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Epiphany of the Lord

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Jan. 8th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	The Baptism of the Lord	For Alonzo March
Tues. Jan.9th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		For Joseph Edwards
Wed. Jan.10th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. Jan.11th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. Jan.12th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys	
Sat. Jan.13th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		Juanita Day
Sun. Jan.14th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, January 13th	10 am Mass Sunday, January 14th
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	Carolyn Aker	Iris Young, 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

Thank you 🙏 for your Christmas Gifts

You were so kind and supportive of me as your pastor at Christmas. I was so grateful for your cards and gifts. Appreciative of your presence at our beautiful Christmas liturgies and deeply moved by the spirit of cooperation and good will from the people of the Northside. Special thank you to the many volunteers who do so much behind the scenes, especially our parish ministry team. I look forward to being with you all for many years to come.

Thank you all so very much, Fr. Doug

Epiphany blessed water for your Home

There is a tradition of blessing your home and those who live there with Holy Water in the New Year, so Blessed water is available at the entrance of the Church for you to fill your bottle or container.

Christmas Gift for You on Epiphany

This weekend we celebrate Epiphany, traditionally a time when gifts were given in honour of the three wise men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to honour our blessed Lord. I have a book for each parishioner.

They are spiritual and theology books to compliment your interior life. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Peace, Fr. Doug

Masses moving to Hall Weekend of January 13/14th

In mid January we will be once again moving to the hall for all masses, except funerals. All parishioners are asked to park as usual and then enter the side door entrance to our Church Hall.

Religious Education will continue in the office, meeting room and Religious Education room. Funerals will remain upstairs all winter. Thank you for your cooperation as we use our limited

funds for the oil to provide warm funerals for our faithful departed.

Mass Cancelations

Just a reminder that when school is cancelled due to bad weather weekday mass will also be canceled.

Parish Meeting

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Thursday Jan. 11th at 11am in the Parish Hall.

Mass Cards more accessible, at office or self-Service Method for your convenience:

Do you want to offer a mass for someone or for an intention or cause important to you?

Mass cards can be completed by the parish secretary, or the self service option at the entrance of the Church. It is my understanding they are no longer available at the funeral home, so come by the office Tuesday to Friday, or get your mass card at the weekend mass. Mass cards are located at the statue of St. Joseph at the entrance of the church. There are two parts to be completed:

1. **Mass card** - complete and take the mass card with you and give it to the person or family you are offering mass for.
2. **Envelope** - write the name and/or intention on the envelope provided and then place your offering inside and seal, then place in the collection.
3. **Public or private mass?** If you prefer a private mass, please write the word "private" at the bottom of the envelope. Then your mass will be said privately and no intention written in the bulletin.

Sacraments are free because God's grace is free, that means masses are also free. The suggested \$10 is a donation, not a cost, therefore if you offer \$5 or \$2 or a loonie that is fine.

Please take advantage of this mass card self-service approach or drop by the office so we can complete it for you. Every mass card intention will be processed, offered publicly at weekday mass on Monday, Tuesday or Saturday and listed in the weekly bulletin; unless you indicate you want a private mass.

St. Joseph Parish, Peace Fr. Doug

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.30TH. & DEC.31ST

Envelopes		1680.00
Loose Cash		250.00
Fuel		35.00
Candles		45.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Christmas Offering		135.00
Indigenous Fund		
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2920.00
Hall Fund		2035.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Shortfall for the week of Dec.30th& Dec.31st \$ 926.15

Quote of the Week

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person."
Benjamin Franklin

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 1ST

Envelopes		88.00
Loose Cash		125.00
Fuel		
Candles		25.00
Christmas Offering		10.00
Solemnity of Mary		942.00
Initial Offering		435.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2375.00
Hall Fund		30.00

CWL

The CWL would like to acknowledge all who helped make our 2023 Christmas Ornament Campaign a success. Special thanks to those who purchased CWL ornaments in support of the CWL's financial obligations to our parish & community commitments.

News Story

Christmas Song:

<https://youtu.be/68mCdwb4A3k?si=HRbOE8LbGEJyspta>

New Years Resolutions

"The glory of God is man fully alive."

Saint Irenaeus

When was the last time you felt fully alive?

How do you feel about the year ahead right now?

Who do you want to be next year?

What do you believe about your past that is keeping you from your future?

If you only accomplish one thing next year what would you like it to be?

What needs to be on your not to do list next year?

What are you just satisfied with this time in your life?

What do you need most from your friends & family next year and what do they need from you?

How do you want to feel differently one year now from you do today?

Are you serious about making this the best year of your life?

Who do you want to help in powerful ways?

If you retire at the end of next year what do you see yourself doing?

What 10 books do you want to read next year, can you make a list?

Who do you want to love more and better than ever before next year?

Have you given up on some part of your life which part and why?

If you can vacation anywhere in the world next year where would you go & why?

If you gave one thing away every day next year how would your life be different?

What do you do that engages 10% of you and what do you do that engages 90% of you?

If you knew you only had one year to live what would you make sure you did?

What do you have to do next year because if you do not your soul will start to die?

What is one thing you can do every day next year to make you a better version of yourself?

When were you happiest, what year?

What is it that you really want? It's OK not to know, but spend time in the classroom of silence to figure it out.

What are you proudest of as you look back on last year?

What three dreams are most important to you next year?

What are you pretending not to know and why are you afraid to acknowledge it?

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week

