



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Joby
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday.....4pm
 Sunday.....10am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Friday.....9am

Online Mass from St. Joseph's:

Sunday.....10am
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DEACON

Rev. Mr. Berkley
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 9:30am-2pm

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS are extended to all graduates and their guardians, as the young people start the next phase of their lives. May God guide you and bless you!



Do you receive our diocesan newsletters?

Seven Ears of Grain is emailed each Monday morning, with news and events from our diocese and parishes, plus news and resources from the Vatican and national offices. Witness of Hope is our seasonal newsletter. To subscribe, visit <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/newsletter/> or email jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

**September Pilgrimage 2026: Two options departing Sept. 15
 With Fr. Andrew Gillies & Group Leader, Rhonda-Lynn Cormier**


Option #1: Medjugorje only, Sept. 15-23, Climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain, tour UNESCO city, Mostar's Basilica. Estimated Cost: \$3,299.(Halifax-return.) Single supplement: \$350. or

Option #1 & #2: Full European Pilgrimage, Sept. 15-30 -15th: Medjugorje -21st: Fly to Lisbon, visit the Eucharistic Miracle Sanctuary in Santarem, Fatima (candlelight procession) -24th: Avila, Spain, shrines & relics of St. Teresa of Jesus & St. John of the Cross. -25th: Lourdes, joining Pope Leo for his Papal Visit to France at Grotto of Massabielle, the baths & places associated with St. Bernadette. -28th: Fly to Rome: Private Mass at Vatican & Papal Audience. Estimated Cost: \$6,999.00 (Based on a 10-person minimum; Halifax-return). Single supplement: \$1,075.

Included: Local guides at each location. All flights listed in the itinerary (including Split-Lisbon and Toulouse-Rome for Opt. 2), accommodations, 2 meals daily. Departures from other airports can be arranged. Contact: 902-448-3660

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

Please welcome Fr. Frank Pellerin, who is with us to celebrate masses while Fr. Joby is away.

 Our sympathy to the family of the late Gordon (Billy) Malcolm, brother of George Malcolm

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday for medical reasons. It will reopen Thursday.

This Week's Events in Our Parish:

Monday June 22

Tuesday June 23

Wednesday June 24

No Mass

Thursday June 25

No Mass

Friday June 26

9am Mass

9:30 - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

The Mabou Farmer's Market is held every Sunday from 11am until 2pm (June to October long weekend) and is made up of an eclectic collection of local food growers, producers, artisans and crafters. The live music at the market is also a highlight for vendors and visitors. Stop by the Mabou Athletic Centre and check out this lovely Sunday event.

Congratulations to Joe MacMaster, who will be ordained as a deacon Sun August 6 (Feast of the Transfiguration) at 11am. This will take place at Holy Name Church in Sydney Mines

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration on for Years 1-9 - Nancy @ 902-625-1264

REVENUE June 20 & 21

Envelopes 1915.00 Loose 425.35 D & P 100.00
Initial Offering 10.00 Cemetery 170.00

E-transfers (June 20-June 26): Regular 170.00

Average PAD amount per week: 707.50

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9-4:30

Tuesday 9-12, administration afternoon

PASTORAL STAFF

Administrative Assistant

Carolena MacKinnon 902-625-1045

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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:

Annual General meeting - Sat Aug 15 following 4pm Mass

Last weekend the CWL celebrated their 25th Anniversary.

Although this is an important milestone for our Council, we realize that we would not of been able to accomplish what we have done over the past 25 years without the parishioners of this parish. Your continued support of providing food for funeral receptions, purchasing our 50/50 tickets and offering a helping hand whenever we need it, is greatly appreciated. Thanks everyone.

Caring for Our Cemetery

Ongoing groundskeeping of both cemeteries and church properties from June - October. Mowing grass, whipper snipping, weeding flower beds and supporting the grounds beautification all while maintaining a respectful, welcoming environment. No mandatory commitment, no set hours, contribute your time when your schedule permits. No experience needed, just a love of working outside. This group have begun some work and will continue until the end of October.

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Please call or text Gelas 902-227-8625 or Karen 902-625-1006.

Whether you volunteer for a day or the summer this is a great opportunity to connect with others, enjoy the fresh air, and make a visible impact.

Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass and Strawberry Festival, Johnstown

July 12

2 pm: Outdoor Mass at the Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe 15338 Highway 4, Behind Sacred Heart Church, Johnstown
Please bring your own chair.

2-5 pm: Annual Strawberry Festival

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group

Johnstown Parish Hall, 15290 Highway 4

Lots of Strawberries, Biscuits, Bonnach, Oatcakes, Tea and Company Cost \$12

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, Joanne MacDonald, Alexander Lamey, Jessica MacDonald, Carolyn Boudreau, Segundina Maqui, and Tony Harding, 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.