

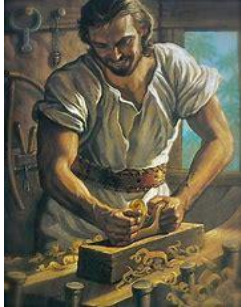


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September 28th, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025 †		
REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon roy.smith@hotmail.ca	<u>Leadership Ministry Team</u> Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance	OFFICE HOURS: TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM TEL: 902 -794-3951

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Sept. 29th	St. Joseph Hall	_____	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael	Private Mass
Tues. Sept. 30th	St. Joseph Hall		St. Jerome	Private Mass
Wed.Oct.1st	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Therese of the Child Jesus	
Thurs. Oct.2nd	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	The Holy Guardian Angels	
Fri. Sept. Oct.3rd	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. Oct.4th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	St. Francis of Assisi	For Persecuted Christians around the world
Sun. Oct.5th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, October 4th		10 am Mass Sunday, October 5th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Rebecca Gracie		Viola Smith, Pam Hall	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS	Ellen McNamara		Kasom Nzelu, Difu Nzelu	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Cathy 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

Faith FormationClasses

Faith Formation Classes begin on Sunday October 4th during the 10am mass.

St. Joseph Choir

St. Joseph Choir will resume Saturday October 4th. The first choir practice will be October 2nd at 9:30am. Former and new members are welcome.

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.

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 19th 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 20th & 21st		
Envelopes		1785.00
Loose Cash		340.00
Fuel		20.00
Candles		15.00
Church Maintenance		535.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3445.00
Hall		412.00

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

Life Chain

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event to raise awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Participants pray silently and hold non-graphic signs with messages of love and truth at hundreds of locations across North America Join us for this year’s Life Chain event in Sydney and bear witness to the sanctity of human life! When: Sunday, October 5th, 2:00-3:00 PM

Where: Sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall (800 Grand Lake Rd)Contact: Pat Moore, (902)-322-5624

Visit: campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain



Community

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

CNIB

Looking for volunteers to provide companionship for people with sight loss – even a walk, a chat, or reading together can make a big difference. Contact us at zi.wan@cnib.ca or 902-403-5134.

KOC & CWL



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 4th degree will meet this Sunday, September 28th 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

“The greatest kindness one can render to any man is leading him to the truth.” St. Augustine

News Story

Our Lady of Grace Monastery 200th Anniversary
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Peace Be With You and Have a Great Week

