

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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August 1, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Father is the one who provides man with the food he needs for his life. But like pagans, we live with empty minds and are so taken up with filling our stomachs and the needs of this life that we fail to grasp the real meaning of his gifts or the incomparable worth of the bread of life who is Jesus himself. Receiving this gift we become a new creation, with “a fresh, spiritual way of thinking”.

Today is the feast of [Alphonsus Ligouri](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.



Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 4:17, 20-24.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 6:24-35. Getting our values straight. According to St Paul, if Christ is really active in our lives (and who among us wants to claim he isn't?), our very way of thinking will have been turned upside down; that is, it will have been put right, because sin has perverted the order of our values. Our priorities (when we vote, when we wonder if we should have more children or not, when we choose our entertainment, when we go shopping, when we're tempted to cut corners at work, take advantage of a customer, or skip our homework, and when we make any of the countless minor decisions of every day) will not be the following -- “what's in it for me”, “what will this do for my bank account”, “is it pleasurable” or “can I get away with it”, but rather, “how can this help me reach my real goal, eternal life”, “is this what God wants”, “does it bring me closer to God”, “will this help others”, “will it be a better witness of Christian life”.

Unrealistic? No, unless Jesus should be called “unrealistic” when he reproached people who were far needier than any of us for being more interested in today's lunch than in the bread of life (Gospel). No, because this is the only realistic attitude: this is the way God sees things and only he sees things in all their reality. We're the

ones who need to “get real”. Did Jesus really become man and die on a cross merely so his followers could be just like everybody else?

Fruitful communions: To achieve this means taking Communion far more “seriously” than we regularly do; being quite certain that it is a food that will, gradually, transform me. No, you won’t lose weight, but you will begin to think differently about life.

In practice, it means seriously preparing yourself: before Mass, during Mass and when going to receive. Before Mass: arriving, having made some kind of real attempt during the week, to do God’s will in your life, and to open your heart to him regularly in prayer, and to people in need. During Mass: offering yourself as best you can with Christ who is offering himself for you, having an idea of what you need from him (from this Communion), telling him this. When you go to Communion: remembering who you are: this needy, weak, selfish, tempted, grieving, overworked... individual. And who the One you are about to receive is: the Jesus who gave – and gives – sight to the blind, consolation to the grieving, strength to the weak... who was tempted, and overcame temptation, for you; who invited his followers to come aside and rest with him; who gave and gives himself up for you, so that you can do it for others...

Then, after Mass, maybe we’ll be ready to do something about “the thousand inconsistencies of a ‘globalized’ world where the weakest, the most powerless and the poorest appear to have so little hope!”, aware “that it is ‘unworthy’ of a Christian community to partake of the Lord’s Supper amid division and indifference towards the poor”.

--Excerpted from [Sacerdos](#)

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office:

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.

Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Weekday Liturgy

Monday, August 2, 2021

SP 11:00 AM

Mass of the Ressurrection

+ Agnes Campbell

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Villa Mass 10:30 AM

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

Mass for the living

Fr. Mariadoss Lourdusamay

Requested by Alice Sampson

(L'Ardoise)

Thursday, August 5, 2021

**SJB 10:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
+ Mary Adelia Landry**

Friday, August 6, 2021,

**SH 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
+Mary Catherine MacNeil**

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, August 7, 2021

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Clark Sampson

Sunday, August 8, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Charlotte & Fred LeBlanc

SP 10:30 AM

Villa Mass August 3, 2021 10:30AM

Check if this Mass is open to the public if you intend to attend.

The Villa Mass will be celebrated on Thursdays at 10:30 AM commencing on August 12, 2021

Funerals

In keeping with the tradition, where there is a funeral in a parish on the day when weekday Mass is scheduled, the latter is cancelled.

Here is a list of funerals in August (Burials of others not listed):

Monday, August 2, 2021

**SP 11:00 PM Mass of the Resurrection
+ Agnes Campbell**

Thursday, August 5, 2021

**SJB 10:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
+ Mary Adelia Landry**

Friday, August 6, 2021

**SH 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
+Mary Catherine MacNeil**

Monday, August 9, 2021

**SH 10:30AM Mass of the Resurrection
+John and Marie Burke**

Friday, August 13, 2021

**HGA 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
+Greg Mombourquette**

Friday, August 20, 2021

**SJB 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
+Mary Cosman**

4Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office, not with Fr. Yake.

Thank you to all who participated in the recent novena to St Anne at HGA church. May you receive abundant blessings through the intercession of good St Anne. Also, from your daily donations, we were able to send \$450 to the St Anne de Beaupré shrine. Many thanks.

In light of the current situation, St. Peter's Altar Society will not be hosting funeral receptions for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your understanding.
St. Peter's Altar Society

(July 25, 2021 receipts)

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes	\$ 1,237.25
Candles	31.00
Dues	10.00
Education of Candidates for Priesthood	205.00

Total \$ 1,483.25

St. Peter's Catholic Church

Envelopes & Loose	\$808.00
Cemetery	100.00

Total \$ 908.00

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 775.00
Roof Fund	\$ 1,800.00

Total \$ 2,575.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Facebook Live with Fr Patrick O'Neill and John Ratchford

Sundays at 7 pm

Fr. Patrick and John will host a 30-minute presentation of spirituality, talks and

taking questions from viewers. Fr. Patrick is pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River, as well as producer of Mass for Shut-Ins and chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces and CBRM police. John Ratchford is a renowned photographer from North Sydney who has shared his personal experiences of faith and mental illness as part of our Youth Ministry Let's Talk events in 2020 and 2021.

To view the livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

Events at Johnstown

The following is the schedule for the summer and fall season. Some events are tentative at this time and more information will be forthcoming closer to the event. These events are subject to change due to Covid restrictions:

1. Saturday July 31st: Take-out Cold Turkey Plate
2. Saturday August 14th: Cemetery Mass and Take-out Supper
3. Sunday August 22th: Bake Sale
4. Saturday September 4th: Take-out Supper
5. Sunday November 21st: Christmas Bingo