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

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St. Joseph's Church

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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

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St. Patrick's Church

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Mass Time: Sunday 10:00 am

Parish Council Chairperson:
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St. Paul's Church

8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

Mass Time: Sunday 11:30 am

Parish Council Chairperson:
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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

The Parable of the Sower

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th, 2026

🙏 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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hillsidecemeteryassociation@gmail.com

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 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.

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Collections

July 4th & 5th - Regular $440 (17); Loose $30; Cemetery Fund $100 (1); IMO Carl MacDonald $825 (17); IMO Mary Lillian MacDonald $100 (1)

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Readers

Saturday July 11th - Mary K Barter

Since we are short of readers for Mass during the summer months, Fr. Thaddeus has very graciously agreed to do all of the readings himself, if no lay reader is available.

Thank you, Father!

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St. Paul's Parish

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family and friends of

Mary Ruby Watson

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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, July 6th

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

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

Our Parish Priest

Fr. Thaddeus Chickezie Orga

In addition to serving at Mass and on our Parish Councils, Fr. Thaddeus is 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. Thaddeus can be reached at:
(902) 919-9827 (cell); **(902) 783-2631** (glebe);
and **tvc30orga@gmail.com**

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Prayer After Communion

(repeat together 3x)

"O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment Thine"

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Community Events

St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

Sunday July 12th — 8:30 am - 11:30 am

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Diocese of Antigonish

Development & Peace

Is Canada On Track For Justice?

Education and action campaign - Fall 2026

This fall, join our "Is Canada on Track for Justice?" campaign. We will call on the Government of Canada to continue funding international development aid by demonstrating its positive impact on the Global South over the years. People will be encouraged to participate by:

Becoming a member of Development and Peace;
Meeting Federal Members of Parliament to discuss this issue;
Organizing community discussions or video screenings.

Materials and information are available on our website:
https://www.devp.org/en/

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Local contact in our diocese: Winnie Odo:

twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca 902-862-2330 or 902-322-1864

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The Sisters of St. Martha Present:

Sister Garden

Eight Tiny Plays about Gospel Hospitality

July 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 @ 6:30 pm

July 18, 19, 22 @ 2:30 pm

In the Bethany Centennial Garden

Pick up your free tickets at the Heritage Museum. Spaces are limited.

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Our Life as Mission

The 17th edition of Our Life as Mission is now available!

The Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish invites you to visit our website and explore the latest issue: **https://shorturl.at/qnhFp** We hope you enjoy reading it!

https://www.facebook.com/themarthas

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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.

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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

Now in its 63rd Season on CTV — Sundays at 11:30 am. Previous recordings are available on our **website** and **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/

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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.

July 2026 – Our Clergy

We	1	Pope Leo XIV
Th	2	Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick
Fr	3	Seminarians
Sa	4	Candidates to Permanent Diaconate
Su	5	Fr. Fabian Ihunegbo
Mo	6	Deacon Walter Ivany
Tu	7	Fr. Alphonsus Iwuji
We	8	Fr. Godwin Kalu
Th	9	Fr. Dennis Lamey
Fr	10	Fr. Peter LeBlanc
Sa	11	Deacon David Lewis
Su	12	Fr. Bernard MacAdam
Mo	13	Fr. Daniel G. MacDonald
Tu	14	Fr. Daniel J. MacDonald
We	15	Fr. Douglas MacDonald
Th	16	Fr. Peter MacDonald
Fr	17	Fr. Angus MacDougall
Sa	18	Fr. Martin MacDougall
Su	19	Fr. Angus MacGillivray
Mo	20	Fr. Donald MacGillivray
Tu	21	Fr. George MacInnis
We	22	Fr. Duncan MacIsaac
Th	23	Fr. Joseph MacKenzie
Fr	24	Fr. Colin MacKinnon
Sa	25	Fr. Daniel MacLennan
Su	26	Fr. Allan MacMillan
Mo	27	Fr. Everett MacNeil
Tu	28	Deacon Lorne MacNeil
We	29	Fr. Tom MacNeil
Th	30	Fr. Norman MacPhee
Fr	31	Fr. Gary MacPherson

Daily Prayers

Diocese of Antigonish

Please Pray for a Clergy and Community Each Day

Let us pray for priests and deacons:

The Holy Father
Fill him with your grace, Lord.

Our Bishop
Give him your gifts, Lord
Diocesan Priests and Deacons
Never leave them, Lord
Priests in seminary work
Give them your wisdom, Lord

Those in hospital work
Give them constancy, Lord
Those who are ill
Heal them, Lord.
Those who are in danger
Deliver them, Lord.
Those who are weak
Strengthen them, Lord.
Those who are poor
Relieve them, Lord
Those who are zealous
Help them, Lord.

Those who are worried
Give them peace, Lord
Those who are old
Sustain them, Lord.
Those who are young
Impel them for your glory, Lord.
Those who are alone
Accompany them, Lord.
Missionary Priests
Protect them, Lord.
Those who preach
Enlighten them, Lord.
Those who direct souls
Instruct them, Lord.
Parish priests
Give them prudence, Lord.
On all the Church
---Lord, have mercy

July 2026 – Our Communities

We	1	Glace Bay
Th	2	Glencoe Mills
Fr	3	Glendale
Sa	4	Grand Mira
Su	5	Guysborough Intervale
Mo	6	Guysborough
Tu	7	Havre Boucher
We	8	Heatherton
Th	9	Ingonish
Fr	10	Inverness
Sa	11	Iona
Su	12	Johnstown
Mo	13	Judique
Tu	14	Lakevale
We	15	L'Ardoise
Th	16	Larry's River
Fr	17	Lincolnville
Sa	18	Lismore
Su	19	Little Bras d'Or
Mo	20	Little Dover
Tu	21	Lochaber
We	22	Louisbourg
Th	23	Louisdale
Fr	24	Lower River Inhabitants
Sa	25	Mabou
Su	26	Main-a-dieu
Mo	27	East Margaree
Tu	28	Northeast Margaree
We	29	Southwest Margaree
Th	30	Maryvale
Fr	31	Marion Bridge

Embracing Father,
You grace each of us with equal measure in your love.
Let us learn to love our neighbours more deeply,
so that we can create
peaceful and just communities.
Inspire us to use our creative energies
to build the structures we need
to overcome the obstacles
of intolerance and indifference.
May Jesus provide us the example needed
and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.
Amen

—from Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice
https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-for-community

We invite you to use these prayers, offer your own prayers, or offer up Mass, Fasting, Eucharistic Exposition, Rosary. Holy Hour or other devotions. Thank you for helping to spread God's healing love.