

# 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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**Mass Times:**

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

**Sunday 8:30 am**

Parish Council Chairperson:  
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8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

**Mass Time:**

**Sunday 12:30 pm**

**Parish Council Chairperson:**

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## O Come Let Us Adore Him...



## Christmas

### December 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Year

### December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Christmas Day

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

### December 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, New Year's Day 2022

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

### January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

### Pre-Registration is required for ALL Christmas Masses at St. Joseph's

Due to new Covid-19 restrictions announced by Nova Scotia Health, the total number allowed to attend each Mass is limited to 50 people.

Therefore, Pre-Registration will be required for ALL Christmas Masses at St. Joseph's. Preference will be given to those who attend Mass at St. Joseph's on a regular basis.

Masks and social distancing are required, and Proof of Full Vaccination and Photo ID will be requested from anyone who does not regularly attend Mass at St. Joseph's.

**Pre-registration for the Family Mass on Christmas Eve is now closed.** If you wish to attend one of the other Masses, please contact the following people ASAP to reserve a place for you and your family:

11:00 pm Midnight Mass December 24<sup>th</sup> Willie Stewart  
 902-863-1462  
 10:00 am Christmas Day December 25<sup>th</sup> Jean Collins  
 902-863-2482

This is a stressful time for all of us, and we are so sorry to have to limit attendance at the Christmas Masses in this way. May the season bring us all a little peace and joy, and bless our time together, even if we can't celebrate in the usual manner.

## St. Patrick's Church

St. Patrick's Church, will be closing for the winter months **after mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2022.**

We will re-open for Easter Sunday mass on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

During this time, we ask the parishioners of St. Patrick's to continue with your support, as we must continue to honour our debts.

For the coming months we urge our parishioners to attend mass at St. Joseph's or St. Paul's.

Thank you. Carol Young [youngcarip@gmail.com](mailto:youngcarip@gmail.com)

## St. Joseph's Church

### Lectors for Mass

Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> - 5 pm - Carl MacDonald  
 Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> - 11 pm - Ann MacDonald  
 Saturday December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10 am - Jean Collins  
 Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am - Ann Chisholm

### Collections for December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Regular \$925 (29); Loose \$20; Missals \$25; Christmas Flower and Decoration Fund \$100 (1)

### 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!

## Diocese of Antigonish

### Letter from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

December 21, 2021

My Dear Clergy and My Dear People,

In providing a COVID-19 update today, Premier Tim Houston and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that the province will require further restrictive measures effective December 22, 2021.

We will need to continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing and now faith gatherings indoor and outdoors are limited to 25 % capacity to a maximum of 50 people. No choirs or congregational singing will be permitted but there can be one person singing.

Wedding and funeral Masses may be celebrated following the same protocols of 25 % capacity to a maximum of 50 people but there can be no receptions.

Here is the revised set of provincial guidelines for faith gatherings:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/docs/COVID-19-Faith-Organization-Guidelines.pdf>

Such restrictions are a major disappointment for all of us especially as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, but as Bishop, I support these directives and I instruct that our churches follow these provincial protocols.

Fraternally in Christ,

+ Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick



## Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at [jpcollins@eastlink.ca](mailto: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.**

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>; Christmas Letter from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick.

**Go to:** [www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org)

## Diocese of Antigonish

### Message 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."

### Online Masses

#### Christmas Masses from St. Ninian's Cathedral

For those who feel more comfortable joining us from home this year, we will be livestreaming the **9:00 pm Mass** on Christmas Eve (starting at 8:45 pm), as well as the **10:30 am Mass** (starting at 10:15 am) on Christmas Day

On our website: <https://www.saintninian.ca>

On our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stninian.cathedral/>

**Sunday Mass:** From St. Ninian's Cathedral is broadcast live on 98.9 X-FM radio each **Sunday at 8:20 am.**

<https://www.989xfm.ca/listen-live/>

**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/>

### 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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