



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Joby
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WEEKEND MASSES: WEEKDAY MASSES:

Saturday.....4pm Wed, Thurs, Fri....9am
Sunday.....10am

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

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel. In the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. In today's first reading from Isaiah and today's psalm, the Lord's goodness is evident in the symbol of a feast of good food and wine. Jesus' listeners would have been familiar with the image of a wedding feast as a symbol for God's salvation. They would consider themselves to be the invited guests. Keeping this in mind helps us to understand the critique Jesus makes with this parable. The context for this parable is the growing tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders in Jerusalem. The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite guests to a wedding feast he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying and burning their city. We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience. With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy. *Used with permission from Loyola Press*

Oct. 18 World Mission Sunday

Held annually on the second to last Sunday of October, World Mission Sunday was instituted by Pope Pius XI a century ago. This collection directly sustains more than 1,000 mission territories where the Church is vulnerable or facing persecution. Learn more about World Mission Sunday, read the message from Pope Leo XIV, download prayer cards, and more: <https://www.missionsocieties.ca/world-mission-sunday-2026/>

October is Mi'kmaw History Month

From mikmaqhistorymonth.ca:

The theme "Nepisulti'k — We Are Healing" invites people across Mi'kma'kik to reflect on healing as a lifelong journey—one rooted in understanding ourselves, our histories, our relationships, and our connectedness to one another. The heart of this year's theme comes from teachings shared by the late Elder Murdena Marshall, whose guidance continues to shape cultural learning across Mi'kma'kik.

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

Parish Office Hours this week only: Monday, closed, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9-4:30, Thursday, closed, Friday 9-4:30

This Week's Events in Our Parish:

Monday October 12

Parish Offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
10am Funeral Mass for the late Ian Greencorn
6pm Rosary

Tuesday October 13

Wednesday October 14

9am Mass
6:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting

Thursday October 15

9am Mass
Parish Office closed (this week only)

Friday October 16

9am Mass
9:30 - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

During the month of October the CWL and KOC will be leading the Rosary every Monday evening
at 6pm. October 12th, 19th and 26th.
Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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

The Knight of Columbus COR Program

A faith based program for all men of the Parish
First Session will be on October 17 starting at 9am with breakfast. All men of the parish welcome!

Mass For Shut Ins Oct. 18, 11:30 am on CTV

Mass for Shut Ins will begin its 64th Season
[Watch Mass For Shut-Ins Online](#)

REVENUE

Oct 3 & 4

Envelopes	2225.00	Loose	306.65	D & P	150.00
Cemetery	10.00	Rel Ed	30.00	Needs in Canada	53.00
E-transfers (Oct. 3 - 9): Regular	590.00	Rel Ed	10.00		
Needs in Canada	10.00	Vision	1650.00	Cemetery	200.00
Energy	200.00				

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

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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 - Craig Power, Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings:

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Oct. 21 @6:30pm

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), family and 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; meet our Diocesan deacons and their wives. 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)

The Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society AGM

Wednesday, October 14, 11am
Evergreen Club, Port Hawkesbury All are welcome.
Guest Speaker: Rebecca MacDonald, music therapist

Heart Of the Gospel Retreat for Men (COR)

A dynamic retreat focused on the core of the Gospel.
Through prayer, formation and fraternity, you are invited to encounter Christ more deeply and embrace the mission he has for your life. Our Lady of Fatima Church 1452 King's Rd. Sydney River October 31, 9-3:30 Contact to sign up: Frank Howell 1-902-578-3685 or wfhowell72@gmail.com

Gaither Gospel Music Evening

St. David's United Church, Port Hastings, Sun Oct 25, 7 pm
St. Mark's United Church, Port Hawkesbury, Sun Nov 8, 7pm
Performing some of Gaither's most beloved songs are a local quartet: Adam Cooke, Chris Cook, Roy MacKinnon, and Pat Lamey. \$10 at the door Proceeds to St. David's and St. Mark's. Please spread the word, and bring a friend!

Preserving Faces and Voices

The Human Person in the Age of AI

with Dr. David Deane, Atlantic School of Theology
Thursday, Oct 29, 6:30 - 8:00 pm St. Ninian Place, Antigonish
Presented by Vicar of the Founder Lecture Series, St. FXU
A discussion on Magnifica Humanitas, the encyclical of Pope Leo XIV ... a vital conversation for all of us as humanity faces a choice: "to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together." Admission Free. Light Refreshments. All Welcome.

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, Tony Harding, and Pearley Malcolm 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.