

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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**PASTOR**
*Rev. Fr. Joby Augustin*

**DEACON**
*Rev. Mr. Berkley Guthro*

**WEEKEND MASSES:**
*Saturday.....4pm*
*Sunday.....10am*

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**
*Wed, Thurs, Fri.....9am*

**Our New Parish Website is live!**
**Visit https://stjoeph.net**

**Online Mass from St. Joseph's:**
*Sunday.....10am*
*https://www.facebook.com/StJparish2020/*
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**
*9:30am - 2pm*

**In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.**
**When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.**
**As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.**
**In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?**
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**Take action to keep Canada on track for justice While the most vulnerable populations in the Global South are facing an increase in conflicts, climate change, and the plundering of resources, funding for international aid and development is on the decline. Like many countries in the Global North, Canada has announced cuts of $2.7 billion to official development assistance over the next four years. This affects health and education systems, exacerbates poverty, and widens inequalities in the poorest countries. We are already seeing the repercussions on a global scale. Together, let's make international solidarity a priority. Watch the campaign video from Development and Peace — Caritas Canada to learn more: devp.org/campaign.**




**Remembrance Day November 11 - Canadians pause today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the World. This is a day to pray for peace, to consider what we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the World. This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 13, reopening Monday, November 16 @ 9am.**

**This Week's Events in Our Parish:**

**Monday November 9**
3-4pm Confirmation Class
6:15-7pm Year 2 Faith Formation Class
**Tuesday November 10**
6:30pm - KOC meeting
**Wednesday November 11**
9am Mass
**Thursday November 12**
9am Mass
**Friday November 13**
Parish Office closed today
9am Mass
9:30am - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

**RECYCLING: Just a reminder, The Strait Bottle Exchange continues to receive donations for St. Joseph's Cemetery through the return of recyclables.**

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**
Year 2 - Mondays, 6:15-7pm (not too late to register!!)
Confirmation - Saturday, Nov 7, 1pm, Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors
Sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday, Nov 15, 10am Mass
Contact Nancy @ 902-625-1264 or email

**Development & Peace Fall Action Meeting**
Mon Nov 16, St Joseph Parish Thibeau Room, 11-1 with lunch following. All are invited to attend and find out more!

**If anyone has any leftover Halloween treats, they would be appreciated. Please drop off to Nancy at the Parish Office. Thank you!**

**REVENUE**
**October 31 & November 1**

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| Envelopes | 1811.60 | Loose | 336.75 | D & P | 150.00 |
| Cemetery | 55.00 | Energy | 986.00 | Truth & Recon | 10.00 |

E-transfers (Oct. 31 - Nov 6): Regular 2565.00
Energy 10.00 Vision 175.00
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:**
**KOC Meeting - Tues. Nov 10 @ 6:30pm**
**COR Program - Sat, Nov 14, starting at 9am with breakfast. Open to all men of the parish**

**KOC Food Drive** - Ahead of the Advent season, The Knights are holding a food drive through the month of November. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be left in the box at the back of the church

**December Parish Events**

**The Fundraising Committee will be hosting our annual Christmas Tea** on Sunday December 6th from 1 - 3pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be available mid November. As part of the tea we have a table of gently used women's purses, scarves, gloves and jewelry for sale at modest prices. If you have such items and are wiling to donate them please contact Louise at 902-631-3687. As always we thank you for your support of our fundraisers.

**St Joseph Parish Christmas Concert and Nativity**
Sunday December 13, 1pm
Refreshments to follow



**Boxes of envelopes for 2027 are being prepared.**
PAD and etransfer available if those are more convenient. Anyone wishing to have envelopes who is not on our list from 2026, please contact the Parish Office. 902-625-1045 or st.joe.ph@gmail.com

**Judique KOC Brunch @ Judique Community Center**
**Sun Nov 8 & 22 10:30-12:30 Adults $12 Children $6**

**Gaither Gospel Music Evening**
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!

🙏 **Women's Prayer Breakfast**
Saturday, November 21
Women's Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast, an opportunity for women from our parish and surrounding communities to come together in prayer and fellowship. Tickets available at St. Ninian's Parish office or phoning 902-863-2338.

**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.***