

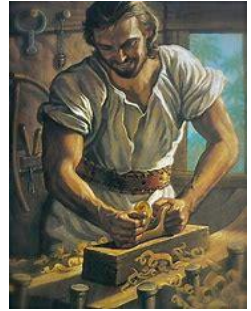


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December 22nd, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Merry Christmas

DECEMBER 22ND, 2024 †		
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK Mass Intentions

Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Dec.23rd	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Gerald Smith
Tues. Dec.24th	St. Joseph Church	4pm, 7pm	Christmas Eve	4pm David Ryan & Family 7pm Donnie MacLellan
Wed. Dec.25th	St. Joseph Church	11am	The Nativity of the Lord	Donald Allan Landry
Thurs. Dec. 26th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)		St. Stephen	
Fri. Dec. 27th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)		St. John	
Sat. Dec.28th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	The Holy Innocents	For a Greater Awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus
Sun. Dec.29th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Dec.28th	10 am Mass Sunday, Dec.29th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Alberta Devoe, Sally Ryan	Taralee MacInnis, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker, Tomsy Thomas	Denise Jardine, Difu Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick, 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 24th **Christmas Eve Masses** – 4 PM and 7 PM:

Wednesday Dec 25th **Christmas Day Mass** – 11 AM

Saturday Dec 28th – 4 PM; Sunday Dec 29th – 10 AM

Tuesday Dec 31st **New Years Eve** - 4 PM

Wednesday January 1st **New Years Day** – 11 AM

Ministries Schedule Christmas Eve Dec 24, 2024 – New Years Day Jan 1, 2025

Music: Dec 24th @ 4 PM: St. Joseph Choir; 7 PM Andrew Doyle

Dec 25th @ 11 AM: Alan Gale **Jan 1 @ 11 AM:** St. Joseph Choir

Greeters: Dec 24th @ 4 PM: Debbie Reashore / Rebecca Gracie:

7 PM: Kim Dooley / Elaine MacNeil.

Dec 25th @ 11 AM: Yvonne MacDonald / Pam Hall

Dec 28th @ 4 PM: Alberta Devoe / Sally Ryan

Dec 29th @ 10 AM: Taralee MacInnis / Pam Hall

Dec 31st @ 4 PM: Debbie Reashore / Rebecca Gracie

Jan 1, 2025 @ 11 AM: Ann Sampson, / Pam Hall

Lectors: Dec 24th @ 4 PM: Jude Rankin / Charlotte Monroe

7 PM: Taralee MacInnis / Joan Byers:

Dec 25th @ 11 AM: Alexandra Young / John Ratchford:

Dec 28th @ 4 PM: Carolyn Aker / Tomsy Thomas

Dec 29th @ 10 AM: Denise Jardine / Difu Nzelu

Dec 31st @ 4 PM: Iris Young / Taralee MacInnis

January 1st @ 11 AM: John Ratchford / Helen Gray

Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers of Communion:

Dec 24th @ 4 PM: Lisa Brown / Cathy MacDonald: **7 PM:** Sheila MacCormick / Monica Shebib: **Dec 25th @ 11 AM:** Janis and Richard Rose: **Dec 28th @ 4 PM:** Sheila MacCormick/ Cathy MacDonald: **Dec 29th @ 10 AM:** George Quirk/ Joan Skinner: **Dec 31st @ 4 PM:** Lloyd Brewer/ Sheila MacCormick: **January 1st @ 11 AM:** Cathy MacDonald/ Joan Skinner

All Day Advent Confessions

Saturday, Dec. 21st from 10 am to 4 pm at St. Joseph Parish in North Sydney. Come and be reconciled with God before Christmas.

Office Closure Schedule

The office will be closed on the following dates for Christmas Holidays: December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th. The office will be open on December 27th for anyone looking to make a tax donation before the end of the year. The office will be closed on December 30th and open on Tuesday December 31st from 9am to 12pm.

Finance Meeting

Finance Committee Sunday January 5th after mass at 11:15 am in the Hall.

Recitation of the Rosary

Please join us the weekend of January 4th-5th one half hour before mass as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother

Confirmation Classes

Classes will begin on January 12th, 2025 for all those wishing to make the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2025. These classes will take place on Sunday after the 10am mass downstairs in the hall. Any child age 10 and up are eligible to make their sacrament. To register your child please call the office at (902) 794 - 3951.

Christmas Eve Music – St. Joseph Choir

Please join us for our pre-mass choir presentation on December 24th at 3:30 PM.

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.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! DEC.14TH& DEC.15TH

Envelopes		1985.00
Loose Cash		300.00
Candles		25.00
Fuel		45.00
Expectant Mothers		
Pre-Authorized		750.00
Total		3105.00
Hall		725.00
Church Improvement		50.00

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

The Road to Bethlehem

The Final presentation of **The Road to Bethlehem** will occur on Sunday Evening, December 22nd at 7:00 PM in Wentworth Park. Take time away from the hustle and bustle and join us to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. In song, word, and reflection we retell the story of Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem. This is a Christmas Festival for the entire Christian Community, especially children. Join us! The Road to Bethlehem is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 9476

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.

Week of Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, usually held in January, is scheduled this year for the week of Mon. Jan. 20th through to Friday Jan. 24th, 2025 Venue TBA.

Do you receive our diocesan newsletters?

Seven Ears of Grain is emailed each Monday morning, with news and events from our diocese and parishes, plus news and resources from the Vatican and national offices. Witness of Hope is our seasonal newsletter.

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Quote of the Week

“We don’t need a voice that is right when everybody else is right, we need a voice that is right, when everybody else is wrong.”

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

News Story

<https://zenit.org/2024/12/13/study-reveals-that-non-churchgoers-would-go-to-mass-at-christmas-if-invited-by-someone-else/>

<https://youtu.be/VB4u22CqBtw?si=NjZJzV6XuWRvqhBV>

KOC - Rod to Bethlehem

<https://youtu.be/Kst8D9uQSI8?si=mgAB9KJk1i-3clc6>

<https://zenit.org/2024/12/19/discovering-the-true-face-of-st-nicholas-brazilian-designer-reconstructs-santas-face/>

In Memory

Someone is missing at Christmas

Let this be a loving reminder

That someone is missing today

Someone our hearts still hold on to.

As we travel along life’s way,

Someone who made life so special,

For all those who gather here,

Someone who won’t be forgotten,

But cherished from year to year

And now as we pause to remember

Let us all fondly recall

How dearly each of us loved you.

To Loved ones from

Pat& Kay Hayes and Kevin Hayes



Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week

