

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

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### St. Patrick's Church

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#### Mass Time:

**Sunday 10:00 am**

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### St. Joseph's Church

2730 Ohio East Rd., PO Box 1022,  
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#### Mass Times:

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

**Sunday 8:30 am**

Parish Council Chairperson:  
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### St. Paul's Church

8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

#### Mass Time:

**Sunday 12:30 pm**

#### Parish Council Chairperson:

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*Thank  
You*

To all of the wonderful people who make our three parishes  
such warm and vibrant communities...

To Fr. Lazarus for his faithful service.

To those who serve at mass: our sacristans, altar servers,  
lectors, eucharistic ministers, music ministry, choir, and ushers.

To the members of our parish councils, committees, and to all  
those who help with and contribute to church finances.

To the people who keep our church and grounds in such  
beautiful condition, to our very talented church decorators, and  
to those who take care of the cemeteries and graves.

To all those who help with funerals and other special events.

To those who spread the good news of the gospel through their  
loving example and through quiet works of charity.

To the prayer warriors, who pray for the sick, for those who  
have died, for those who grieve, and for all people in need.

To all those who, behind the scenes, feed the hungry, clothe the  
naked, welcome the stranger, comfort the afflicted, visit the sick  
and the elderly, and give their time, energy and resources to  
those who need care, comfort, or companionship.

You are the Body of Christ: May Christmas blessings and  
peace be yours this season, and throughout the New Year.

*Wishing You All a Blessed and  
Peaceful New Year!*

## Mass Schedule for New Year

### 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



### Mass at St. Joseph's

The recent Covid-19 restrictions limit each Mass attendance to 50 people.

We DO NOT plan to require pre-registration.

Having two Masses each weekend, it is unlikely the 50 limit will be exceeded. As an example, attendance at the 8:30 am Sunday Mass is usually less than 20. Therefore attendance at each Mass will be on a first come, first served basis.

Masks and social distancing are required.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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, St. Patrick's Parish Council  
[youngcarip@gmail.com](mailto:youngcarip@gmail.com) (902) 783-2462

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

## St. Joseph's Church

### Lectors for Mass

Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> - 10 am - Carl MacDonald

Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:30 am - Brooke Bailey



### Collections for December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Regular \$1,590 (18); Christmas Offering \$1,030 (29); Antigonish Food Bank \$300 (4); Miscellaneous \$75.76; Loose \$75; Missals \$10; Cemetery Fund \$50 (1); Fuel Credit (Gift Certificate) \$500 (1)

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parishioners for their strong financial support throughout 2021, during a year in which we experienced a shrinkage in the attendance at our weekly Masses due to Covid-19. We are very fortunate to have your high level of support to enable us to meet the Parish's financial commitments and cover the Operating costs of our Church. We also thank those who supported our two Fund Raising initiatives, in 2021, namely, the Bulletin Advertising and the Raffle Replacement,

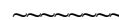
Thank you and best wishes for 2022.

.....Parish Council



### 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

## 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.**

## Diocese of Antigonish

### Development & Peace - Caritas Canada

#### People & Planet First

A major focus of our mission is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect in their overseas operations the human and environmental rights of local populations. Acting in solidarity with people in the Global South, thousands of Canadians are being asked to sign a petition asking the government to enact such a law. On behalf of those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development & Peace-Caritas Canada, thanks these Canadians for their commitment.

#### **Let's spread the word!**

Development & Peace-Caritas Canada is speaking up loudly in defence of defenders of human and environmental rights. Every week around the globe, four water and forest protectors are assassinated for trying to defend their communities. This climate of insecurity is often fuelled by the activities of mining, agribusiness or textile companies, some of which are Canadian. It is important that our government makes sure that Canadian companies respect human and environmental rights in all their operations in the Global South and thus contribute to what Pope Francis calls an "ecological conversion."

It is extremely important that Canada have a strong legal requirement that obliges Canadian companies to act responsibly abroad. Such a law would help protect the women and men defending the earth by giving them the right to access Canadian courts and take offending companies to trial. "Life before profit!" This is the message these defenders are sending us from their communities.

Wishing you the joy of Christmastime and thank you for the support you offer Development & Peace.

To learn more: <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/>



### **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

"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

**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 (Video)

From St. Ninian's Cathedral on **Sundays at 10:30 am**

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

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

*Wishing You All a Blessed  
and Peaceful New Year!*



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