



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

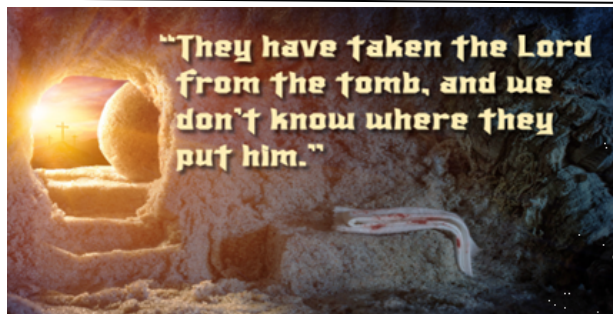
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday.....4pm

Sunday.....10am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wed, Thurs, Fri.....9am

Online Mass from St. Joseph's:

Sunday.....10am

<https://www.facebook.com/StJparish2020/>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am-2pm

My dear parishioners,

On this joyful and blessed feast of Easter, I extend to each one of you my warm greetings, prayers, and heartfelt blessings. Today we celebrate the greatest hope of our faith – Christ is risen! In a world that often feels filled with fear, uncertainty, and many struggles, the message of Easter comes to us like a light in the darkness. It reminds us that suffering does not have the final word, and even in the most difficult moments, God is still at work in our lives. Easter assures us that the Lord who rose from the tomb walks with us every day. His resurrection gives us courage when we feel weak, hope when we feel discouraged, and peace when our hearts are troubled. The empty tomb tells us that love is stronger than fear, faith is stronger than doubt, and life is stronger than death.

Together with Deacon Berkley, I would like to sincerely thank each one of you for your generosity and your whole-hearted service to our parish community. Because of your faith, dedication, and kindness, our parish truly feels like a home and a beautiful place where people experience God's love. Your quiet sacrifices, your time, and your willingness to serve make a real difference in the life of our Church.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families in a special way during this holy season. May the Risen Jesus fill your homes with peace, your hearts with hope, and your lives with renewed faith and joy. May the blessings of the Risen Lord remain with you and your loved ones always!

A blessed and joyful Easter to you all!

Fr. Joby Augustin CFIC

We begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us they did not yet understand Jesus had risen from the dead. The details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the Gospels tells us Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. In first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is said to observe the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The passage concludes that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Welcome to St. Joseph's!
We're so glad you're here!

Donations for flowers received IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Deceased Fougère & MacDonald families
Michael George
Ross MacIntyre
Iona England
Ian & Susan MacKinnon
Rita, Joe, Kenny & Collie Chisholm
Jimmie & Martha MacIntyre
Frank Campbell
Shirley MacInnis & all family members
Deceased members Cloake & Thomas families
Charlie, Veronica, Ross, Jaimie
Carl Burlock
Ray, Anna & Charlie Kehoe
Alexander & Teresa Doyle
Robert & Bernice Pinkerton
Bob, Stella & George Warner

Peter and Mary Ann MacKenzie
Heather Marie MacKenzie
Annie & Rory Joe MacNeil
Florence & Danny MacNeil
Peggy Ann McLaine
Harold J Campbell
Gordon Larson
John MacDougall
Bruce Gartshore
Marie & Harry Bilof
Sally & Brian MacLean
Betty, Leonard & Craig MacGillivray
Julie Anne MacMaster Davis
Neil, Michael, Frances & Roddie MacNeil
Aloysius & Amilda MacKenzie
Sarah Catherine & Neil J MacKenzie

This Week's Events in Our Parish:

Wednesday April 8 - 9am Mass **Thursday April 9** - 9am Mass 5:30pm Silver Rose Service 6:30pm Parish Council meet
Friday April 10 - 9am Mass 9:30 - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Silver Rose Rosary & Prayer Service for Life - Thurs April 9 @ 5:30pm St. Joseph Church

Each year, from March through December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration on for Years 1-8 - Nancy @ 902-625-1264

Bread Making & Rehearsal: Saturday, April 11

First Communion: Sunday, April 12

Please pray for the children as they prepare!

Beading with Georgina Julian - April 16, 1-4pm

Limit of 20 people, \$20 Please register 902-625-1264

Dinner Theatre

Sponsored by St. Joseph Fundraising Committee

Saturday, April 18 @ 6pm St. Joseph Parish Hall

Tickets \$55 Contact Sandra Praught (902)227-5858

Entertainment provided by The Nicholas Denys Players

REVENUE

March 28 & 29

Amounts will be published in next week's bulletin

Average PAD amount per week: 722.50

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9-4:30

Tuesday 9-12, administration afternoon

PASTORAL STAFF**Administrative Assistant**

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Faith Formation Coordinator - Nancy Day 902-625-1264

Pastoral Council Chair - Cathy MacDonald

Liturgy Committee Chair - Marina Martens

Finance Committee Chair - Kevin MacEachern

Fundraising Committee Chair - Louise Campbell

Property Committee Chair - Sandra Praught

Cemetery Committee Chair - Gelas Boudreau

Catholic Women's League - Grace MacDonald, President

Knights of Columbus - Joe Praught, Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings:

Parish Pastoral Council - Thurs April 9 @ 6:30pm

KOC Meeting - Tues April 14 @ 6:30pm

Hospitality Workshop - Wed April 15, 6:30-7:30pm

KOC 7924 Weekly Draw Winners from Apr 2nd:

Theresa MacInnis # 581 \$250

Larry MacKeigan # 367 \$250

Norma Beaton # 595 \$250

St Joseph Spring On-Line Auction

A reminder to everyone our online auction will be open for bids on April 15. We are accepting bid items until April 10. Looking at previous auctions some examples: two dozen homemade biscuits, load of gravel, massage, wooden flower boxes, gift certificates from local restaurants, grocery stores, hardware stores, quilts, gas cards, full turkey dinner, carrot cakes, framed prints, new clothes, perennial plants, and a five course meal. Can you help? Please fill out a donation sheet, leave it at the back of the Church or contact a member of the Fundraising Committee. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK - Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through faith. Please keep Mark Britten, Paul Steele, Russell MacNeil, Joanne MacDonald, Alexander Lamey, Jessica MacDonald, Carolyn Boudreau, and Segundina Maqui in your prayers this week. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please call the parish office.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Baptism Preparation/Marriage - Please contact the parish office, for Marriage, one year prior to making arrangements

Pastoral Visits - Communion is brought to sick and shut-ins on the first Friday of the month. If you or a family member would appreciate a visit, contact the Parish Office

WAYS TO DONATE:

ETRANSFERS: (st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca) Please specify the fund in the message portion, otherwise, it's credited to the regular operating fund.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT: Call our office to get started

MASS CARDS/MEMORIALS: Please phone the office
Please remember your parish in your will.