

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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Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am

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Mass Time:

Sunday 12:30 pm

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19th, 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

Collections for December 11th & 12th

Regular \$640 (27); Loose \$10; Missals \$20; Mass for Shut-Ins \$120 (2); Flower/Decoration Fund \$20 (1)

Lectors for Mass

Saturday, December 18th - 4 pm - Robyn MacInnis
Sunday, December 19th - 8:30 am - Kim Timmons
Friday December 24th - 5 pm - Carl MacDonald
Friday December 24th - 11 pm - Ann MacDonald
Saturday December 25th - 10 am - Jean Collins
Sunday December 26th - 8:30 am - Ann Chisholm

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.

2022 Donation Boxes

The 2022 Donation Boxes are available on a table at the entrance to the church. Using the envelopes allows us to track your weekly donations to St. Joseph's and issue you a tax receipt at the end of the year. A win-win situation!

If you don't already have a box of envelopes, contact either Jerome Grant (902) 867-1160 or Donnie Dewar (902) 863-1321 and they can arrange for you to get registered.

Used Stamps for Development & Peace

We are once again collecting used postage stamps for Development & Peace. These stamps are sold to collectors all over the world and the proceeds used to support Development & Peace projects. Carefully tear off your stamp from the envelope and place them in the jar on the table at the entrance to the Church. Thank you!

The Sacrament of Confession

Father Lazarus will be available to hear confessions on **Saturday January 8th**, 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.



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 13th.

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/>

Free Christmas Dinners!



The people at St. James United Church have unfortunately had to cancel their Annual Christmas Dinner for the Antigonish Community, because of the spread of Covid-19. So a number of people are getting together to prepare free Christmas Dinners for pick-up or delivery.

They will be available at Myer's Tea Room in Antigonish.

For more information, or to book a free ticket for a meal, phone Delores Burton at (902) 863-9531.

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