

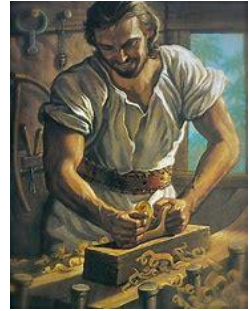


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## January 21st, 2024

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

† JANUARY 21ST, 2024 †	
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#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. Jan. 22nd	St. Joseph Hall		Private Mass	For Dave & Paula Jessome
Tues. Jan. 23d	St. Joseph Hall		Private Mass	For Terry Gosse
Wed. Jan. 24th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Jason Odgen
Thurs. Jan. 25th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	For Melinda Ross
Fri. Jan. 26th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	Private Mass	Joseph Edwards
Sat. Jan. 27th	St. Joseph Hall	4pm		For Danny MacNeil
Sun. Jan. 28th	St. Joseph Hall	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, January 27th	10 am Mass Sunday, January 28th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Rebecca Gracie, Georgie Bonnar	Yvette Landry, Yvonne MacDonald
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Daniel McKeough	Joan Byers, Helen Gray
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick	George Quirk
Interior Church (cleaning)		
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	

#### PARISH NEWS

#### **Side door open for entering Mass**

Since many are sitting in the over flow section (Fr Loughan Room) for weekend mass, you can now enter the hall through the side door in the main parking lot. There are some stairs and then more stairs descending down to the hall, but this may help some people. You can also exit that door. We ask that people choosing to use the side door, only exit the side door and not the main front doors to avoid alarms being set off for unsecure doors. Hope this helps. Thank You 🙏

#### **Persons with Codes to Alarm System**

Until the side door alarm pad gets replaced, please enter and exit through the hall, then arm and disarm the alarm from the hall with your four digit code.

There has been an unusually high number of alarms going off in the church in the past few months. My dog Rosie who volunteers security for the parish 24 hours a day doesn't like to be disturbed late at night to go check on the church. Persons and groups that enter the church have 30 seconds to put their four digit code in the system to keep the siren alarm from going off.

If the alarm siren is triggered, you are still asked to slowly put your four digit code in the key pad to shut the siren off. If the alarm system does not immediately shut off, then wait 5 seconds and put your four digit code in again, without pressing any other buttons. If it does not take your code, wait 5-10 seconds and redo until it accepts your approved code. The alarm company will call me to verify if it is a false alarm, and Rosie and I will check the church, otherwise the police will be dispatched Thank you 🙏 Peace, Fr. Doug

## Blessing Your Home

How to bless your home using holy water, prayers and chalk or a pencil.

The head of the household begins with the sign of the cross, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be..., and/or a spontaneous prayer from the heart asking God to protect this home and all who live here and visit.

Then use chalk or a pencil and write over the front and back door entrances to the home, the century, then connected by crosses the first letter of the three wisemen (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and current decade and year:

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Bless each person with Holy Water and then

enter each room sprinkling holy water while saying Glory Be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2023 are now available on the table at the entrance to the Hall.

## Free Money/Grants for You at Church

On Saturday and Sunday Feb. 3 & 4th after mass, MLA Fred Tilley will be present with his secretary at the church hall to fill out a variety of forms for you. These applications are so you can get free grants for heating, food, home repairs, insulation etc. Just bring your ID and tell your friends to get it all done on Feb 3/4th at mass. Peace, Fr. Doug

## Holy Cross Cemetery Closed for Winter

The two access roads at Holy Cross Cemetery now have the chains up, preventing access to the cemetery, until the Spring.

Our website [www.holycrosscemeteryns.com](http://www.holycrosscemeteryns.com), is now fully up to date. All burials that we have record of, from the mid 70's to 2023, are entered on line. Any person that may have purchased a plot only, that is also now entered online. The name ,address, section, block ,row and grave number are all entered in maybe 80% of the records. Plots sold but still unused have a \*\*\* after grave number. All of this information was taken from burial records, some of the writing was hard to decipher, but I have figured names out as best as I could. The above site includes names for 2961 burials. when the site is loaded it might be slow to upload all the records.

Prices for plot purchases and both Cremation and Full (Casket) burials, have not increased since 2012. The only difference since 2012, is that we no longer charge a Perpetual Charge or an Annual Charge. That cost is now included in the burial fee.

Thank you, Daniel McKeough, Chair Holy Cross Cemetery

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! JAN.13TH. & JAN. 14TH

Envelopes		1655.00
Loose Cash		180.00
Solemnity of Mary		65.00
Candles		
Initial Offering		55.00
Christmas Offering		25.00
Solemnity of Mary		65.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>3210.00</b>
Hall Fund		327.00
Church Improvement		

Shortfall for the week of Jan.13th& Jan.14th\$ 636.15

## Diocesan

### Message from Antigonish Diocesan Society:

On behalf of the Antigonish Diocesan Society, a sincere thank you to parishioners for your annual financial donations in support of vocations. As you may be aware, the Diocese of Antigonish currently has two seminarians who are studying at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, one of whom will be ordained in 2024. The Diocesan Society has provided funding to fully cover the costs of their education, and your annual donations are very much appreciated! The Vocations Sunday collection occurs each year on Good Shepherd Sunday. If you do not have a Vocations Sunday envelope, I invite you to place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Antigonish Diocesan Society" and drop it in your church collection basket. I hope we can count on your continuing support and prayers for this most important cause.

Blessings,  
Dr. Barry MacKenzie  
President  
Antigonish Diocesan Society

## KOC & CWL

### CWL Christmas Ornaments

For those who requested the return of their ornaments, they have been repacked, and are available at the week-end masses in our Chapel until Sunday, Feb 11th.

Any remaining ornaments unclaimed after that date, will be donated to charity. We thank you for your continuing support.

## Community

### Salvation Army Heat Fund

The heat fund starts on January 15<sup>th</sup> and is for \$400.00. The oil goes directly in your tank or you can receive a credit to N.S. Power. You are required to show proof of income as well as a recent bill. Applications can be obtained at the Salvation Army Store or at Fred Tiley's office, Elliot St. Sydney Mines.

## Quote of the Week

*"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."* Plato

## Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Canada Suicide Prevention Service

1-833-456-4566 or Text. 4564

Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line: Call/text: 1-888-837-7678

[info@abuse-free-sport.ca](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca) [www.abuse-free-sport.ca](http://www.abuse-free-sport.ca)

Compassionate Community Care 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

End Human Trafficking

<https://blocktraffik.org/>

Vaccine Injury Support Program

1-833-489-0839 [info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca](mailto:info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca)

<https://vaccineinjurysupport.ca/en>

Parenting Resources:

<https://axis.org/resources/>

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

