

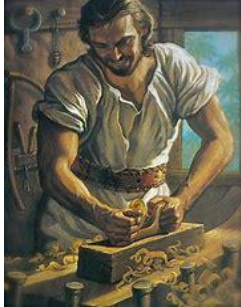


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October 18th, 2026

29th 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
ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK					Mass Intentions 
Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK	
Mon. Oct. 19th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		David Jessome	
Tues. Oct. 20th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Special Intention	
Wed. Oct. 21st	Personal Mass				
Thurs. Oct. 22nd	Personal Mass				
Fri. Oct. 23rd	Personal Mass				
Sat. Oct. 24th	St. Joseph Church	4pm			
Sun. Oct.25th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners	
Ministries		4 pm Mass Saturday, October 24th		10 am Mass Sunday, October 25th	
SACRISTAIN & LIENS		Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald		Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald	
CHOIR		St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS		Debbie Reashore, Sally Ryan		Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall	
USHERS		Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS		Carolyn Aker, Jennifer Roland-Bufferett		Cheryl Delorey, Ken MacDonald	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION		Lloyd Brewer, Joe Tobin		Susan & Gary Burton	
Interior Church (cleaning)		Volunteer Team		Volunteer Team	
EXTÉRIEUR SERVICE (EXTÉRIEUR)		Fr. Doug		Hunter Hill	
RIGGING OF BELLS				Dave Williams	

PARISH NEWS

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

Recitation of the Rosary

Is cancelled for the weekend of Oct 31-Nov 1 as we will be observing the Feast of All Souls' Day. Please join us for rosary Nov. 7-8 one

half hour prior to the start of mass.

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance, for All Souls’ Day, is now available for you to sign. Please share the names of your dearly departed for remembrance during the All-Souls’ masses Oct 31 and Nov 1.

Feast of All Souls’ Day

Will be observed at the weekend masses of Oct 31-Nov 1.

The names of this year’s deceased parishioners will be read at both masses. Families of the deceased will be called to invite them to attend.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

The RCIA also called OCIA program is starting.

This year we are working with another parish who runs the program every Sunday night online. In addition, there will be a meeting in the parish hall later this fall. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know of someone who is, please contact the parish office and complete the form. Sessions are Sunday evenings from your home. Call or email us 902-794-3951 to get the information to join.

Peace, Fr. Doug

Ways & Means Committee Meeting

There will be a short meeting of the Ways & Means Committee on Sunday October 18th at 11am after mass downstairs in the Hall.

Keys to the Church

Just a reminder for all persons with keys to the Church, that when they have completed their ministry they must return their key to Pam the secretary at St. Joseph’s office. Documentation is completed and then the parish secretary will give the new key to another person in that organization. Peace, Fr. Doug

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a Samaritan’s Purse Canada project that sends gift filled shoeboxes to those in need worldwide. In 2025, 12.2 million shoeboxes were collected globally and distributed in more than 170 countries and territories. You can go online to fill a shoebox at: “Samaritans Purse.ca/occdonate”. A limited number of boxes are available at the back of the church for return no later than Sunday, November 15th. After mass on Sunday Nov 15th, our church shoeboxes will be picked up for delivery to the drop off location: Westside Bible Chapel, 325 Keltic Drive, Sydney. Phone number 902- 567- 2181.

St. Joseph Church thanks you for your support.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH		
Envelopes		1450.00
Loose Cash		400.00
Fuel		10.00
Candles		35.00
Needs of the Canadian Churches		5.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2650.00
Hall		470.00
Church Improvement		100.00
Diocesan		

Catholic Mothers’ Group

You are not meant to do motherhood alone.

We are starting a Catholic Mothers’ Group at our parish—a welcoming place for mothers to pray together, grow in faith, build friendships, and support one another in the beautiful vocation of Motherhood.

Join us for:

A. Prayer, fellowship, Catholic discussions.

- B. Conversations about raising our families.
- C. Occasional speakers, service projects, and special gatherings throughout the liturgical year. All mothers are welcome, and no matter where you are in your faith journey, there is a place for you here. First Monday of every month at 7 PM starting November 2, 2026 at St Joseph Church Hall, 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney. Come as you are. Bring a friend.

Northside Deanery’s 2nd International Mass & Celebration

All Saints’ Day — November 1 at 4:00 p.m.
Holy Family Church, 899 Main Street, Sydney
Mines followed by an international buffet in the parish hall.

Join us in celebrating the cultures of our deanery! Guests are invited to wear traditional attire, choose a patron saint, help host a country-themed table, and bring a symbolic offertory item. Items will be presented during Mass and auctioned at the meal, with proceeds supporting adopted families. Groups may also share a hymn, proclaim Scripture in their own language, join the combined choir, or serve as hospitality ministers. Everyone is welcome—come celebrate our many cultures, united in faith! Contact & RSVP: Norma Blinkhorn at 902-202-2972

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.

You’re invited to the 3-P’s!

_Praise, Parables & Prayer. A fun and informal Bible study at St. Matthew Wesley United Church, 27 St. Columba Dr., Leitches Creek from 1 la.m.-12:30p.m. along with fellowship time, on Saturday, October 31st, November 14th & November 28th. Led by Cecil Clarke, LLWL. All are welcome. To assist with preparation pre-registration is appreciated. Please email stmatthewwesley@hotmail.com or phone the Office at 902-577-8472.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

MEMORIAL HYMN SING: We will be holding a Hymn Sing on Sunday November 1st, (All Souls/All Saints memorial) at 6:30pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 24 King Street, North Sydney .A selection sheet will be provided, please follow the instructions carefully. Please use one sheet for each name and one hymn selected. Pleasese do not use multiple names on one sheet. If you wish, you may A donation \$5 is suggested. Additional forms available at the Church Office during office hours Monday thru Thursday, 10:00 am until 12 noon. Deadline for the memorials is Sunday, October 25th. If you have any questions contact Reid 902-549-1018.

KOC / CWL

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The KOC North Sydney, will be having a Food Drive in support of the North Sydney Food Bank on October 17th from 10am to 2pm. Please drop off your donations in St. Joseph Church parking lot.

CWL Cold Weather Drive

With the colder weather upon us, the CWL is identifying a need to provide hats, mittens, and ski-pants to school-aged children in the local area. We appreciate if you are able to assist with this initiative by kindly dropping off either a hat, or set of mittens, or ski-pants to the church. Thank you & God bless.

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week

