

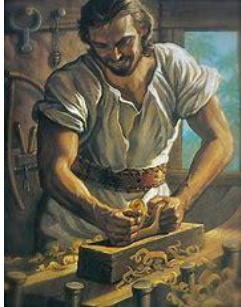


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May 11th, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

Happy Mothers Day

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK
Mon. May 12th	St. Joseph Hall	_____	On Retreat	
Tues. May 13th	St. Joseph Church	11am	Funeral Mass	Peter Campbell
Wed. May 14th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	On Retreat	
Thurs. May 15th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	On Retreat	
Fri. May 16th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	On Retreat	
Sat. May 17th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For Judy Nicholson Murphy
Sun. May 18th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, May 17th		10 am Mass Sunday, May 18th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Elaine MacNeil, Georgie Bonnar		Yvette Landry, Pam Hall	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS	Charlotte Monroe		Taralee MacInnis, John Ratchford	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown, Sheila MacCormick		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.

Parish Meetings

There will be a Q& A Study Group Meeting on Sunday May 18th, after the 10 am mass downstairs in the hall.

Spring Cleaning Outside the Church

There will be spring cleaning taking place on Saturday May 17 outside and around the Church grounds from 9-noon with lunch provided. Bring your rake, and everyone is welcome to help out. Many hands make light work.

Recitation of the Rosary

During the month of May, one half hour before all weekend masses, please join us as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother. However, the rosary for Sunday **May 11th is cancelled** as we prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion and Mother’s Day.

Happy Mother’s Day

With May being the month of Our Lady, it is fitting for our parish to celebrate motherhood. We honour all mothers and all women this weekend with a flower to thank you, for only women can bring life into this world.

“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. . . What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?”

Joszef Cardinal Mindszent

Religious Education Thank You

I wish to publicly thank all our catechists who assisted with Religious Education this past year. In a special way I acknowledge our Religious Education coordinator Pam Hall and assistant Cavell Young for their leadership in Religious Education with our youth. The Confirmation, First Confession and First Communion this weekend were organized so well, with love and according to the vision of the Church. We are blessed at St Joseph’s to have both ladies guiding the next generation in the faith. Peace, Fr. Doug

Special Thanks to Knights of Columbus

The KOC of North Sydney donated \$500 to put on a grand feast for the Confirmation reception. The Bishop,youth and their families were delighted with the pizza and sandwiches and I am so grateful to the generosity of our local Knights of Columbus. Peace, Fr. Doug

Annual Diaconate Recognition Day

It is a day to lift our deacons in prayer, to affirm them and to encourage them to continue the three-fold ministry they contribute to the church.Please join us on Sunday, May 18th, as we give special thanks to Rev. Mr. Roy Smith and his wife Viola for their commitment to St. Joseph Parish

KOC sponsoring Sacred Heart Icon Mass

The Most Sacred Heart Icon is available for prayer at St. Joseph's Church from Monday, May 12th to Sunday May 18th in the Chapel Hall. There will be a special mass on the Sacred Heart on Saturday May 17th at 4pm. All are welcome.



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 3rd &4th		
Envelopes		1570.00
Loose Cash		345.00
Fuel		50.00
Candles		45.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Totals		2785.00
Hall Fund		795.00
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

Men’s Retreat

Father’s Day Weekend

TO HELP STRENGTHEN MEN IN THEIR DIGNITY, THEIR
ROLE IN SOCIETY AND TO GROW IN INTEGRITY

Retreat Director: Fr. Douglas MacDonald
Starts Friday, June 15th at 5 PM
Ends Sunday, June 15th with Family joining dad for Father’s Day Mass 11 am,
followed by a free family barbecue.

Our Lady of Grace Monastery 940 Monastery Rd. Monastery, N.S. B0H 1W0

Register: lucillefougere@gmail.com
(902) 623-0075

Cost: Cost \$250 accommodation and
all meals

Bring: Weekend clothing & personal
care supplies, musical instrument if
possible

KOC & CWL

The monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held next Wednesday 14 May at 7pm in St. Joseph’s Church Hall. All members are urged to attend. Selection of the new executive will take place at this time.

CWL Meeting

There will be a CWL meeting on Monday May 12th at7 pm in the Church Hall. Hope to see everyone there.

News Story

<https://youtu.be/v7XBL6chHhQ?feature=shared>

Congratulations to Pope Leo X1V

<https://www.cccb.ca/about/apostolic-nunciature/the-holy-father/>

Quote of the Week

“In times of desolation, God conceals Himself from us so that we can discover for ourselves what we are without him. ”

Saint Margaret of Cortona

Mothers Day Memorial

“If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me, place them in my Mother’s arms and tell her they’re from me. ”

From: Pat & Kay Hayes & Kevin



Peace be with You and Have a Great Week

