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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9th, 2021

Please Note

**NO MASS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

St. Joseph's Church

Supporting our Parish

Please note: We now have the capability of accepting donations through etransfer at: stjos1927@gmail.com

Donations are also welcome by PayPal or credit card (one time or recurring donations), on our website at:

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Please make sure you include your name, address and envelope # so we can send you a charitable receipt for income tax purposes.

Donating online is a great way to support our Parish through these difficult times, when we are not allowed to gather together at Mass.

Thank you for your offering!



A Message from Pope Francis

Pray the Rosary Daily in May

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic.

Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church while offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day. Among the Marian shrines chosen is that of Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières (Québec).

Daily prayers will be live broadcast through the official online channels of the Holy See. Further details are available on the Pontifical Council's website:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en.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 under Other: Bishop Reporting System - a message from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick; Seven Ears of Grain, May 3rd; This Month in the Diocese, May 2021.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

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

Year of Saint Joseph



This year is a special year for our Church. Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph, to run through to December 8th.

St. Joseph's "hidden life" of service mirrors the lives of so many people today who are carrying out hidden acts of love and kindness during the pandemic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DM4QyCmPfQ>



A New Online Resource for Celebrating the Year of Saint Joseph

A new online resource has been launched by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB).

The webpage contains Prayers, Litanies, and Devotions, Consecration to Saint Joseph, Church Documents and Catechetical Resources for children, youth and adults.

Included are seven short video presentations highlighting each of the seven attributes of St. Joseph.

Guidelines, prayers and further questions are available with each video:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/patris-corde-guided-video-reflections/>

Saint Joseph as Father

In the following video clip, **Sister Sheila Fortune**, Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Canada, reflects on Saint Joseph as a creatively courageous father.

She considers questions such as:

- How does God trust Saint Joseph to carry out his saving plan?
- Sometimes, we are faced with challenges and are tempted to give up or take the easy way out. How does God call us to be courageous in concrete and creative ways?
- Joseph loved and protected the child and his mother. How do you learn from Saint Joseph the same care and responsibility?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5shTSD0L84g>

Community Events

St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

We are sure you've all heard by now that Nova Scotia is experiencing a 2 week lockdown, effective April 28th. Sadly this means we have to close the doors to our community centre including the fitness centre during this time. Keeping our community and the rest of Nova Scotia safe is our top priority. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We will provide an update when more information is available.

Stay healthy, stay safe!

VON Nova Scotia

Online 50/50 Fundraiser

Your support through this 50/50 online fundraiser will help ensure that VON programs continue to serve vulnerable people in all communities across Nova Scotia.

Next draw date: Thursday May 13th

Ticket sales close: Monday May 10th at 11:59 pm

To purchase tickets go to:

<https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/vonns>

COVID Relief Fund

Important Information for Low Income Clients

The Nova Scotia COVID Relief (NSCR) Fund supports low-income Nova Scotians who are struggling to pay their home heating or electric bill as a result of income loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is administered by The Salvation Army.

The Fund provides one-time assistance to help Nova Scotians with their home heating costs or electricity bills. Each household may be eligible for up to \$400 in support.

See the website below for information and applications:

<https://salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/programs/covidrelief/>

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

Diocese of Antigonish

A Message from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

My Dear People,

Nova Scotia Premier Iain Rankin and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Strang have announced a province-wide shutdown for two weeks, effective April 28th.

The directive mandates that there be no in-person faith gatherings in the province for the next two weeks. I support this shutdown and direct that our churches remain closed to the public until further notice. Our diocesan and parish offices will be closed to the public during this time.

The new variants of this pandemic have been spreading rapidly. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus by staying home and limiting our interaction with others. Our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st, we pray that the patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally + Wayne Kirkpatrick

Online Masses

Sunday Mass: From St. Ninian's Cathedral is broadcast live on 98.9 X-FM radio each **Sunday at 8:25 am.**
<https://www.989xfm.ca/listen-live/>

Mass for Shut-Ins: On CTV television on **Sundays at 11:30 am** from Sydney, Nova Scotia

Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHdH8KJ71w>

Churches Online

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/churches-online/>

Daily TV Mass:

from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council
<https://dailytvmass.com/>

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.

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Weddings, and Confer-
ences. Phone (902) 867
-2626 Check our Face-
book page for upcoming
events.