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Ascension of the Lord

May 16th, 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 Parish Council

St. Joseph's Parish Church is now set up to accept E-Transfers as part of a contactless option to donate to the church. This is an excellent and safe way to give.

E-Transfers are an electronic way to send money directly out of your bank account into the Parish account. This transfer can be done through online banking.

To initiate, your financial institution can set you up for the online banking feature if you do not already have access to this option. You can then create a profile using your email address or phone number to send and accept money electronically. By adding "St. Joseph's Parish" as a recipient you can simply contribute virtually. Please use the email address: stjos1926@gmail.com when creating the recipient. You can then select which of your bank accounts you would like to send the money out of and the amount that you would like to give to the church.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this option, or if you are not comfortable with online banking, do not hesitate to call **902-318-1195** and Brooke Bailey (Parish Council Member) will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support.

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, May 10th

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at jpcollins@eastlink.ca

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>

Praying the Rosary

A Message from Pope Francis

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>

Pandemic Prayer Group

From Leonarda MacNeil, Director of Religious Education & Covid Coordinator

I thank all who have signed up for the on-line Prayer Group (using Zoom) to pray the Rosary daily (with Scripture Readings) for our Physicians, Nurses, Health Care Workers, Patients, and Families particularly those who serve at St. Martha's Hospital. Our prayers are needed!

The Zoom Prayer group meets on-line at noon and we start praying at 12:10 each day. If you want to join us, please contact me at religioused@saintninian.ca or call and leave a message at **902-863-2338 extension #3** and I will send you an invitation to the meeting. You are most welcome to join even if you cannot attend daily, or if you can only join at the beginning of our session but will have to leave early.

For those interested in an **on-line Evening Group at 8pm**, let me know. For anyone interested in joining but do not have Zoom or computer technology, contact me.

I also thank those who have let me know they are saying the Rosary for this intention by themselves. We will be communicating with the Hospital to let them know we are all praying for them. It will hopefully be an encouragement to all that they are being supported. Thank you.



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, effective April 28th.

The directive mandates that there be no in-person faith gatherings in the province. 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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