

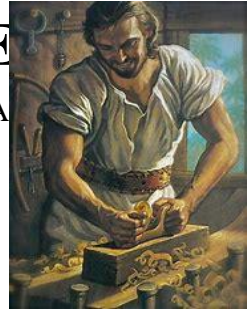


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November 5th, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

†NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon Nov. 6th	St. Joseph Hall	Private Mass		
Tues. Nov. 7th	St. Joseph Hall	Private Mass		
Wed. Nov. 8th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
	St. Joseph (Bras D'OR)	6pm		
Thurs. Nov. 9th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica	
	St. Joseph (Bras D'Or)	6pm		
Fri. Nov. 10th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Leo, Pope	
	St. Ann's (Alder Point)	9am		
Sat. Nov. 11th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	St. Martin of Tours	
Sun. Nov. 12th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, November 11th	10 am Mass Sunday, November 12th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Debbie Reashore, Sally Ryan	Viola Smith, Matt Batherson, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Norm Connors	Taralee MacInnis, Denise Jardine
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Sheila MacCormick	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	?	?
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Ben Tucker

PARISH NEWS

Parsh Meetings

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 8th at 11am in the Parish Hall

Fundraising Committee

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 14th at 11am in the Parish Hall.

Pastoral Visits to the Hospital

The new government regulations for hospitals no longer collect patients faith information. Without this information concerning the "faith identity" of patients in hospital, we will no longer know your

there and so our parishioners in the hospital, or their family will need to tell us and ask clergy to visit them.

First Communion Prep starts now

Parents wanting 1st Communion preparation for their Children are asked to start bringing their child to Sunday morning mass and after the opening prayer the first communion preparation takes place in the hall during mass. In January there will also be First Communion modules after mass as well. Children will make their 1st Holy Communion on Mother's Day, May 12th, 2024.

First Confession Prep starts now

Parents wanting 1st Confession (Penance) preparation for their children are asked to start bringing their child to Sunday morning mass and after the opening prayer the first confession preparation takes place in the hall during mass. In the New Year there will also be First Confession modules after mass as well. Children will make their 1st Confession in April, 2024. All are welcome.

Confirmation Sessions this Fall

Do you have a child open to being confirmed in the spring? Sessions are now taking place after Sunday mass from 11 am to noon. Confirmation is a sacrament whereby the young person confirms the choice their parents made to baptize them. As the young person freely cooperates with Christ, the baptismal graces are deepened and unleashed in their lives. Youth aged approximately 10 and up who are ready to confirm their parents decision to baptize them can join preparations. Regular Faith Formation or Religion classes takes place during mass, and all older youth are invited to assist the younger kids at that time. Sacraments also require a little extra preparation outside of mass, so we warmly invite youth to come to confirmation sessions next Sunday after mass. Treats included.

Helping teach the children & Catechists:

Anyone interested in helping accompany children in preparing for the sacraments or regular faith formation, including parents are invited to join the children with the catechists in the hall during mass. Thank you for your consideration, Peace Fr. Doug

Religious Education

What duty do we have toward our body?

We must take reasonable *care of our own physical health* and that of others but avoid the *cult of the body* and every kind of excess. Also to be avoided are the use of drugs which cause very serious damage to human health and life, as well as the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco, and medicine. *Further reading: CCC 2288-2291*

Christmas Fair

It is that time of year again as we begin preparations for our Christmas Fair. This year the fair will be held on Saturday December 2nd from 10 am until 2 pm in the Church Hall. There will be lots of Christmas crafts, baked goods, fudge and ticket draws. We are hoping this year to have a toy table with toys that are in like new condition. If you have any toys you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Also, we are looking for your help with baked goods for our bake table. With so many excellent bakers in the parish, we will have lots of goodies for sale. Thank you in advance for your continuing support with our fundraisers for our parish.

Christmas Craft Fair Tickets

We try to avoid selling tickets in our Church, but some can not make it to the office during the week to purchase tickets due to work. So for your convenience, we will have tickets available at the entrance for the last two weekends of November.

Socks for CBU Students

Gently used socks are being collected for CBU students throughout the month of November. A box will be available at the entrance of the church for any socks you may wish to give. These socks will be taken to CBU Chaplaincy and given out to students in Advent.

CWL& KOC

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will take place again this year. We have a limited quantity of shoeboxes for parish distribution, but you can use any standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. A donation of \$10 per box for shipping is requested. This can be done by cheque (payable to Samaritan's Purse) placed in a marked envelope inside the box, or online at SamaritansPurse.ca. <https://packabox.samaritanspurse.ca> Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

Please return your shoeboxes no later than November 15th. The CWL thanks you for your ongoing support.

KOC Meeting

There will be a general meeting next Wednesday evening, Nov8th at 7pm, for members of Council 5109, North Sydney. Xmas donations will be finalized at this time, including presentation Jewels to Past Grand Knights. All members are urged to attend for your input regarding the donations. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Diocesan

Celebrating the Triduum in the Parish The Triduum liturgy is the culmination of the entire year and it makes sense that the community's Sunday experience influences their anticipation of Triduum. If our assemblies are not engaged by music, preaching, hospitality, or other sacramental encounters at the Sunday liturgy, they are not likely to seek out more of the same. It is common to think of our Sunday liturgies as "Little Easters," particularly because we celebrate the Risen Christ in every liturgy. Perhaps we also could consider Easter Sunday, and thus Triduum, as "One Great Big Sunday" that is integrally connected to all other Sundays of the year. This larger framework can inform how we plan, prepare, celebrate the Triduum, and balance the dialogue between Easter Sunday and all of the Sundays of the liturgical year. With this in mind parishes and individuals are invited to join a Livestream talk *Three Days but One Feast- Celebrating the Triduum in the Parish* offered by Fr. Bill Burke, Pastor of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. This talk will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 7:00pm, at St. Joseph Church, Port Hawkesbury, NS. This presentation will be available to watch live on our Diocesan Website (<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/>). Pastors, parish pastoral councils, liturgy committee members and all interested parishioners are invited to login for this event.

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! OCT 28TH. & OCT.29TH

Envelopes		1765.00
Loose Cash		415.00
Fuel		165.00
Candles		40.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Faith Formation		
Special Collections		
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3160.00
Hall Fund		1040.00
Church Improvement		55.00

Surplus for the week of Oct.21st& Oct.29th \$ 686.15

Quote of the Week

"It ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward." Sylvester Stallone in Rocky Balboa

"Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty, but also by the abuse of power." James Madison

News Story

<https://nationalpost.com/news/directives-to-military-chaplains-urge-expunging-god-religion-from-remembrance-day-public-ceremonies>

<https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs/housing-programs-seniors/home-adaptations-seniors-independence>

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week