

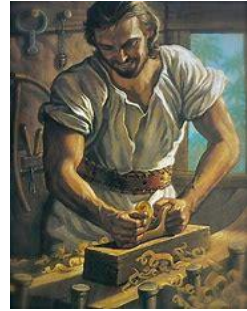


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December 17th, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent

†DECEMBER 17TH, 2023 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

| Date | Location | Time | Details | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|
| Mon. Dec.18th | St. Joseph Hall | 11am | | For Dorothy Maxwell |
| Tues. Dec. 19th | St. Joseph Church | 11am | Funeral Mass | |
| Wed. Dec.20th | Holy Family (Sydney Mines) | 9am | | |
| | St. Joseph (Bras D'OR) | 6pm | | |
| Thurs. Dec.21st | Holy Family (Sydney Mines) | 9am | | |
| | St. Joseph (Bras D'Or) | 6pm | | |
| Fri. Dec. 22nd | Holy Family (Sydney Mines) | 9am | | |
| | St. Ann's (Alder Point) | 9am | | |
| Sat. Dec.23rd | St. Joseph Church | 4pm | | |
| Sun. Dec.24th | St. Joseph Church | 10 am | | For All Parishioners |

| Ministries | 4 pm Mass Saturday, December 23th | 10 am Mass Sunday, December 24th |
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| SACRISTAIN & LINENS | Deacon Roy Smith, Team | Deacon Roy Smith, Team |
| CHOIR | St. Joseph Choir | Alan Gale |
| GREETERS | Elaine MacNeil, Ann Sampson, Rebecca Gracie | Bob Jardine, Viola Smith, Pam Hall |
| USHERS | Men and Women of the Parish | Men and Women of the Parish |
| READERS | Charlotte Monroe | Iris Young, Taralee MacInnis |
| PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | Parishioners | Parishioners |
| EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION | Sheila MacCormick, Cathy MacDonald | George Quirk, Joan Skinner |
| Interior Church (cleaning) | ? | ? |
| EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING) | Fr. Doug | Ben Tucker |

PARISH NEWS

Advent All Day Confessions

In preparation for Christmas, come to St. Joseph Parish, North Sydney with a variety of priests on **Saturday December 23rd**

10 am - Fr Fabian, Pastor Sydney Mines

11 am - Fr Victor, Pastor Frenchvale

12 pm - Fr Leo Cordeau, retired

1 pm - Fr Angus MacDougall, retired

2 pm - Fr Chinoso, Pastor Bras d'Or

3 pm - Fr Doug, Pastor North Sydney

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 Year's Day – 11 AM

Ministries Schedule Christmas Eve – New Year’s Day

Greeters: Dec 24th – 4 PM: Ina Taylor, Debbie Reashore, Georgie Bonnar: **7 PM:** Kim Dooley, Elaine MacNeil, Sally Ryan

Dec 25th 11 AM: Yvonne MacDonald, Yvette Landry, Pam Hall

January 1st 11 AM: Elaine MacNeil, Debbie Reashore, Viola Smith

Lectors: Dec 24th – 4 PM: Denise Jardine / Carolyn Aker

7 PM: Fred MacLeod / Daniel McKeough

Dec 25th 11 AM: John Ratchford / Iris Young

January 1st 11 AM: Taralee MacInnis / Joan Byers

Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers of Communion:

Dec 24th – 4 PM: Lisa Brown / Lloyd Brewer: **7 PM:** Sheila MacCormick, Monica Shebib

Dec 25th 11 AM: Janis and Richard Rose:

January 1st 11 AM: Janis and Richard Rose

Children’s Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Party for all children on Sunday December 17th 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

Advent Wreath & It’s Meaning: Dec 17th

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

On the 3rd *Sunday of Advent*, the pink candle on the top right is lit. It is known as the “Joy or Shepard’s candle, because it represents the joy felt by Mary & Joseph, because Jesus was in Mary’s womb, awaiting His birth, and Shepherds were the first to visit Him. 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 or instruction & practice prior to the start of mass. The lightening 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. 9TH. & DEC. 10TH

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| Envelopes | | 1495.00 |
| Loose Cash | | 220.00 |
| Fuel | | 530.00 |
| Candles | | 40.00 |
| Expectant Mothers | | 125.00 |
| Faith Formation | | |
| Special Collections | | |
| Pre-Authorized Debit | | 750.00 |
| Total | | 3160.00 |
| Hall Fund | | 235.00 |
| Church Improvement | | 150.00 |

Shortfall for the week of Dec.9th& Dec. 10th \$ 686.15

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. 17th**. 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. 24th 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.

Community

The family of Conrad (93) and Rosella (89) MacDonald are having an open house in honor of both their December Birthdays. This will take place on Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 4:30pm until 8:30pm at the Sydney Mines Firehall. Light appetizers and music. Best wishes only!

Musique Royale: Handel's Messiah - Ensemble Ménéstrel

For music lovers around the world, Handel's Messiah brings families together to begin their Christmas celebrations. Annually, it’s the single most performed piece of classical music worldwide (The Guardian). Artistic director and soprano Janelle Lucyk congregates emerging historical performance specialists from Canada and beyond to create this pocket-sized "Messiah-on-the-go", which also features soprano Ariadne Lih, mezzo-soprano Sarah Myatt, tenor Kerry Bursey and bass Matthew Li as soloists. The tour will feature the masterwork at historic venues in Baddeck, Wolfville, and Lunenburg. Thursday December 21 at 7 pm - Knox Presbyterian Church, **Baddeck** Friday December 22 at 7 pm - Wolfville Baptist Church, **Wolfville** Saturday December 23 at 7 pm - St John’s Anglican Church, **Lunenburg**
Tickets at musiqueroyale.com

Quote

“Dignity does not consist in possessing honors, but in deserving them.” Aristotle

News Story

Magisterium AI is new and scans thousands of Church documents over the years to give Church teaching on any issue e.g. sacraments, Socialism, morality, IVF etc.
<https://www.magisterium.com/>

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 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

<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