

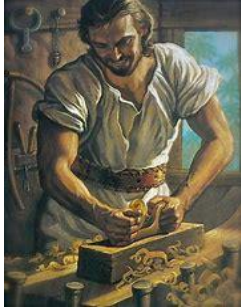


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

| OCTOBER 19TH, 2025    †                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                               |
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| REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR<br>CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY<br>Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon<br><a href="mailto:roy.smith@hotmail.ca">roy.smith@hotmail.ca</a> | <u>Leadership Ministry Team</u><br><br>Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance | OFFICE HOURS:<br><br>TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM<br><br>TEL: 902 -794-3951 |

| ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK          |                                  |       |                                 |                                            |
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| Date                                 | Location                         | Time  | Details                         | Mass Intentions<br>FOR THE WEEK            |
| Mon. Oct.20th                        | St. Joseph Hall                  | 11am  |                                 | Daniel Joseph Walsh                        |
| Tues. Oct. 21st                      | St. Joseph Hall                  | 11am  |                                 | James Doyle                                |
| Wed.Oct.22nd                         | Holy Family (Sydney Mines)       | 9am   |                                 |                                            |
| Thurs. Oct. 23rd                     | Holy Family (Sydney Mines)       | 9am   |                                 |                                            |
| Fri. Oct.24th                        | St. Joseph Parking Lot           | 9am   | Bus Pilgrimage                  |                                            |
| Sat. Oct.25th                        | St. Joseph Church                | 4pm   |                                 | For Persecuted Christians around the world |
| Sun. Oct.26th                        | St. Joseph Church                | 10 am |                                 | For All Parishioners                       |
| Ministries                           | 4 pm Mass Saturday, October 25th |       | 10 am Mass Sunday, October 26th |                                            |
| SACRISTAIN & LINENS                  | Deacon Roy Smith, Team           |       | Deacon Roy Smith, Team          |                                            |
| CHOIR                                | St. Joseph Choir                 |       | Alan Gale                       |                                            |
| GREETERS                             | Debbie Reashore, Sally Ryan      |       | Ina Taylor, Pam Hall            |                                            |
| USHERS                               | Men and Women of the Parish      |       | Men and Women of the Parish     |                                            |
| LECTORS                              | Carolyn Aker                     |       | Helen Gray, Iris Young          |                                            |
| PRESENTATION OF GIFTS                | Parishioners                     |       | Parishioners                    |                                            |
| EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION | Lisa Brown, Sheila MacCormick    |       | George Quirk, Joe Tobin         |                                            |
| Interior Church (cleaning)           | Volunteer Team                   |       | Volunteer Team                  |                                            |
| EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)         | Fr. Doug                         |       | Hunter Hill                     |                                            |
| RINGING OF BELLS                     |                                  |       | Dave Williams                   |                                            |

## PARISH NEWS

### Lectors/Readers & Communion Refresher

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### 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.

### Office Closure

The office will be closed on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to allow staff to attend the Bus Pilgrimage.

### Mass for Shut -Ins, St. Joseph Parish, North Sydney

Please join us on Saturday, November 1st at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot St. Sydney for the taping of mass for our parish which will be aired on CTV November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. You are asked to arrive on site by 9:30 am. Music by St. Joseph Parish Choir. Those in attendance are asked to wear a Poppy.

Feast of All Souls’ Day November 1-2, 2025

The names of this year’s deceased parishioners will be read at both masses on the weekend of Nov 1-2. Families of the deceased will be called to invite them to attend.

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.

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Bus Pilgrimage for 200th Anniversary Monastery

There are still seats left, join the parish for an incredible day.On Friday October 24 the Parish is organizing a bus pilgrimage to the Monastery for their 200th anniversary and other Holy sites in the Diocese for the Jubilee Year. Parishioners interested should act fast and make their payment at the parish office to reserve your seat before the bus is full. Cost is \$60 tax included per person, which includes lunch and all transportation to and from the Church.

Parish Pilgrimage Schedule: 9 am - 9 pm

- 8:30 am bus arrives & loading
- 9 am - Depart Church (Rosary on way)
- 10:30 am - Mabou Shrine
- 11 am - Depart
- Noon - Mass, Our Lady of Grace Monastery
- 12:30 pm - Lunch & bring a non-perishable food donation.
- 1:15 pm - Light candles, Holy Spring at Shrine 2 pm - Depart
- 2:30 - Arrive Antigonish, walk through Cathedral Doors & Pray, Confession, visit St. F.X.U. campus & tour the town.
- 4 pm - Visit Sisters of St. Martha Bethany.
- 5 pm - Leave Antigonish
- 5:45 pm - Supper Auld’s Cove Big Stop Irving
- 7 pm - Depart home
- 8:45 pm - Arrival back at Church
- \*Washroom on the bus.

The parish secretary will receive payments to reserve your seat at the parish office on Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am to 2 pm. If the bus is not filled with parishioners by Friday October 10th, the pilgrimage will be opened up to other parishes. For more information call the chair of the Liturgy Committee Cathy MacDonald +1 (902) 322-8597.

Is it true that there was a time when Catholics could not vote or own land in Nova Scotia?

Historian Frazer Dunn from St. Andrew’s, Antigonish County will address the anti-Catholic penal laws and history of Catholicism in Nova Scotia. As a Knight of Columbus, Mr. Dunn will explore the significance of the first Catholic politician permitted to run in NS, and be elected in Cape Breton. Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at St. Joseph Hall, North Sydney at 7 pm. This special lecture is being sponsored by the KOC North Sydney and is open to the public, with refreshments to follow.

| Collections~ Thank You October 11th & 12th |  |         |
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| Envelopes                                  |  | 1785.00 |
| Loose Cash                                 |  | 465.00  |
| Candles                                    |  | 35.00   |
| Pre- Authorized Debit                      |  | 750.00  |
| Total                                      |  | 3035.00 |
| Hall                                       |  | 337.00  |
| Church Improvement                         |  | 50.00   |

Pre-Authorized Debit: please call the office to get started.

Ways to Donate

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To donate by credit card, google pay or PayPal click:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-josephs-parish-north-sydney/>

Come to the office to use our debit or credit card machine

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Social Justice Group

The Social Justice Group of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys would like to extend an invitation to all international students and families to attend an open house to share any concerns that you might have concerning such things as immigration, housing, transportation, food, employment, insurance, medical, or anything else that might concern, you. The open house will take place on October 19, 2025, at 2:00pm at the church. Ther will be people available to help navigate your concerns

Understanding AI

There will be a special presentation at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish “Understanding AI (Artificial Intelligence) – What it means for Us” on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, Francis Syme, P.Eng., Associate Dean at Humber Polytechnic in Toronto, and a regular technology commentator for CBC Radio will present a special talk on AI. Francis will give a special 30-minute presentation titled “Understanding AI: What it Means for us and How We can Respond” He will explore what Artificial Intelligence really is, how it’s already part of our daily lives, and what it means for our communities, families, and workplaces. All are welcome to attend this engaging and down-to-earth talk, followed by a Q&A session.

| Community |
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Ostomy Support Group

The Cape Breton Ostomy Peer Support Group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025 at the South Bar Fire Hall, South Bar from 2pm to 4 pm Guest Speaker will be Ret'd Sarg. Barry Gordon, Senior Safety Navigator, He will be talking about scams and the Vial of Life. The CB Ostomy Peer Support group is for those with an ostomy, who may be getting an ostomy and their support person. For more information contact Stasia - 902-562-1367 or Dan at -902 565-4004.Thank you. Stasia Digou, Facilitator, CB Ostomy Peer Support Group

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KOC 3rd degree and 4th degree Knights and their families are invited to be the congregation for the taping of Mass for Shut-ins on Saturday, October 18th at Margarite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. Please arrive by 9:45 to prepare for the taping. Thank you. Kyte Power 902-561-5891

KOC INFORMATION AND FAMILY BENEFITS EVENT

On 12 November at 7 o'clock the Knights of Columbus will sponsor an information and Family Benefits presentation in the church hall. Mr. Frazer Dunn, a historian from Antigonish County will give a presentation on the history of the Knights of Columbus. This will be followed by Mr. Anthony VanDenHeuvel, an official agent for the Knights of Columbus, who will deliver a presentation on the Fraternal and Family benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus. This promises to be a very interesting and informative affair and ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND .

| News Story |
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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/vatican-abuse-pontifical-commission-protection-minors-9.6940412>

| Quote of the Week |
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“ Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them.” Our Lady of Fatima

Peace Be With You and Have a Great Week

