

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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Mass Time:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Parish Council Chairperson:

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St. Paul's Church

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Mass Time:

Sunday: 12:30 pm

Parish Council Chairperson:

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Jesus Cleansing the Temple



Third Sunday of Lent

March 7th, 2021

🙏 **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

St. Joseph's Church

Change in Mass Time

The **4:00 pm Saturday Mass** will change to **5:00 pm** following the time change to Daylight Savings Time.

The **first Saturday 5:00 pm Mass** will therefore be held on **Saturday, March 20th**.

Please pass this information on to any parishioners you know who do not have email or access to the Internet.

Thank you.

Snow Date

If the **4:00 pm Saturday Mass** has to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, it will automatically be re-scheduled to **4:00 pm on Sunday** i.e. 24 hours following the cancelled Mass.

Collections for February 27th

Regular: \$866 (27); Church Maintenance \$110 (5);
Antigonish Food Bank \$20 (1); Mass for Shut-Ins \$20 (1);
Easter Flower/Decoration Fund \$25 (1)

Lector Schedule

Saturday, March 6th Carl MacDonald

Special Collections during Lent

Easter Flower/Decoration Fund: Those who wish to donate to the Flower/Decoration Fund in memory of past loved ones will find envelopes available at the back of the Church for this purpose. Please record your name, envelope #, and the name(s) of those you wish to be remembered, and place it in the regular collection basket.

Antigonish Community Food Bank: Their client base continues to increase. This is an opportunity to assist and feed the less fortunate.

Antigonish Friendship Corner: The Corner is a drop-in meeting place for the less fortunate/special people. It is operated by volunteers on a very low budget.

Mass for Shut-Ins: TV Mass each Sunday from the Antigonish Diocese in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Please use an envelope for your donation, and record your name, envelope #, and the amount and name(s) of your selected charity(s). You may place your donation envelope in the regular collection after any Mass during Lent.

Thank you very much.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 27th - St. Joseph's - 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 28th - St. Paul's - 12:30 pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday April 1st - St. Paul's - 3:00 pm

Thursday April 1st - St. Joseph's - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday April 2nd - St. Paul's - 12:30 pm

Friday, April 2nd - St. Joseph's - 4:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 3rd - St. Joseph's - 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4th - St. Joseph's - 10:00 am

Sunday, April 4th - St. Paul's - 12:30 pm

Please inform any parishioners you know who do not have email or access to the Internet.

Year of Saint Joseph



Pope Francis has declared this year to be the Year of St. Joseph, to run through to December 8th, 2021.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Website

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

Recent additions: Other: Seven Ears of Grain, March 1st; This Month in the Diocese, March 2021.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

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

St. Joseph's Church (cont.)

CHURCH FINANCES

As noted from our 2020 Financial Statements, our Cemetery Fund is in a good position to cover future maintenance needs. Also, our Renovation Account appears adequate to cover Church improvements for the short term.

However, our 2020 Church Revenue fell short by about \$7,000 from covering Church operating expenses. We cannot survive future annual financial shortfalls of this magnitude.

Many of our parishioners are very generous with respect to making regular donations to our Parish Church. We thank you very much for effectively financing a very large portion of our Church's expenses.

There are some parishioners who do not regularly contribute to the church, but may require services of the Church, for example weddings, funerals, administration of the sacraments. We would appreciate a minimal annual contribution in the range of \$250 to \$300 from these parishioners. The additional funds will be designated to help pay our Church operating expenses. We want to be clear that the above mentioned minimum amount is not a firm requirement; instead, we are humbly requesting you to share in our efforts to cover the operating costs of our church.

Also, we recognize that the Covid-19 virus has made matters difficult for all of us. We respect the decision of those parishioners who decided not to attend the regular weekly Mass in Church to avoid the risk of catching the virus. We look forward to your return once the Covid-19 virus is under control and remedies are in place.

Our Church expenses have reduced very little due the lower attendance. We would therefore appreciate donations from those who no longer attend the weekly Mass in church.

If you do not have church donation envelopes for 2021, and wish to donate, please contact a parish council member to arrange to get a receipt for income tax purposes.

We now have the capability of accepting donations through etransfer at: stjos1927@gmail.com (include your name and envelope #)

By Credit Card on our St. Joseph's Church website: (one time or recurring donations)

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

You can also mail your donation (include envelope #) to:

St. Joseph's Parish
P.O. Box 1022
Antigonish NS
B2G 2S3.

Thank you,

Jerome Grant Parish Council Chair

Please pass this information on to any parishioners you know who do not currently attend Mass or receive the parish bulletin.

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.

Development & Peace - Share Love, Share Lent

"Share Love, Share Lent is an opportunity for you to be a part of a Lenten journey that can bring you closer to Christ and to those who suffer throughout the world and so contribute to the culture of encounter."

Read the letter from Archbishop Richard Gagnon, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, at <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/share-love-share-lent/>

Bethany Resource Centre Centering Prayer Workshop

Monday March 15th, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Bethany will be offering a Centering Prayer Workshop for those who may wish to learn about Centering Prayer or deepen in the practice.

Cost: \$20/day, please bring your own lunch.

Registration: Call Sr. Claire MacNeil at (902) 863-4726 or (902) 863-4822. We will be observing COVID-19 health protocols. Current participation limit: 10 people

Religious Education

First Communion & Confirmation Classes

For information on current classes, email Leonarda MacNeil at stninianreled@ns.sympatico.ca

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