



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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December 10th, 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

†DECEMBER 10TH, 2023 †

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions  
FOR THE WEEK 

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Dec. 11th	St. Joseph Church	11am	Funeral Mass	
Tues. Dec. 12th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	For James Blackie
Wed. Dec. 13th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines) St. Joseph (Bras D'OR)	9am 6pm	St. Lucy	
Thurs. Dec. 14th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines) St. Joseph (Bras D'Or)	9am 6pm	St. John of the Cross	
Fri. Dec. 15th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines) St. Ann's (Alder Point)	9am 9am		
Sat. Dec. 16th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Dec. 17th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, December 16th	10 am Mass Sunday, December 17th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Alberta Devoe, Rebecca Gracie	Bob Jardine, Yvette Landry, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Norm Connors	John Ratchford, Helen Gray
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown, Cathy MacDonald	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	?	?
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Ben Tucker

### PARISH NEWS

#### Parish Envelopes 2024

The new envelopes for 2024 are ready and are now available at the back of the church for pick up. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Confessions in Advent

Make your confession before Christmas here on Saturday December 23rd from 10 am to 4 pm at St Joseph Parish in North Sydney. Various Priests of the Northside deanery will be present and rotating each hour.

#### Mass Schedule Dec 23 – January 1, 2024

Saturday Dec 23 – mass 4 PM; Sunday Dec 24 – 10 AM

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses – 4 PM and 7 PM; Christmas Day Mass – 11 AM

Saturday Dec 30 – 4 PM; Sunday Dec 31 – 10 AM (NOTE - No New Years Eve night Mass)

Monday – January 1 New Years Day – 11 AM

## Church Decorating

The decorating for Christmas will take place this Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10am mass. Everyone is welcome to stay after mass and help with the decorating.

## Christmas Fair Winners

Our Christmas Fair was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who donated to the fair, helped set up for the fair, all who worked the day of the fair, those who bought tickets, and of course everyone who came the day of the fair to support us. We raised a total of **\$5,325.00**. The winners of the tickets are : **\$300.00 Sobey's Gift Card** Joan Skinner, **Christmas Wreath**, Marjorie King, **Christmas Sign**, Albert Wilkie, **50/50 Draw** Holly Williams, **Tree Skirt**, Cathy Hickey, **Manger**, Fred MacLeod. Congratulations to all the winners.

## Children's Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Party for all children on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> downstairs in the Hall after the 10 am mass. All children are invited. Santa will also be coming so hope to see everyone there.

## Religious Education

### How does one bear witness to the truth?

A Christian must bear witness to the truth of the Gospel in every field of his activity, both public and private, and also if necessary, with the sacrifice of his very life. Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith. *Further reading: CCC 2471-2474, 2505-2506*

### Advent Wreath & It's Meaning

This Advent Season, we will again be seeking parishioners to come up and light the week's candle on our Parish Wreath.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, the purple candle on the top left is lit. It is known as the "Love or Bethlehem's candle", because it represents when Mary & Joseph went to Bethlehem, and there was no room for them at the Inn. If you are interested in doing this, please tell the Greeter as you enter the church. They will inform a Sacristan who will take you & your partner / family to the altar for instruction & practice prior to the start of the mass. The lighting will be at the beginning and Father will request the lighter(s) of the candle to come forth.

The finance committee created *hall envelopes* that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

## COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! DEC. 2ND. & DEC. 3RD

Envelopes		2210.00
Loose Cash		240.00
Fuel		5.00
Candles		55.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Faith Formation		100.00
Special Collections		
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>3385.00</b>
Hall Fund		745.00
Church Improvement		1050.00

**Shortfall for the week of Dec.2nd & Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 461.15**

## CWL & KOC

The CWL is again offering for sale, Christmas Ornaments for loved ones who are in our thoughts and prayers. The order sheets are in **CWL Christmas Ornaments** envelopes, at the back of the church, and on-line with our Parish bulletin, as a separate attachment. When completed, place your order form with its payment in an envelope marked as **CWL**

**Christmas Ornaments** on week-ends, in the masses' collection basket or drop it off at the church during office hours. If using a personal cheque, please make it payable to "St Joseph's CWL". The cut-off date for acceptance of orders is **Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**. Our price remains at \$5 for each ornament. The ornaments will be labeled as instructed on your order form and placed on the Parish Christmas tree for Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> services. After the conclusion of the Christmas season, those requesting their ornaments will be contacted by phone for their pick-up time & location. We thank you for your continuing support over the years.

## KOC

The regular monthly meeting of Council 5109 Knights of Columbus, North Sydney will be held next Wednesday 13 Dec, 7pm sharp in the Church Hall. Donations and Bursary must be finalized and approved prior to the holiday's. Coffee, donuts, pop and pizza will be provided. All members are urged to attend this very important meeting.

## Christmas Storytelling

Please come out and enjoy an evening of Christmas storytelling and some festive music and carols on Tuesday, December 12 from 7-9 pm at the North Sydney Historical Museum located at 309 Commercial Street. Music will be provided by Brenda Johnston and friends. Hope to see you there.

## Community



Parish of St. Leonard & Friends of Nora's Home Present:

**A Jolly Good Time** December 10 at 2pm St. Leonard Church  
3180 Mt. Carmel Avenue Tickets \$10.00

## Quote

*"Many of the great achievements of the world were accomplished by tired and discouraged men who kept on working."* Oscar Wilde

## News Story

<http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2023/12/bc-woman-with-cancer-who-was-offered.html>

## Community Compassionate Care

**Kids Help Phone** – 1-800-668-6868

**Canada Suicide Prevention Service**

1-833-456-4566 or Text. 4564

**Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line:** Call/text: 1-888-837-7678

[info@abuse-free-sport.ca](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca) [www.abuse-free-sport.ca](http://www.abuse-free-sport.ca)

**Compassionate Community Care** 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

**End Human Trafficking**

<https://blocktraffik.org/>

**Vaccine Injury Support Program**

1-833-489-0839 [info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca](mailto:info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca)

<https://vaccineinjurysupport.ca/en>

**Parenting Resources:**

<https://axis.org/resources/>

**Expectant Mothers Fund**-free baby food/ diapers. Call for help or to donate- 902-794-3951

**Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week**