

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist
Parishes**

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Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

The Resurrection of the Lord



Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians.

In the very center of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus: "This is the day which the Lord has made."
Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

"This is the Day the Lord has made":

Easter Message from Most Rev. Richard Gagnon, President of the CCCB

Read in English and French on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/this-is-the-day-the-lord-has-made/>

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Station at St. Mary Major (*Santa Maria Maggiore*):

The Station is at St. Mary Major, the principal church of all those that are dedicated to the Mother of God in the holy city. This is to associate with the

Paschal solemnity the memory of her, who, more than all other creatures, had merited its joys, not only because of the exceptional share she had had in all the sufferings of Jesus, but also because of the unshaken faith wherewith, during those long and cruel hours of his lying in the tomb, she had awaited his Resurrection.

Sacrament of Baptism

please call:

**Rev. John Yake, I.V.Dei
902-535-2231**

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 previous to the scheduled marriage date.

April

9-11

Virtual

Marriage

Encounter

weekend:

a very special enrichment opportunity for husbands and wives
From the comfort of your own home, through Zoom
The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of
Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

For

more

information:

renewmarriage@gmail.com or 506-856-9485

Pre-Marriage Program

May 29, 2021

Offered by Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia, Glace Bay.

Register by phone: 902-849-4772

For more information, contact:

Tasia Boucher

EAP/Pre-Marriage Program Coordinator & Admin Support

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Website: <http://ensfamilyservice.ca/>

Saturday, April 10, 2021

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

† Fred Bona

Sunday, April 11, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

† Donnie Richard

SP 10:30 AM

† Mary Ann Marshall

Please note: There will be no parish Masses from April 7th to April 9th, 2021.
Friday, April 9, 2021 11:00AM HGA Funeral for †Joseph Robert Jones.

March 28, 2021 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,430.00
Candles	\$ 8.60
Altar Society	\$ 25.00
Share lent	\$ 535.00
Dev. & Peace	\$ 30.00
New Year	\$ 20.00

Total **\$ 20,486**

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 900.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Share Lent	\$ 40.00
Missals	\$ 5.00
Total	<u>\$ 967.00</u>

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 680.00
Development & Peace	\$ 420.00
Cemetery	\$ 200.00

Total **\$ 1,300.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The next St. Peter's Parish Council meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Eva Landry's house.

SJB A sincere "Thank you" from **Development and Peace** to all those who donated generously to the Share Lent campaign. Your donations will be used to better the lives of many in the Global South and are very much appreciated. A very blessed Easter to you all!

Thank you,
Ann Cooke

Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office and not Fr. Yake so there will be no conflict with dates. Thank you

Silver Rose Prayer Service: A Pro-life Celebration

The travelling Silver Rose will be in our area on Tuesday, April 13th. Please join with the Knights of Columbus in honouring Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe to reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life. Holy Mass will be held in Sacred Heart Johnstown at the outdoor shrine (weather permitting) or in

the church on April 13th at 3:30 pm and then at St. Peter's Church on April 13th at 6:30 pm.

Due to COVID guidelines for church limitation on numbers it is suggested that you sign at the site where you wish to attend. This, in case the outdoor venue becomes unavailable.



Divine Mercy Sunday: The Second Sunday of Easter

On this Sunday the Collect opens with, "God of everlasting mercy,...."

A Mr. Dwyer asked: What is the difference between that special graces promised by Jesus for devout communicants on Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday devotions that was instituted several years ago by St. Pope John Paul II? Are they the same thing? Or are they different?

Simply put: They are NOT the same thing!

The main difference, of course, is that an "indulgence" is something offered to the faithful by the Church, as the keeper of the keys of the kingdom, with authority to "bind and loose" (see Mt 16:17-19). The special graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, on the other hand, were promised directly by our Lord, through a prophetic revelation given to St. Faustina (see *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 699). The Church has not officially ruled that this particular promise was an authentic supernatural revelation (and no Catholic is required to believe it as a matter of faith), but the Church has discerned, in various ways, that there is nothing that violates Catholic doctrine in this promise.

Briefly, here are the other main differences between the "special graces" promised by Jesus for Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday:

1) To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfillment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).

2) The special graces promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday can be received by a soul in a state of grace, but with imperfect love for God, and imperfect contrition for sin-as long as the soul merely trusts in the mercy of God, and clings to Him because of His promised benefits. A plenary indulgence, however, can only be obtained through the performance of an indulgenced work as an expression of pure love for God. If the intentions of one's indulgenced work are not pure (say, the work is done in part out of fear of hell or purgatory, and loathing for oneself - or the desire to impress one's friends and relatives! - rather than purely out of love for God) then the indulgence obtained will be only partial, not plenary.

3) The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday can only be received for oneself, through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday (as stated in #1 above). A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

4) The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." Such a measure of grace can only be received otherwise through baptism itself, or through making a sacramental confession as an act of perfect contrition for sin, out of pure love for God.

As you can see, this is no easy topic. However, you can find a more in-depth treatment of this same subject in the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy section of this same website, in the document entitled "Understanding Divine Mercy Sunday."

Robert Stackpole, STD, is director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, an apostolate of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. His latest book is Divine Mercy: A Guide from Genesis to Benedict XVI (Marian Press). Got a question? E-mail him at questions@thedivinemercy.org.

Meditation - He is Risen!

"I rose up and am still with Thee." After His labors and His humiliations, Christ finds rest with His Father. "I am still with Thee." This is perfect beatitude. Through His cross He entered into the possession of eternal glory. Christ has gained the crown of victory; through Christ men also win their crowns of victory. Humanity was under a curse and subject to the wrath of God. Now that they have risen with Christ, their guilt has been destroyed. "I rose up and am still with Thee." The liturgy places these words in the mouth of the Church that she may pray them with Christ.



"The earth trembled and was still when God arose in judgment." The resurrection of Christ is the judgment and condemnation of those who have turned away from God. This judgment was prefigured by the angel who passed through the land of Egypt destroying the first-born of the Egyptians. The Israelites marked the doors of their houses with the blood of the paschal lamb. We are the new Israel, and "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed." We mark ourselves with His blood, which we enjoy in the Holy Eucharist. We have been pardoned, we are saved, we shall live.

"He is risen." The resurrection of Christ is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is the foundation upon which our faith rests. It is the guarantee of our redemption and God's assurance that our sins are forgiven and that we are called to eternal life.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Give praise to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Alleluia." "Christ our Pasch is sacrificed. . . . The Lamb redeems the sheep. Christ, the innocent One, hath reconciled sinners to the Father." — Excerpted from *The Light of the World* by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.