

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

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Mass Time:

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St. Joseph's Church

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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

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Mass Time:

Sunday 12:30 pm

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Let the little children come to me...



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3rd, 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

The Sacrament of Confession



Father Lazarus is available to hear confessions on the first Saturday of each month, from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm, immediately prior to Mass.

Father will be in the confessional at the back of the church, and the back pews are reserved for those attending the sacrament of confession.

Next date for confessions: [Saturday October 2nd](#)

COVID-19 Update

The Government of Nova Scotia will move to a modified Phase 5 re-opening plan on October 4th.

What does this mean for our church services?

Mass: Masks will still be required, but there is no limit on the number of people who can attend mass, and no necessity for social distancing.

Weddings and funerals: Proof of Full Vaccination will be required for everyone over the age of 12 to attend a wedding or funeral held in the church. This will include presenting a certificate showing Proof of Vaccination, plus some form of identification such as a driver's licence, passport, or health care card.

People who have a valid medical reason for not being vaccinated will be required to produce a letter from their health care practitioner. For more information on how to obtain a Valid Medical Contraindication for COVID-19 Vaccination letter, see:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/>

Collections for September 25th & 26th

Regular \$908.25 (31); Needs of Canadian Church \$50 (3); Renovation (Maintenance) Fund \$40 (1); Missals \$6

Lectors for Mass

Saturday, October 2nd - Robyn MacInnis

Sunday, October 3rd - Brooke Bailey

Bulletin Submissions

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

St. Joseph's Church (cont.)

Parish Council Matters

Weekly Masses

With Daylight Savings Time ending on November 7th, the time of our **Saturday** weekly mass will change to **4:00 pm beginning on November 13th**.

The **Sunday** morning mass at **8:30 am** will remain the same.

St. Joseph's Cemetery Mass

With the Covid-19 regulations, no Cemetery Mass was held this summer. We have therefore scheduled a Cemetery Mass for **4:00 pm INSIDE THE CHURCH, on November 13th 2021**, in memory of past loved ones.

Funeral Receptions

Due to Covid-19 regulations and current Provincial Department of Health restrictions for the handling of food, the Parish Council unanimously passed a motion along the following lines: **"The Parish will not host funeral receptions until further notice."**

Parish Finances

Our income statement for the 8 months ended August 31st, 2021, shows a **deficit of \$2,784**. That is, our expenses have exceeded our revenue by \$2,784. Our expenses are paid up to date with the exception of the Diocesan levy. In this regard, we have paid 50% of the 2021 levy of \$7,853. This means we still owe \$3,937.

Some fund raising appears necessary to assist us cover our expenses. We recognize that Covid-19 regulations restricts fundraising initiatives with some exceptions; examples are Bulletin Ads and Ticket Raffles. Based on feedback we understand that many parishioners are not in favour of ticket raffles i.e. buying and selling tickets, drawing prizes, etc.

An alternative to a ticket raffle would be a "RAFFLE REPLACEMENT" collection with full parish participation. **Our goal would be to raise \$2,000**, i.e. similar to the profit goal for former ticket raffles.

We shall appreciate your early feedback.

St. Joseph's Parish Council takes this opportunity to thank you for your continued financial support.

Parish Council Meeting

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 26th, at 7:00 pm** in the Pioneer Room.

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, September 27th.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Diocese of Antigonish

Truth and Reconciliation

Our new web page includes activities, links, and resources to observe, reflect, and act. The first steps in an evolving diocesan plan to engage and support individual and collective healing. You are invited to visit, explore and connect.

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>

Religious Education

Religious Education: Grades 3-8

We are holding a 2nd night of Registration on Monday **October 4th, 5:45pm-7pm Room 18 St. Ninian Place.**

This is for In-Person and At-Home Study programs. We are also introducing an On-Line option through the Diocese of Antigonish. I will talk to those interested in Grades 3 to 7 in the On-line program Monday night.

Will people in the At-Home Study program from last year please return their borrowed books? We need the books for students this year. **Classes start Wednesday October 6th 6:30pm-7:15pm** and we need all our books. Materials for the At-Home Study can be picked up later.

We will be returning to charging the normal fee of \$10 per student or \$15 per family.

Classes will be held in St. Ninian's Place and Church wherever we can set up classes. Masks will be required. NS Health Protocols will be followed.

Thank you, Leonarda MacNeil, of religioused@saintninian.ca

Proof of Vaccination Cards

Proof of Full Vaccination will be required for a variety of public events and activities, starting on **October 4th**. For further information, please see <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/>

Information on how to get your Nova Scotia COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination certificate can be found at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/vaccine/#proof-of-vaccination>

For anyone who doesn't have access to the internet or an available printer, the **People's Place Library in Antigonish** can print out your Proof of Vaccination certificate, including the POV card, and will even laminate your card for free. You will need to present your Health Card number and either an email address or the phone number you used to book your appointments to access your account.

Free lamination is also available for those who can print out their own Proof of Vaccination card. Take it into the Library during opening hours and they will laminate it for you.

You do not need a Proof of Vaccination certificate to access the public library.

Diocese of Antigonish

From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick:

Phase 5 re-opening delayed to October 4th (Feast of St. Francis)

"Nova Scotia will delay starting Phase 5 of its reopening plan until **October 4th**, when the **proof of full vaccination policy** begins for certain events and activities."

"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.

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 each **Sunday** from Sydney, Nova Scotia. Starts on October 17th at **9:30 am** for that week only. Regular schedule resumes on October 24th.

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/>

Facebook Live With Fr. Patrick O'Neil & John Ratchford

Fr. Patrick O'Neil and John Ratchford are hosting a conversation each week on church teachings and issues.

Join live on **Sundays at 7:00 pm**, or watch later on Fr. Patrick's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

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