

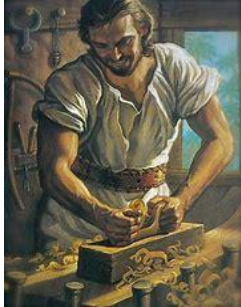


PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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October 4th, 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 & Committees</u> Pam Hall- Secretary / Faith Formation Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Pastoral Council Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Cemetery Monica Shebib-Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team Lana Verschuren- Finance Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at midnight!	OFFICE HOURS: TUES., WED. THURS.-9AM- 1 PM TEL: 902 -794-3951
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				Mass Intentions 
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Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Oct. 5th	Personal Mass			
Tues. Oct. 6th	Personal Mass			
Wed. Oct. 7th	Personal Mass		Our Lady of the Rosary	
Thurs. Oct. 8th	Personal Mass			
Fri. Oct. 9th	Personal Mass			
Sat. Oct. 10th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Oct. 11th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, October 10th	10 am Mass Sunday, October 11th
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Paula LeBlanc, Elaine MacNeil	Viola Smith, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Jennifer Roland-Buffett, Carolyn Aker	Kasom Nzelu, Difu Nzelu
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown, Sheila MacCormick	Susan & Gary Burton
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTÉRIEUR SERVICE (EXTÉRIEUR)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RIGGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

Blessing of Animals

On Sunday October 4th- feast day of St. Francis of Assis; Fr. Doug will be blessing your animals at 11:15 am after mass in the church parking lot. Time will be given for people to go home and return with their cat, dog, gold fish, rabbits etc.

https://encounter.franciscan.edu/www/documents/2026%20-%20St_%20Francis%20Novena%20-%20PDF_v2.pdf

Return of Choirs

The Saturday Choir as well as the Sunday Choirs will be returning on Thanksgiving Weekend October 10th and 11th.

Liturgy Meeting

There will be a liturgy meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 10:30 in the Parish Hall.

Holy Cross Cemetery

The Holy Cross Cemetery Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 7th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Open to new members.

Recitation of the Rosary

During the month of October, one half hour before all weekend masses, please join us as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother.

Book of Remembrance

Starting this weekend, until the end of the month, the Book of Remembrance. for All- Souls’ Day, will be available for you to sign. Please share the names of your dearly departed for remembrance during the All- Souls’ masses in November.

Healing Manger Farm Open House

If anyone would like to come out and visit the animals on Sat. October 10th from 10-2 pm, you are very welcome. There will be free chili, music, 2 horses, 2 donkeys, 5 goats, 7 ducks, cats & dogs and an optional walk a thon to raise money to build a storage place for hay. If anyone wants to recommend people we could hire to help us with the build let Fr Doug know.

Faith Formation Change for Change

Our Faith Formation will be starting on October 18th and this year we will be starting our **Change for Change Program**. We will invite the children to bring in any change they may have earned during the week and place it in the container located on the altar. At the end of the year, we will ask the children where they would like their money to go and then it will be donated to that organization.

Chaplaincy Chili

CBU Chaplaincy is hosting meals for students and I am wondering if any North Sydney parishioners would be open to making a pot of chili for the student gatherings? There are numerous gatherings but you would only be asked once a year. If you are interested, please call the parish office to sign up by Sept. 30th. Sponsors of the meal have the option for Fr Doug to pick up and return your pot, or you are also welcome to join us at CBU and meet the students. Call 902-794-3951 to sign up. Peace, Fr. Doug; CBU Chaplain

CBRM Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to the 21st Annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast. This year we are honouring those who serve our community. The theme this year is: Prayer Restores, Heals and Rebuilds.

Come and hear stories of hope from transformed lives: Father Doug MacDonald - Healing Manger Farms: Alana MacLellan - Souls Harbour Rescue Mission.

Musical guest Joe Cook - Local singer/ songwriter Come and be inspired. **Tuesday, October 6, 2026.7:30 -9:00 AM**

Center 200 Concourse, Tickets available through Eventbrite, QRcode on the poster attached or <https://bit.ly/45YUgOs>

\$35 per person or table of 10 \$300.Tickets are also available at the parish office for those who would like to attend. Please see Pam the parish secretary for more information.

Seniors Care Grant (\$750) Link:

<https://www.novascotia.ca/apply-help-household-healthcare-and-home-heating-costs-seniors-care-grant>

EHS - Ambulance Fee Assistance Program For Low Income Residents:

<https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ehs/documents/Ambulance-Fee-Assistance-Program-Form.pdf>

Father Greg MacLeod Lecture Series

Ten Years of MAiD in Canada – Are the risks to patient safety worth the emphasis on autonomy?

Presented by a lawyer and a physician from Halifax on Friday October 16, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Cape Breton University in the Yvonne LeVert Hospitality Suite (Between Great Hall & cafeteria).

Larry Worthen BA. MA (Th.) LLB and Dr. Linda Gagnon M.D.

All are welcome to CBU for this free community lecture, food and refreshments provided.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! SEPT. 26TH & 27TH

Envelopes		1385.00
Loose Cash		350.00
Candles		35.00
Needs of the Canadian Churches		365.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2885.00
Hall		545.00
Church Improvement		125.00

Ways to Donate:

P.O. Box 338 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney, N.S. B2A 3M4

E-transfer: Email a donation to the parish email address: stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca **Credit card, or debit card:** Please come into the parish office to complete your donation.

Parish Envelopes: Please see the office or ask us at mass for your own personal box of donation envelopes.

Hall Fund Envelopes: 100% of Donations to the St. Joseph Hall Fund stay in North Sydney and are spent locally. They are available throughout the Church.

Pre-Authorized Debit: Please bring a void cheque and call the office to get started.

Cash Donations: All cash donations given directly at the office get a tax receipt. Loose cash donated at mass is locked in security bags by two screened volunteers and the total amount is posted each week in the bulletin.

Diocesan

Preserving Faces and Voices
The Human Person in the Age of AI with Dr. David Deane, Atlantic School of Theology Thursday, October 29, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Ninian Place, Antigonish. Presented by Vicar of the Founder Lecture Series, St. Francis Xavier University A discussion on *Magnifica Humanitas*, the encyclical of Pope Leo XIV ... a vital conversation for all of us as humanity faces a choice: “to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.” Admission Free. Light Refreshments. All Welcome.

Community

Cape Breton Right to Life Diaper Drive

Cape Breton Right to Life is hosting a diaper drive throughout the month of October. Parishioners are asked to bring donations of diapers and place them in the collection box at the entrance of the church. All donations will be donated to Family Place Resource Centre where they will be distributed to families in need throughout their six offices across Cape Breton.

Life Chain

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration on Sunday, October 4th from 2:00-3:00 pm. **Location:** sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall, 800 Grand Lake Rd., Sydney.



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LIFE CHAIN

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week

