



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Joby  
Augustin

## 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

## DEACON

Rev. Mr. Berkley  
Guthro

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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## Sisters of St Martha Celebrate Milestone Anniversaries

We offer prayers and congratulations to the Sisters of St.

Martha celebrating the following milestones this year:

### 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

- Sister Ethel Cody
- Sister Margaret Ann Fraser
- Sister Mary Gouthro
- Sister Anita Richard

### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Sister Catherine Arsenaut
- Sister Catherine MacFarlane
- Sister Bernadine MacIntosh
- Sister Dorothy Moore
- Sister Theresa Vincent

We remain grateful for their devoted service throughout our diocese and beyond.



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

## This Week's Events in Our Parish:

**Monday July 13**

**9am Parish office hours return to regular**

**Tuesday July 14**

**Wednesday July 15**

**9am - Mass**

**Thursday July 16**

**9am Mass**

**Friday July 17**

**9am Mass**

**9:30 - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration on for Years 1-9 - Nancy @ 902-625-1264  
or stjoereled@gmail.com

## REVENUE

**July 4 & 5**

Revenue amounts will be published in next weekend's bulletin

Average PAD amount per week: 707.50

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## The Senior Memory Class

Two elderly couples were talking after the service. One man said, "We went to a brilliant memory seminar at the community center last week."

"That sounds great," the other man said.

"What was the name of the teacher?"

The first man thought for a moment. "What's the name of that red flower with the thorns?"

"A rose?"

"That's it!" He turned to his wife. "Rose, what was the name of that teacher?"

## 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

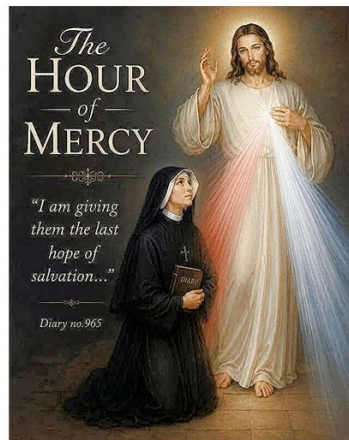
## Upcoming Meetings:

**Annual General meeting - Sat Aug 15 following 4pm Mass**

- Reminder to committee chairs to prepare reports for 2025



**Join Fr. Mark Cherry**  
July 24, 25, 26th  
2026



This Retreat explores the Divine Mercy message given to St. Faustina in the early 1930's in Poland. If you need peace in your life or know others who need peace in their lives this Retreat will greatly benefit you. Come and deepen your knowledge and understanding of the greatness of God's mercy, experience it personally and become an apostle of mercy.



Father Mark Cherry  
Retreat Director



Heather Jansma  
Sacred Music Minister

Retreat begins Friday evening at 7pm

All are welcome, free-will donation gratefully accepted.

Pre-registration required for on-site accommodations with meals

Call Lucille Fougere: 902-623-0075

Single Occupancy - \$275.00; Double Occupancy \$500.00

Following 10:00am Sunday Mass there will be a Rosary Procession in honor of Saint Anne to Our Lady of Grace Shrine

**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](mailto: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.**