



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## December 8th, 2024

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

<b>DECEMBER 8TH, 2024 †</b>		
<b>REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR</b> <b>CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY</b> <b>Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon</b> roy.smith@hotmail.ca	<b><u>Leadership Ministry Team</u></b> Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance	<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> <b>TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM</b>  <b>TEL: 902 -794-3951</b>

#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK *Mass Intentions*

Date	Location	Time	Details	<i>FOR THE WEEK</i>
Mon. Dec.9th	St. Joseph Hall	_____	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Tues. Dec.10th	St. Joseph Hall	_____		
Wed. Dec.11th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)			
Thurs. Dec. 12th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)		Our Lady of Guadalupe	
Fri. Dec. 13th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)		St. Lucy	
Sat. Dec.14th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	St. John of the Cross	For Stan Brothers
Sun. Dec.15th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Dec.14th	10 am Mass Sunday, Dec.15th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Alberta Devoe, Sally Ryan	Viola Smith, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Tomsy Thomas	Alexandra Young, Kay Batherson
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Diana Steele	Joan Skinner, George Quirk
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

#### PARISH NEWS

#### **Mass Schedule Dec 24 – January 1, 2025**

- Tuesday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Eve Masses** – 4 PM and 7 PM:
- Wednesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Day Mass** – 11 AM
- Saturday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – 4 PM; Sunday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM
- Tuesday Dec 31<sup>st</sup> **New Years Eve** - 4 PM
- Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> **New Years Day** – 11 AM

#### **Recitation of the Rosary**

Please join us the weekend of December 7th -8th, one half hour before mass as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother.

#### **Winter Coats**

The Parish has new winter coats available for any youth that may need a warm coat for the winter. Sizes range from 7/8 to 14/16. Please contact the office at 902 794-3951 if we can help you with a warm coat.

## Christmas Ornaments

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. 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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. 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Advent Wreath

During Advent, the candles on the Advent Wreath are lit at each mass. If you are interested in doing this, please tell the office or the Greeter as you enter the church. They will inform a Sacristan, who will take you and your partner/family to the altar for instruction and practice prior to the start of mass. The lightening will be at the beginning of mass and Father will request the lighter(s) of the candle to come forth.

## What is required by the ninth commandment?

The ninth commandment requires that one overcome carnal concupiscence in thought and in desire. The struggle against such concupiscence entails purifying the heart and practicing the virtue of temperance. Further reading: CCC 2514-2516 528.

What is forbidden by the ninth commandment? The ninth commandment forbids cultivating thoughts and desires connected to actions forbidden by the sixth commandment. Further reading: CCC 2517-2519, 2531-2532

## COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! NOV.30TH& DEC. 1ST

Envelopes		1950.00
Loose Cash		340.00
Candles		30.00
Fuel		
Expectant Mothers		100.00
Pre-Authorized		750.00
Total		3170.00
Hall		615.00
Church Improvement		150.00

## Ways to Donate

**Pre-Authorized Debit:** please call the office to get started.

**To donate by credit card, google pay or PayPal click:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-josephs-parish-north-sydney/>

## Diocesan

### 75th Anniversary Mass and Celebration

The Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney River invite you to attend our 75th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, December 15th at 2 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick and Pastors of the parish. All are most welcome to help us celebrate this milestone. A time of fellowship will follow. We hope you can come and celebrate with us!

## Community

### A message from the Shrine in Mabou:

On Saturday, December 7th there will be a Christmas Shopping Sale at the Shrine Gift shop in Mabou. From 1pm until 4pm all gifts, except for the candles will be 50% OFF. We still have some wonderful gifts for Baptism and Confirmation. All are 1/2 price while they last. We also have many other gifts for friends and family.

Hope to see you here!

### Christmas Concert

Entertainment is The Thomas Sisters ( Leona, Henrietta and Delores), Joe and Gerry Gillis, Frank Doran and other local musicians  
St. Margaret Church, Grand Mira South  
Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.  
Donation at the door Refreshments Served

### Tea and Talk

Sydney Tuesday, December 17, 2024 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.

### Chiming in Winter

Second wind community concert band. Chiming in Winter. CBU Boardmore playhouse. December 18 th7:30. Tickets are 20 children 5. Tickets at. On Paper Books Charlotte St or at the door

### Dec 20th to January 6th 2024/2025

#### Christmas in Medjugorje

#### Booking is Now Open

with Group Leader Rhonda-Lynn Cormier-Clarke  
Space and time are limited, please book as soon as possible  
Package Price: \$4799.00 Canadian per person tax included from Halifax. For More information and to book please call Rhonda-Lynn at: 902 448 3660

### Mass for Shut Ins

Change of airtime for Christmas Day, Mass for Shut Ins

Mass for Shut Ins will air at 11:00am on CTV on Christmas Day.

## CWL

There will be a CWL meeting on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

### Quote of the Week

*"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist." Saint Gregory the Great*

### News Story

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

