

The Catholic Communities of St. Joseph's St. Patrick's & St. Paul's

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St. Patrick's Church

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Mass Times:

No mass until further notice

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St. Joseph's Church

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Saturday: 4:00 pm

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Mass Time:

Sunday: 12:30 pm

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org



First Sunday of Advent

November 29th, 2020

PLEASE NOTE!

MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IS NOW HELD
ON SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM
THERE IS NO MASS ON SUNDAY

MASS AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH CONTINUES AS
USUAL ON SUNDAYS AT 12:30 PM

WITH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
TO KEEP YOU SAFE

St. Joseph's Church

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

Consistent with the Covid-19 Pandemic there is a growing need for the services of the FOOD BANK and the MASS FOR SHUT-INS televised by the Diocese of Antigonish. To help these two worthy initiatives meet their costs you may wish to make donation through our weekly collection during Advent. Special envelopes are provided at the back the Church for your convenience. You may place your donations in the weekly Mass collection basket for the remainder of 2020. Please record your name, envelope #, and the selected charity/charities on the envelope. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

Over the past few years we have reduced the purchasing of real flowers due to allergy concerns and the lack of good plant products. Our flower arrangements are now primarily made up of artificial ones - still beautiful but artificial.

As you know it has been the practice for many parishioners to contribute to the Flower Fund in memory of past loved ones during Christmas and Easter. The proceeds were used to purchase flowers and other decorations.

You could note from our annual financial reports any excess in the Flower/Decoration revenue was absorbed by general operating expenses. Conversely if our flower/decoration costs exceeded the funds collected specifically for this purpose the shortfall was covered by the general operating revenue.

The donating of funds toward the cost of flowers and donations for the beautification of the church in memory of past loved ones is a charitable and respectable gesture. We therefore assume you wish to continue this practice .

We have provide special envelopes at the back of the church. You can use these envelopes to enclose your donation. Please record your name, envelope #, and the names of those you wish to have remembered during the Christmas holiday season.

Please place your donation in the weekly collection basket during the remainder of 2020. Thank You

Collections for November 21st

Regular \$1,570 (32); Missals \$25; The SJ Hillside Cemetery Association \$50 (1) IMO Donna Kennedy

Lector Schedule

November 28th Donnie/Janet Dewar

Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at jpcollins@eastlink.ca or call **902-863-2482** before Thursday.

Christmas Masses

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are only having two Christmas Masses this year:

December 24th 5:00 pm Fr. Bernie MacAdam

December 24th 11:00 pm Fr. Lazarus Guria

Due to the limited number of places, pre-registration will be required. More information to follow.

Volunteers will be needed to clean the church prior to the regular **4:00 pm Saturday Mass on December 26th**.

Community Events

St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

Online 50/50 Raffle

St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre has a monthly online 50/50 raffle to help with fund raising. To purchase tickets go to: <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/stjosephscc/>

Christmas Sale

Pioneer Shrine Gift Shop, Mabou

December 5th and 6th, 1 - 4 pm

All merchandise in stock is 50% off for these two days only. Public Health Protocols will be in place.

To enrol someone in "Friends of the Shrine" call 902-945-2221. If requesting enrolment as a Christmas Gift, order by December 14th.

Advent Mission

Our Lady of Grace Monastery

December 7th - 9th

With Father Mark Cherry as celebrant.

Covid -19 guidelines and restrictions will be followed.

For more information: <https://ourladyofgracemonastery.ca/2020-advent-mission/>

Website

The bulletin, scripture readings, homily, and resources for prayer and reflection, are available each week on our website by **Friday** evening.

Recent additions: Seven Ears of Grain, November 23rd; This Month in the Diocese, December 2020.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

COVID-19 Precautions

St. Joseph's Parish Council has conducted a thorough review of the Antigonish Diocese's guidelines for the safe re-opening of churches. While implementing these guidelines provide no guarantee the COVID-19 virus will not be contracted, they are the best and most practical measures to ensure the safety of our parishioners. Our Celebration will be somewhat simplified but we must understand that the health and safety of all is our first concern.

Masks are now mandatory in most indoor public places, including places of worship. Children under two are exempt, as well as children aged two to four when their caregiver cannot get them to wear a mask. People with a valid medical reason for not wearing a mask are also exempt.

We must also ensure that a physical distance of 6 feet between people is strictly maintained. Families of 2 or more, who plan to sit in the same pew, need not maintain the 6 feet distance requirement.

One entrance (automatic door with the ramp) will be used. A volunteer will record your name and phone number as you enter the church. Registration of each Mass attendee is required to ensure we are in a position to perform tracing in the event of a positive test of the virus.

St. Joseph's weekly Masses have been changed to one Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday. We are asking all parishioners to arrive early (say shortly after 3:30 pm) to ensure Mass starts on time. Sanitization stations for cleaning are available in the church lobby. An usher will lead you to a pew, which is marked with the 6ft. distance requirement, starting at the front and working to the back to ensure we have room for all.

To help prevent the spread of the virus all paper material including Hymn books have been removed. If you wish to bring your own Missal please do not share it and please take it home with you when you leave the church.

- There will be no entrance procession. The Priest will enter from the vestry.
- There will be no singing.
- All Holy Water has been removed.
- Water fountain is not in operation.
- The washroom is for use on an exception basis.

RECEIPT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- When coming down the center aisle please keep 6 feet apart. Tape on the floor will guide you. An usher will assist and also provide sanitized hand cleaning.
- Communicants are instructed to remove their masks (if wearing one) while the person ahead of you is receiving Holy Communion. Removal of the mask (with sanitized hands) by one ear loop is recommended.
- After the priest says "Body of Christ" and the communicant responds "Amen" (at a distance of 6 feet), the communicant then approaches the priest to receive Holy Communion.
- Please use the side aisles for returning (after receiving Holy Communion) to your seat. The floor will be marked for 6 feet distancing.

At the end of Mass, we request you to wipe carefully the pew seat and all touched parts of the pew. Ushers will provide you with Sanitization wipes. We ask your cooperation in this matter as we have a limited number of volunteers.

OFFERINGS

The collection will not be taken in the usual manner. Instead, ushers will have collection baskets in place at the exits (i.e. the door with the ramp and the centre doors) for your donations. Please keep six feet apart when leaving the church.

In summary we appreciate the procedures for attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion represent changes to our previous experience. The changes are necessary and designed to prevent the spread of a very serious virus, COVID-19.

Thank you for your cooperation and stay safe.

St. Joseph's Parish Council

Fr. Lazarus Guria

Diocese of Antigonish

Our Website's COVID-19 page

<http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/index.php/covid-19>

Includes Bishop Kirkpatrick's letters, government links for COVID-19 updates, links to online Masses, and more.

A Message from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

"Those who may not be able to attend church for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass."

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Dearest Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Father God

We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies, calm their fears, and let them experience the healing power of your Love. In Jesus' name. Amen



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