



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/>

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Berkley
Guthro

Our New Parish Website is live!

Visit <https://stjoe.ph.net>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am-2pm

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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Is God calling you to serve? Come and See!

Permanent Diaconate, Diocese of Antigonish
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10am-2pm St. Joseph Parish Hall
Through our Baptism, we are called to a life of Holiness. It is within this call to holiness as a man of faith, you may feel a yearning to serve God as an ordained deacon. This call can be supported by your wife (if married), your family and your parish who see something within you needed to serve God's people. We invite you and your wife (if married) to come, listen, share a meal and meet some of our Diocesan deacons and their wives. It will be a time of being present to God's call and how we are being invited to discern and answer this call. Please call Deacon Berkley Guthro, Director of Deacons, at [902-631-0041](tel:902-631-0041)

Sept. 26-27

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Your offering helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting shared work of the Bishops of Canada. This support makes possible work no single diocese could accomplish alone – providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Donate with your envelope or online through our diocesan website:

www.antigonishdiocese.com, or visit cccb.ca/donate.

Oct. 3-4 Indigenous Reconciliation Fund Annual Collection

The Fund was established in 2022 by Canada's Catholic Bishops to support healing and reconciliation initiatives. The fifth annual collection in our diocese will launch Oct. 3-4, concluding the Season of Creation and on the first weekend of Mi'kmaq History Month. Donations may be made at any time in church collections with envelopes marked 'Indigenous Reconciliation Fund' or online through the Donate link on the Diocese website. Money contributed by our diocese will be returned to our diocese through funding for initiatives that support healing, cultural revitalization and community building. For details on funded projects and the application process: <https://irfund.ca/>

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

This Week's Events in Our Parish:

Monday September 28

3-4pm Confirmation Class

Tuesday September 29

Parish Office closed for the day

Wednesday September 30

9am Mass

Thursday October 1

9am Mass

Friday October 2

9am Mass

9:30 - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Fr. Joby is a Canadian Citizen! Come after 4pm Mass, Saturday, Sept. 26 in the Parish Hall for Spaghetti, Garlic Bread & Cake. Celebrate our newest Canadian Citizen!



The Cemetery Committee is looking for new committee members! Any interested Parishioners can leave their name and number at the Parish Office.

Fishcake and Beans Supper on October 9th.

Many hands make less work- we are asking for help for the cleanup during and after the dinner. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church for times when we need help the most. Please lend us a hand if you can. Tickets can be purchased from members Marie MacNeil ([902-625-2114](tel:902-625-2114)), Grace MacDonald ([902-625-0298](tel:902-625-0298)) or Patsy Mooring ([902-625-0833](tel:902-625-0833)). We will have takeouts available at 3pm on the day of the dinner. As always we thank you for your support.

Harvest Harmony - Sounds of the Season - St. Margaret's Church, West Bay Road

Sun September 27, 2pm Local music and fellowship - Tea, coffee and lunch will follow. Admission by donation. Proceeds to pay for new church roof. Come enjoy music!

REVENUE

Sept 19 & 20

Envelopes 2194.00 Loose 300.75 D & P 75.00
Cemetery 55.00 Energy 20.00 Rel Ed 883.00
E-transfers (Sept 19 - 25): Regular 95.00

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

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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 - Craig Power, Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings:

CWL Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 27 following 10am Mass

COMFORT TEA ... Come For Tea - September 29

We experience many types of losses throughout our lives. To promote awareness of the impact of grief, you are invited to join us for a drink and sweets. You may bring a friend, photo, memento, or memory to share or just be with others who understand. 1:30-3:30pm on Tues, Sept 29 at Creignish Recreation Centre, 2123 Highway 19, Creignish. Sponsored by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society. All are welcome.

Life Chain October 4, 2-3pm Port Hastings Rotary

Peacefully raise awareness about truth of abortion during Life Chain (35th year). You will be greeted by the organizer and given signs to hold with messages such as "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women," and "Adoption: A Loving Option." Please spread out along the sidewalk and spend time in quiet prayer. A unique, family-friendly event advocating for innocent pre-born children. As Christ reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

The Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society AGM

Wednesday, October 14, 11am

Evergreen Club, Port Hawkesbury

All are welcome. Guest Speaker: Rebecca MacDonald, music therapist, St. Martha's Hospital

CORAH (Centre of Rural Aging & Health): Join us for programs designed to promote wellness, learning, creativity, and social connection. Enjoy favourites such as CORAH Café, Chair Yoga, Cards, Crafts & Board Games, Crafternoon & Scrabble Club, and Afternoon at the Movies. Explore new opportunities with Tai Chi at the Creignish Hall, an IT Workshop with 2nd Year IT Students, and First Aid for Common Emergencies. We are pleased to offer informative presentations including Bladder Health After Menopause and Connection Circle: Counselling for All. Those who enjoy literature and meaningful conversation, join us for a Poetry Reading and our Death Café, where participants gather to discuss life's important topics. Whether you're looking to learn something new, stay active, meet new people, or simply enjoy a few hours in good company, we hope you'll join us! [902-625-4252](tel:902-625-4252) for more info on dates, times, and registration. We look forward to spending October with 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, Joanne MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, Carolyn Boudreau, Segundina Maqui, and Tony Harding, in your prayers. 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

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT: Call our office to get started

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