

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

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Sunday 10:00 am

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St. Joseph's Church

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Mass Times:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

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Mass Time:

Sunday 12:30 pm

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th, 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



Preparing the Church for the Christmas season is the work of a team of dedicated volunteers, and we would like to thank the following people for their very generous contributions of time, talent and energy:

To those who stayed after Mass on Saturday to help us clean the church. You did a great job!

To Bernie and Josh for installing the outside crib, and Cathy for her help in placing the figurines.

To the Havercourt family and their many volunteers for preparing the decorations for Christmas.

To Mary K and Jackie for taking care of the altar linens.

To Kim, Cathy, and Brooke for volunteering as our new altar servers, helping prepare the Church for Mass.

To Jerome and the many, many volunteers who will be attending the Masses, sanitizing, ushering, checking ID, providing the music, and assisting at Mass.

Thank you! We are blessed by your presence!

The Sacrament of Confession

Father Lazarus will be available to hear confessions on **Saturday December 11th**, from **3:30 pm to 4:00 pm**, immediately prior to Mass.



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

Collections for December 4th & 5th

Regular \$650 (30); Loose \$30; Missals \$165; Antigonish Food Bank \$20 (1); Flower/Decoration Fund \$40 (2)

Lectors for Mass

Saturday, December 11th - Jean Collins

Sunday, December 12th - Jerome Grant

2022 Sunday Missals

The 2022 Sunday Missals are set up on the table at the back of the church, on sale for \$5.00 each book.

St. Joseph's Church (cont.)



Advent Collections

As in the past, we will provide you with an opportunity to donate to outside local charities through the regular weekend collections during Advent. Two charities recommended this year are:

Antigonish Food Bank

Sunday Mass for Shut-Ins televised from Sydney

Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please ensure your envelope # is recorded, and the name of the charity of your choice. Thank you.

Flower/Decoration Fund

Also during Advent, for the past several years we provided special envelopes for donations to the Parish Flower/Decoration costs in memory of past loved ones.

We will continue to provide this opportunity to donate in the regular collection basket by way of a special envelope supplied at the back of the Church. Please record your name and envelope #, as well as the name(s) of the past loved one(s) you wish to have remembered. Thank you.



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, December 6th.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

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

If you would like to receive a copy of the bulletin each Friday evening via email, please let me know, and I'll add you to our list.

Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year

December 24th, Friday, Christmas Eve

- St. Joseph's Family Mass at 5:00 pm
- St. Joseph's Midnight Mass at 11:00 pm
- St. Paul's Mass at 4:00 pm
- St. Patrick's Mass at 7:00 pm

December 25th, Saturday, Christmas Day

- St. Joseph's Mass at 10:00 am
- No Mass in the evening

December 26th, Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family

- St. Joseph's Mass at 8:30 am
- St. Patrick's Mass at 10:00 am
- St. Paul's Mass at 12:30 pm

January 1st, Saturday, New Year's Day 2022

- St. Joseph's Mass at 10:00 am
- No Mass in the evening

January 2nd, Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord

- St. Joseph's Mass at 8:30 am
- St. Patrick's Mass at 10:00 am
- St. Paul's Mass at 12:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE

For Those Attending Mass At St. Joseph's

There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve, at 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm. Because of Covid-19 precautions, masks, and social distancing are required, as well as Proof of Full Vaccination and Photo ID from people who do not attend St. Joseph's Mass on a regular basis.

We can only accommodate a maximum of 90-100 people at the 5:00 pm Family Mass. Since this is usually a popular Mass, we ask any who can wait to attend the 11:00 pm Midnight Mass to do so.

People will be admitted on a first come, first served basis, so if you and your family wish to attend the 5:00 pm Mass, we suggest you arrive in plenty of time to make sure you get seated.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but hope you can understand our concern in keeping everyone as safe as possible during the pandemic. It is hard on all of us, but especially on our many elderly parishioners who are at increased risk.

Thank you!

Diocese of Antigonish

From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick:

"Those who may not be able to attend church for health reasons or due to other COVID-19 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 Livestream: From St. Ninian's Cathedral **Sundays at 10:30 am** <https://www.saintninian.ca>

Mass for Shut-Ins —New Season: Broadcast each **Sunday on CTV at 11:30 am**, and can be watched later on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel.

Questions? Contact Fr. Patrick MacNeil, producer, Mass for Shut-Ins, at (902) 562-9810.

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/>



Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic or Helping Others on their Journey?

St. Ninian's Parish Religious Education Program is re-establishing the RCIA Team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and are inviting people who wish to become Catholic, as well as those willing to help, to contact Leonarda MacNeil, ofs, at religioused@saintninian.ca or (902) 863-2338 ext 3. We welcome all inquiries.



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