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St. Joseph's Church

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Sunday 8:30 am

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St. Patrick's Church

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

Mass Time: Sunday 11:30 am

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Jesus heals the Canaanite woman's daughter

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th, 2026

~~ 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 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

August 8th & 9th

Regular $1,155 (23); Loose $145; Cemetery Fund $75 (1)

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Readers

Saturday August 15th - Volunteer

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

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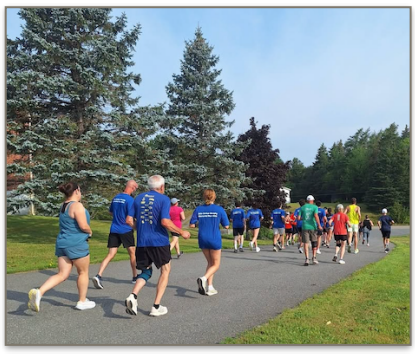
To all of the runners, walkers, and bikers who completed this year's John Arther Murphy Memorial 7K Run.



A big thank you to all of our sponsors, organizers, servers, and volunteers who made this such a great success!

A special thank you to Wilhelmina and Donnie Stewart for organizing the run again this year. You are the best!

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, August 10th

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

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

20 Year Anniversary Celebration

Saturday September 19th

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Diocese of Antigonish

Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Monastery, Nova Scotia

We offer Daily Mass at **10:00 am** Monday through Friday, when our chaplain is available.

Please contact the Monastery at **902-232-2214** to confirm.

Sunday Mass takes place at **10:00 am**.

Reconciliation is available following weekday Masses, by appointment, or by drop-in if a chaplain is available.

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is **Sundays at 2:00 pm**. There is a **Holy Hour at 3:00 pm** with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction.

Augustinian Healing Ministries

Healing Masses are offered in Our Lady of Grace Monastery Chapel, celebrated by Father Albert MacPherson, O.S.A. There will be anointing with blessed oil and prayers for healing of body, mind and spirit.

Date for our next Healing Mass: TBA

Our Lady of Grace Monastery offers a monthly newsletter with photos, news and updates on events at the Monastery. To subscribe, go to **Newsletter** at the bottom of the website:

https://ourladyofgracemonastery.ca/

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Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, NS is a place of prayer and devotion, of piety and faith, a Catholic Shrine which welcomes visitors of all faiths and interests.

Gift Shop hours: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, daily

The Shrine is open for visitation all year round.

For inquiries **902-945-2221**

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Sisters of St. Martha

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

Resumes in October 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.

August 2026 – Our Clergy

Sa	1	Pope Leo XIV
Su	2	Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick
Mo	3	Seminarians
Tu	4	Candidates to Permanent Diaconate
We	5	Fr. Allan MacPhie
Th	6	Deacon Duncan McMaster
Fr	7	Fr. Albert Maroun
Sa	8	Deacon Barry Miller
Su	9	Fr. Eugene Morris
Mo	10	Fr. John Morrison
Tu	11	Fr. Douglas Murphy
We	12	Deacon Greg Murphy
Th	13	Fr. Paul Murphy
Fr	14	Fr. Jonathan Nnajiofor
Sa	15	Fr. Anthony O'Connor
Su	16	Fr. Godwin Obike
Mo	17	Fr. James Oliver
Tu	18	Fr. Thaddeus Orga
We	19	Fr. Victor Ozonoh
Th	20	Fr. Frank Pellerin
Fr	21	Deacon Leo Penny
Sa	22	Fr. David Rankin
Su	23	Deacon Art Riley
Mo	24	Fr. Sunny Sebastian
Tu	25	Deacon Roy Smith
We	26	Deacon Tom Sylliboy
Th	27	Fr. Daniel Tshimbalanga
Fr	28	Fr. Jonas Uwaezuoke
Sa	29	Deacon Henry Van De Wiel
Su	30	Fr. John Yake
Mo	31	Fr. Chinonso Alaribe

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

August 2026 – Our Communities

Sa	1	Membertou
Su	2	Mulgrave
Mo	3	New Glasgow
Tu	4	New Waterford
We	5	North Sydney
Th	6	Paqtnkek
Fr	7	Petit-de-grat
Sa	8	Pictou
Su	9	Pictou Landing
Mo	10	Pomquet
Tu	11	Port Felix
We	12	Port Hawkesbury
Th	13	Port Hood
Fr	14	Port Morien
Sa	15	Potlotek
Su	16	Queensport
Mo	17	Reserve Mines
Tu	18	River Bourgeois
We	19	Salmon River Lake
Th	20	St. Andrew's
Fr	21	St. Francis Harbour
Sa	22	St. Joseph's
Su	23	St. Joseph du Moine
Mo	24	St. Margaret's Village
Tu	25	St. Peter
We	26	Sherbrooke
Th	27	Stellarton
Fr	28	Tracadie
Sa	29	Sydney
Su	30	Sydney Mines
Mo	31	Sydney River

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.