



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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January 18th, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 18TH, 2026 †

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## ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions  
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Jan.19th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Harold Le Blanc
Tues. Jan.20th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Harold Le Blanc
Wed.Jan.21st	Personal Mass		St. Angus	
Thurs. Jan.22nd	Personal Mass			
Fri.Jan.23rd	Personal Mass			
Sat.Jan.24th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm	St. Francis De Sales	
Sun. Jan.25th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, January 24th	10 am Mass Sunday, January 25th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Alberta Devoe, Elaine MacNeil	Bob Jardine, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Ellen McNamara	Ken MacDonald, Denise Jardine
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick	Gary Burton
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELS		Dave Williams

## PARISH NEWS

### Mass in the Hall for 8 weeks

Mass in the hall goes for 8 weeks starting Sat. Jan. 17 at 4 pm. Please park as normal and enter the hall entrance. Note: All funerals remain upstairs throughout the winter. We will return upstairs on the weekend of Sat. March 14th at 4 pm. On March 14th we will also have a Parish meal in honour of St. Joseph our Patron and it is a fundraiser for our wonderful CWL.

The Catholic Church teaches in these situations we are to stand during the consecration. UNITY is such a paramount value of the praying community, that we all stand, sit, kneel and respond together. For health reasons, lack of space, & if no kneelers are present, the Posture for mass in the Hall is standing at the consecration with a profound bow when the priest genuflects. For those who cannot follow the Church teaching, I

invite you to gather in the side so as not to break unity of posture or confuse people. Unity in our mass is very important, so I invite everyone to follow the instructions of the Church for these unique situations and kneel for a prolonged period after mass.

Thank you all. Peace, Fr. Doug

### Weekday Mass Cancellation

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

### Modules for First Communion and Penance (Confession)

The modules for children making the sacrament of Penance will begin on **February 1<sup>st</sup> and continue to March 1<sup>st</sup>**. For the children making the sacrament of First Eucharist, the modules will begin on **March 29<sup>th</sup> and continue until May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. These classes are half an hour long and are an important part of preparing your child to receive the sacraments.

Classes are held on Sundays at 11am downstairs in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please call the office at (902) 794-3951

# BLESSING OF BELL AT NORTH SYDNEY

**Rev. Dr. Thompson Officiates  
and Preaches.—It May be  
Heard on Christmas  
Day.**

**NORTH SYDNEY, December 22—** The ceremony of blessing the new bell took place at St. Joseph's church yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock. It was followed by a solemn high mass, with Rev. Dr. Thompson, Glace Bay, as celebrant, Rev. C. F. McKinnon, Sydney Mines, deacon, Rev. James Kiley, of St. Francis Xavier college as sub-deacon, and Rev. Z. Picotte, master of ceremonies.

Previous to the celebration of mass, Rev. Dr. Thompson assisted by the above clergymen, and the pastor, Rev. Wm. F. Kiley, and about 20 acolytes, proceeded to the vestibule of the church, where the bell was temporarily placed, and the impressive ceremony gone thru, after which the procession deformed and proceeded back to the high altar and the mass begun.

The reverend doctor was in good form and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon, suitable to the occasion, taking his text from the 150th psalm. The choir under the direction of Miss Agnes MacPherson, and Mr. Pickup, rendered the usual mass in beautiful style. Despite the disagreeable weather a very large congregation was present to assist in the impressive ceremony, many from the outside districts being present.

The bell, which is a very large one, is a gift to the parish, and bears on the lip the name of the parish and its present pastor. It came from one of the largest bell manufacturers at Troy, New York. The pastor hopes to have the bell placed in position this week when it may possibly be heard for the first time on Christmas morning.

## COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Envelopes		1740.00
Loose Cash		275.00
Candles		20.00
Initial Offering		35.00
Solemnity of Mary		20.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2840.00
Hall		662.00
Church Improvement		50.00

## 7 Ways to Donate :

**Send a cheque donation:** St Joseph Parish

P.O. Box 338 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney, N.S. B2A 3M4

**E-transfer:** Email a donation to the parish email address: [stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca)**Credit card, or debit card:** Please come into the parish office to complete your donation.

**Parish Envelopes:** Please see the office or ask us at mass for your own personal box of donation envelopes.

**Hall Fund Envelopes:** 100% of Donations to the St. Joseph Hall Fund stay in North Sydney and are spent locally. They are available throughout the Church.

**Pre-Authorized Debit:** Please bring a void cheque and call the office to get started.

**Cash Donations:** All cash donations given directly at the office get a tax receipt. Loose cash donated at mass is locked in security bags by two screened volunteers and the total amount is posted each week in the bulletin.

## Diocesan

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be celebrated from

Jan. 19th - 23 from 12-1pm at St. Marguerite Bourgeois Church at 40 Cabot Street and all are invited to attend! This year's theme is from Ephesians 4:4 "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope of your calling". More information can be found at week of [prayer.ca](http://prayer.ca).

## January 18-24- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

This annual event which takes place in Sydney this year invites Christians from different traditions to come together in prayer, reflection, and action. All are welcome.

## Liturgy Study Day

There will be Liturgy study days at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Saturday, Jan. 24, from 10:00am-3:00pm.

From 10:00am-12:00pm will be a general session on the meaning of the parts of the Mass and its structure.

1:00pm-3:00pm there will be breakout sessions for lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ministers of hospitality.

Another workshop for liturgical music in February, TBD.

Open to all parishes. Lunch will be provided free of charge.

Please call the parish at (902) 564-9021 if you plan to attend so we can prepare numbers for lunch.

## Community

Sydney Tuesday, January 20, 2026 1:30 -3:30 pm. An invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office. This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

## KOC

Knights of Columbus Council 5109 of North Sydney will be having a pancake and sausage supper on February 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Bras D'Or, from 4:30 to 7pm. Eat in only. No charge but donations will be accepted. Hope to see you there.

## Quote of the Week

*"We cannot have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

## News Story

**The Mass Explained**

<https://youtu.be/WXHOzp1WBTk>

**Purity for Vision**

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/H9V6TnU0h0M>

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