

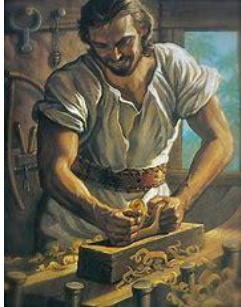


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June 1st, 2025 Ascension of the Lord

JUNE 1ST, 2025 †		
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. June 2nd	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Jordan & Brianna Walker
Tues. June 3rd	St. Joseph Hall	11am	St. Charles Lwanga	Elaise Lynn Vidal
Wed. June 4th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. June 5th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. June 6th	St. Joseph Church	11am	Funeral	Justine MacDonald
Sat. June 7th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For those who will die during the year
Sun. June 8th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, June 7th		10 am Mass Sunday, June 8th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Sally Ryan		Janis Rose, Pam Hall,	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS	Ellen McNamara		Denise Jardine, Alexandra Young	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Lisa Brown		George Quirk, Joan Skinner	
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team		Volunteer Team	
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug		Hunter Hill	
RINGING OF BELLS			Dave Williams	

PARISH NEWS

Visitation to Hospital/Nursing Homes

Relatives or friends of persons in hospital or nursing homes are asked to contact the parish to arrange for spiritual/pastoral care.

Delivering Meals to Neighbors’

Do you know a neighbor or relative or person that could use a meal? Consider coming to St Joseph Hall the 4th Wednesday of each month and picking up meals and bringing to people you know. Each bagged meal includes a healthy well-balanced lunch.

Greeters & Lectors Schedules

Schedules for both ministries are available in the vestry for those ho do not have emails.

2 Dozen Lobster Tickets

Tickets for our Father’s Day draw are available at the entrance of the church. Prizes include 1st prize 2dozen lobster with beverage,2nd prize Hotel Package and 3rd prize a 5 course meal. Please help support our parish by purchasing these tickets. We thank you for your continuing support.

Parish Meetings

There will be a Cemetery meeting on Wednesday June 11th in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm.

Pastoral Council

A meeting of Pastoral Council will be held on Sunday June 22nd after the 10am mass downstairs in the hall.

2025-2026 Sunday Missals

Given the supply issue with missals last year, parishioners are asked to pre-order early for 2026. Sign-up sheets are available at all the entrances. Add your name, phone number along with the number of books you need. Our order will be placed with the Pastoral Centre on June 30th. Monies will be collected later.

Please note this will be the only missal order made by the parish.

Music Ministry

Will be taking a summer break starting June 22nd and will resume the first week of October. Many thanks to Theresa Ivey and the choir members, also Alan Gale and Jennifer Roland. Have a great summer!

Holy Cross Cemetery Mass

Mark your calendar! Our annual cemetery mass will be held on Sunday August 3rd at 10am. Details to follow.



Marriage Preparation Course

Did you know a marriage preparation course is being offered at St. Joseph’s Parish in North Sydney on Sunday June 1st from 10 am to 4 pm? It is for any Catholics seeking to be married in the Catholic Church and all couples in the diocese are welcome to this free course. It starts with mass and a special homily on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Sessions on: Hopes/dreams, spirituality, conflict, family, intimacy, money, and more. Includes a free lunch & certificate. Please register by Friday May 30th at 902-794-3951 or by email: stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Free survey on marriage compatibility at: <http://marriageprep.dynamiccatholic.com/> and other free resources to review prior to: beholdvancouver.org

Collections~ Thank You May 24th &25th		
Envelopes		2685.00
Loose Cash		245.00
Fuel		20.00
Good Friday		10.00
Holy Cross		10.00
Candles		20.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Totals		3740.00
Hall Fund		312.00
Church Improvement		95.00

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

Men’s Retreat - Father’s Day Weekend

Calling all men: single, married, young & old to a Men’s retreat to help strengthen men in their dignity, their role in society and to grow in integrity. Starts Friday, June 13 at 5 PM and ends Sunday, June 15 with the family joining dad for 11 AM mass followed by a free family barbecue. Our Lady of Grace Monastery 940 Monastery Rd., Monastery

Nova Scotia. Cost \$250 all inclusive: 2 nights, 6 meals, snacks & giftsRegister: (902) 623-0075 or by email:

lucillefougere@gmail.com

Note on Prayer now Available

"We learn to pray, just as we learn to speak, walk or sing. The Gospel offers a profound insight into this. Impressed by Jesus’ prayer, the disciples ask him to teach them how to pray: he teaches them the “Our Father,” with its two poles: God and humanity." This new resource from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is available here:

https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Note-on-Prayer_EN-2025-04-22.pdf

https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Note-sur-la-Priere_FR-2025-04-22.pdf

60th Anniversary Celebration:

Fr. Eugene Morris of Port Hood will be celebrating 60 years of Priesthood on **Sunday June 8, 2025**. There will be an open reception at St. Peter's Parish Hall from 1:30 to 3:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 4:30pm, in St. Peter's Church Port Hood (283 Main Street Port Hood). All are welcome.

Share Year Round:

Donors play a key role in the realization of our mission. Without their generosity and commitment, the work of Development & Peace would not be possible. Share Year-Round donors promote social justice and human dignity through the year.

Share Year-Round donors exert a significant influence throughout the year. By helping ensure our financial stability, they allow us to plan long-term transformation work and respond rapidly to humanitarian emergencies.

Chibeze Philomena Ojukwu is a monthly donor. She says “I became a Share Year-Round donor when I was a student. As my situation changed, the amount gradually increased. The monthly financial commitment was a reminder to my self to be steadfast in supporting the important work of our partners in the Global South

To learn more or to become a Share Year-Round donor, visit devp.org/shareyearround.

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine,

As you know is always open unless there is painting or repairs underway during the month of May.The Gift Shop hours are 10am to 4pm

7 Days per week starting on May 18, Sunday.

Work being done here at the Shrine has been enabled by generous contributions by many of you. Every project we do is a step closer to getting identified projects done in order of priority.

Sincere thanks and we look forward to seeing you this season.

Board & Management, Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

Community

Turkey Burger Lunch

Trinity Anglican Church. 15 Queen Street Sydney Mines

Wednesday June 4th 2025 10am till 1pm. Price 12.00 per lunch.

Burger, Coleslaw, Ginger Cake. Call 902 736 2300 for tickets, leave a message.

Support Group

The Cape Breton Ostomy Peer Support Group will meet on Thursday, June 12, 2024 from 2pm - 4pm at the South Bar Firehall, South Bar This is a support group for those with an ostomy or will be getting an ostomy and their support person. Contact: Stasia - 902-562-1367 or Dan at 902-565-4004

Quote of the Week

“If God seems slow in responding, it is because He is preparing a better gift. He will not deny us. God withholds what you are not yet ready for. He wants you to have a lively desire for His greatest gifts. All of which is to say, pray always and do not lose heart.”

St. Augustine

Peace be with You and Have a Great Week

