



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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February 4th, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Feb. 5th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St. Agatha	For Sharon Jellow
Tues. Feb.6th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		For Shaun McNamara
Wed. Feb.7th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Paula Jessome
Thurs. Feb.8th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Joseph Edwards
Fri. Feb.9th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Ronald MacDonald
Sat. Feb.10th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm	St. Scholastica	For Shirley LeBlanc
Sun. Feb.11th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, February 10th	10 am Mass Sunday, February 11th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Alberta Devoe	Matt Batherson, Viola Smith
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Jude Rankin	John Ratchford, Fred MacLeod
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer	George Quirk
Interior Church (cleaning)		
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	

PARISH NEWS

Parish Meeting

There will be a Liturgy Committee on Thursday, February 8th at 11 am in the Parish Hall.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2023 are now available on the table at the entrance to the Hall.

Envelope Information

If you are not already putting your information on your envelopes, please put your name, address and telephone number on one or two of your envelopes so we can make sure we have the proper information in the computer. Thank You.

Ash Wednesday February 14th Schedule

Mass times for Ash Wednesday are 11am and 6:30pm in the Hall.

Celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise & World Day of the Sick

At the week-end masses of Feb. 10th and 11th, St. Joseph Parish will hold a combined celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise (Feb. 3rd) and World Day of the Sick (Feb. 11th) with prayers to Our Lady of Lourdes and blessing of the throats, for those who would like to have it done.

At the week-end masses, of Feb.10th and 11th, the following prayer for the sick will be prayed and the Blessing of the Throats will be done after mass.

Special Thanks Long & McQuade

Thank you to Alex at Long & McQuade for fixing our portable mic for services in the hall.

Prayer for the Sick

O' Blessed Lady of Lourdes, You gave us the spring of life.
 Your waters have cured the sick and those who suffer from strife.
 In times of worry and doubt You refresh us with your hope.
 When relief seems far from sight, You teach us how to cope.
 O lovely Lady in white, stay beside us, this we pray.
 Send your Son to heal us and be with us each day. **Amen**

Free Money/Grants for You at Church

On Saturday and Sunday Feb. 3 & 4th after mass, MLA Fred Tilley will be present with his secretary at the church hall to fill out a variety of forms for you. These applications are so you can get free grants for heating, food, home repairs, insulation etc. Just bring your ID and tell your friends to get it all done on Feb 3/4th at mass. Parishioners who come early before mass can complete their grant forms. Peace, Fr. Doug

Holy Cross Cemetery Closed for Winter

The two access roads at Holy Cross Cemetery now have the chains up, preventing access to the cemetery, until the Spring.

Our website www.holycrosscemeteryns.com, is now fully up to date. All burials that we have record of, from the mid 70's to 2023, are entered on line. Any person that may have purchased a plot only, that is also now entered online. The name ,address, section, block ,row and grave number are all entered in maybe 80% of the records. Plots sold but still unused have a *** after grave number. All of this information was taken from burial records, some of the writing was hard to decipher, but I have figured names out as best as I could. The above site includes names for 2961 burials. when the site is loaded it might be slow to upload all the records.

Prices for plot purchases and both Cremation and Full (Casket) burials, have not increased since 2012. The only difference since 2012, is that we no longer charge a Perpetual Charge or an Annual Charge. That cost is now included in the burial fee.

Thank you, Daniel McKeough, Chair Holy Cross Cemetery

KOC & CWL

CWL Christmas Ornaments

For those who requested the return of their ornaments, they have been repacked, and are available at the week-end masses in our Chapel until Sunday, Feb 11th.

Any remaining ornaments unclaimed after that date, will be donated to charity. We thank you for your continuing support.

Enjoy chicken? burgers? barbecue?

On Saturday, Feb 24th, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm and Sunday, Feb 25th, from 11 pm to 12:30 pm, your desires will be fulfilled!

The CWL will be serving delicious pulled chicken burgers, a side of tangy coleslaw and scrumptious portion of lemon cake - cost is \$12.00 per serving. **TAKE OUT ONLY.**

Funds raised help the CWL continue its support of parish and community projects.

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! JAN.27TH. & JAN. 28TH

Envelopes		1600.00
Loose Cash		175.00
Solemnity of Mary		
Candles		
Initial Offering		20.00
Christmas Offering		
Fuel		70.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2615.00
Hall Fund		242.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Shortfall for the week of Jan.27th& Jan.28th\$ 1231.15

Diocesan

You are invited to join us for a Lenten session on prayer and exploring spiritual conversation as a way to deepen our relationship with God, and with each other.

You may choose any of the following:

1. Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at **St. Leonard Pastoral Centre**
2. Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at Our Lady Of Fatima Church Hall
3. Saturday, March 16 from 10:00am until 1:00pm at Bethel Presbyterian Church Hall, Brookland St, Sydney.

Sessions are facilitated by members of the Cape Breton Local of the Atlantic Association of Spiritual Directors.

There is no fee, but registration is required.

To register, please contact: Winnie Odo (twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca) (902-862-2330) or Gary Fancey (gafancey@netscape.net) (902-862-7580) or Julia Townsend (juliat@eastlink.ca) (902-562-8423)

Community

February 13-18

Boardmore Playhouse, Cape Breton University 'Murder in the Cathedral'

written by T.S. Eliot, directed by Russell Colman

February 13,14,15,16,17 at 7:00 pm

(February 16 is Pay What You Choose or Food Bank Donation)

February 18 at 2:00 pm

Murder in the Cathedral by T. S. Eliot is a play about the martyrdom of Saint Thomas Becket in 1170. While Murder in the Cathedral is a story of historical martyrdom, it asks us to look more carefully at the idea of martyrdom itself, of sacrifice, and temptation. In our lives, we can ask: What would I give my life for? What sacrifices have I made, or could have made, for a greater good? What in my life tempts me away from my better self? How do we choose the right thing to do and, more importantly, Eliot asks: Did we do the right thing for the right reason?
<https://www.cbu.ca/community/boardmore-playhouse/>

Quote of the Week

"You never know how a horse will pull until you hook him to a heavy load."
 Bear Bryant

News Story

<https://beta.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/1-579/after-loss-loved-one-guide-legal-and-emotional-concerns-en.pdf>

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

For assistance phone- 902 794 3951

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week

