

## ST JOSEPH PARISH

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**Because of Covid 19 Pandemic, please note the following:**

**Our Parish Office is CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.** Contact us @ 902-625-1045 or [st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca)

**All masses**, church, and church-related activities have new restrictions in place.

- **Baptisms** please contact the parish office
- Weddings** please contact the parish office one year prior to make arrangements

**Funerals** can be celebrated with current restrictions and Diocesan protocols.

**The Sacrament of Penance** celebrated as requested.

**Pastoral Care:** Mindful of good hygiene and hand washing, pastors are encouraged to reach out to the sick and elderly to ensure they receive Sacrament of the Sick and pastoral care as needed.

**Further Info** please contact us as the number or email address found above. Thank you!

### DONATIONS?

Donations to St. Joseph's can also be made through the diocese. More information:

<http://antigonishdiocese.com/images/>

[When you arrive at Paypal screen.pdf](#)

For the donation form: <https://fs26.formsite.com/DioceseofAntigonish/jdqh7w8ymr/index.htm>

**More info on back page of this bulletin.**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 2, 2021



**John 15: 1-8**  
**Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.**

This reading is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently. In John's Gospel, it begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. He provides them with instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In

this part of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

The reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, He is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures; Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

Jesus teaches his disciples his relationship with them will not end after his death. The unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do His work. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation he began. Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of the words he has taught them.

Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so will his words. We know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word; strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains and transforms us so we might bear fruit in his name.

Many people act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor- feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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**ONLINE MASS from St. Joseph's Sunday Morning at 10am**

Online Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are also available.

You can access these resources at our Facebook Page or YouTube Channel

<https://www.facebook.com/StJparish2020/> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJeNyI7D8dhAmh-aSjOgiWA>

**Due to the province wide shut down for the next 2 weeks, the following have been cancelled or postponed:**

Daily masses during the week and weekend masses

The Roast Turkey dinner scheduled -Friday, April 30

The Knights of Columbus Novena for Life mass on Saturday, May 1

The CWL meeting for Sunday, May 2

The in-person part of the CWL Holy Rosary starting this Wed, May 5

The Mother's Day Drive thru Blessing scheduled for Sunday, May 9

**Our office will be closed to all in-person visits for the next 2 weeks but collection envelopes can still be dropped off in the lobby. Any concerns or questions, please call 902-625-1045 or email**

**[st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca) Any updates will be posted in future bulletins and on our Facebook page (see link above).**

Please stay safe and well everyone!

**+ Sympathy to the family of Colin McDaniel, brother of Gerry McDaniel.**

**T H A N K Y O U**

**THANK YOU** to all who continue to support St. Joseph Parish. We are aware these are challenging times for ALL and many are enduring profound hardships. If you are able to support us financially we simply say, "THANKS".

**H O W C A N I D O N A T E ?**

**E-TRANSFER** ([st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca))

We are now able to accept E-transfers for the Cemetery and Capital funds. *Please insure you **specify the name of the fund in the message portion of the e-transfer** to ensure it will be properly credited. Otherwise it will have to be credited to the regular operating fund. Thank you!*

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT**

A quick call to our office can get you started!

**ONLINE DONATION**

Follow the link on [www.antigonishdiocese.com](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com), our St. Joseph Facebook Page or the GIVING button on our *MyParish App*.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Arrangements can be made for church envelopes to be dropped off to us.

**MASS CARDS/MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Please phone the office to arrange.



**SPRING PARISH AUCTION**

Our online auction is live! The address for the auction is :

[St Joseph Parish Spring 2021 Auction | AirAuctioneer](#)

Once you are on the site you will be able to follow the directions for bidding. Happy hunting and bidding!

## A letter from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick



April 28, 2021

**My Dear People,**

With their third COVID-19 update in two days, Premier Iain Rankin and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Strang announced a province-wide shutdown for the next two weeks effective today.

**The directive mandates that there be no in-person faith gatherings in the province for the next two weeks. I support this shutdown and direct that our churches remain closed to the public until further notice. Our diocesan and parish offices will be closed to the public during this time.**

The new variants of this pandemic have been spreading rapidly. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus by staying home and limiting our interaction with others. Our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, we pray that the patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

**Fraternally,**

**+ Wayne Kirkpatrick**

(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick