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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org



Second Sunday in Lent

March 16th, 2025

🙏 **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



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St. Joseph's Parish

Revised Covid -19 Protocols

St. Joseph's Parish Council continues to support the wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands. The pandemic may be over, but the health risks of a severe infection are not.

Please be kind and considerate of our many elderly and vulnerable parishioners, and stay home if you are coughing or sneezing, or have any other symptoms of Covid-19.

Collections

Ash Wednesday & Saturday March 8th

Regular \$855 (26); Initial Offering \$10 (1); Loose \$40; Missals \$16; Social Action \$140 (6); Ash Wednesday- Church Maintenance \$460 (20)

Income tax receipts for your 2024 donations are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your contributions.

REMINDER

MASS TIME CHANGE

Consistent with past practice of changing the Saturday Mass time with the annual shift to Atlantic Daylight Savings time, the **Saturday Mass will be held at 5:00 pm beginning on March 15th.**

Thank you for your cooperation

Website

Resources for Prayer and Reflection

The bulletin, scripture readings, homily, and other resources for prayer and reflection, are available on our website each week by **Friday** evening.

Recent addition: Seven Ears of Grain, March 10, 2025; Witness to Hope - Lent 2025.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at jeanpcollins@icloud.com or call **902-863-2482** before **Thursday**.

Please let me know if you would like to receive a copy of the bulletin each week via email.

Our Parish Priest

Fr. Tom Stephan

In addition to serving at Mass and on our Parish Councils, Fr. Tom organized Religious Education programs for First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates. He is also available for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, to bless your home, to pray for yourself and your loved ones, to hear confessions, to anoint the sick and dying, to visit with those who are isolated and lonely, and to bring communion to those who are unable to attend Mass.

Fr. Tom can be reached at:

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Community Events



Square Dance/Ceilidh

Weather permitting, we are presenting the third of our Winter/Spring Square Dance/Ceilidh series at St. Ninian's Place on **Sunday March 23rd, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.**

Featured performers: Brian and Abby MacDonald, Junior Fraser, and Leona Williams.

Adults: \$10; Students by donation; children free

Students at X are holding a Ceilidh at St. Ninian's Place on **Friday March 28th, from 8:00 to 11:00 pm** to provide a social evening of dance, music and fellowship for students and townspeople alike. All are welcome. Light lunch provided. Admission by donation.

Featured performers: Colin Rankin, Junior Fraser, Leona Williams, and some surprise student musicians

Diocese of Antigonish

Prayer for the Health and Recovery of Pope Francis

Message by the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan,
CCCB President

"I invite individuals, families, parishes, and all Catholic movements and associations in Canada to join their local Bishops in lifting up Pope Francis in their prayers and intentions."

"May the Lord, through Our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth."

**Prayer for the health and recovery of Pope Francis -
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Development and Peace/ Caritas Canada

SHARE LENT 2025

Our Share Lent campaign: **Turn Debt into Hope** responds to Pope Francis's call to be "*Pilgrims of Hope*" in the Jubilee year. We are counting on you to get Canadians to contribute to a just future, where countries of the Global South are freed from crushing financial debt and repaid the ecological debt they are owed.

Local contact in our diocese: Winnie Odo
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Medical Assistance in Dying

*What does the Church teach about MAID?
What are the moral questions that arise from this practice of dying?*

StFX Philosophy Professors Louis Groarke and Will Sweet will discuss these and other questions about MAID.

**Wednesday March 19
7PM**

St Ninian Place, Antigonish

Sponsored by the Antigonish/Guysborough Deanery
All Welcome

Diocese of Antigonish

A Message From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Most current Public Health restrictions and mandates have ended, but this does not mean that the risk of infection has ended. It will be important to use personal public health measures, both individually and collectively, to help keep each other safe, especially those who are at risk of severe disease due to age and/or underlying health issues.

Masking and social distancing are no longer required. However, we still encourage masking and social distancing in our churches. We need time to make the adjustment to the "new-normal" as we learn to live with COVID.

I will continue to dispense from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for people who may not be able to attend for health reasons, as well as for those who care for them.

Online Masses

Weekly Mass - Livestream (Video)

From St. Ninian's Cathedral

Every Sunday - 10:30 am

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

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

Mass for Shut-Ins

Sundays at 11:30 am on CTV

Recordings are available for viewing on our [website](#) and on our [Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel](#)

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.