til 4pm. Tables are available for rent for our local Crafters and Artisans@ \$10.00 each. If you or anyone you know may be interested ,please contact Wanda Sheperd at 902 736- 0122 or email dwsheperd@belliant.net before Sept. 13th, 2025.

KOC & CWL

There will be a KOC meeting on Wednesday, September 10th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All Catholic men are welcome to attend.

There will be a CWL meeting on Monday September 8th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Feel free to bring a friend. See you there.

Quote of the Week

“In times of desolation, God conceals Himself from us so that we can discover for ourselves what we are without Him.”

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week

