

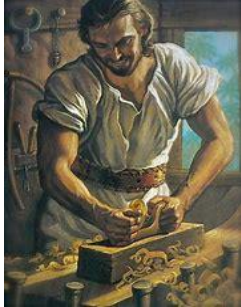


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May 18th, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter

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

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. May 19th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Georgina Muise
Tues. May 20th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Darlene Haley Silver
Wed. May 21st	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. May 22nd	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Fri. May 23rd	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. May 24th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For the conversion of sinners
Sun. May 25th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, May 24th		10 am Mass Sunday, May 25th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Elaine MacNeil		Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker		Kas Nzelu, Difu Nzelu	
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.

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.

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. 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 10th &11th		
Envelopes		1430.00
Loose Cash		365.00
Fuel		20.00
Candles		40.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Totals		2605.00
Hall Fund		547.00
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

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 will be opening on May 18, 2025 The 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

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 13th 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. BOH IWO

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

Cost: Cost \$250 accommodation and all meals

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

AN EASTER PARISH MISSION

PRESENTED BY THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

MAY 26TH. 27TH. 28TH

Renewed by Hope

MONDAY. 7:00PM :
THE EUCHARIST - FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

TUESDAY. 7:00PM:
MERCY - THE HEART OF CHRIST

WEDNESDAY. 7:00PM:
FORGIVENESS - THE ROAD TO HEALING

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
899 MAIN ST. SYDNEY MINES. NS

FR. JUAN DIEGO SUTHERLAND, CFR

FR. LUKE JOSEPH LIEHTON, CFR

First Saturday Devotion and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Mass will be held at Stella Maris Church, Louisbourg, on the first Saturday of the month of April through to August in devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Mass is at **9:00 am**, Rosary begins half an hour before Mass, **on June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd**. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother asked that faithful Catholics observe five First Saturday Masses. The Blessed Mother explained, “I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour (15 minutes) while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.” Father IK is available to hear confession prior to Mass, or at any of the weekday Masses prior, or upon request. All are welcome.

Quote of the Week

“Let us run to Mary ,and, as her little children ,cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence.” Saint Francis de Sales

Peace be with You and Have a Great Week

