

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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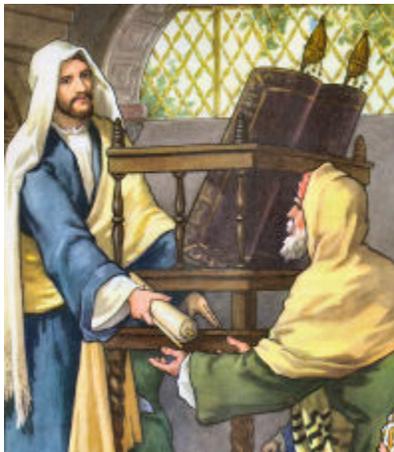
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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house (Mk 6:2-4)."

Today is [Independence Day](#)



Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 2:2-5 and treats of the Ezekiel's appointment as prophet among the exiles in Babylon.

The **second reading** is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10. St Paul feels forced to prove that he was a true Apostle — who suffered much for Christ and his Gospel and who also had been given the privilege of special visions and revelations. He goes on to describe some weakness he had which troubled him very much. He concludes that he is content with weakness and sufferings because the power and strength of Christ, working through a weak instrument, will be all the more visible and convincing.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 6:1-6. What happened in Nazareth was a foretaste of the later reaction of the scribes and Pharisees, the leaders of the people, to Christ's claim to be the promised Messiah. What the people of Nazareth tried to do (Lk. 4:29-30), the religious authorities in Jerusalem succeeded in doing, because they were able to threaten the Roman governor with blackmail. Even in their wickedness and unknown to themselves, they were putting into action God's plan for mankind. It was necessary that Christ should die so that all men could live forever with God. Christ's death, followed by his resurrection, was the key that opened the door of eternity for the human race.

Unfortunately for the leaders of the Jews, the good end did not justify the evil intentions and evil means which they used. It is hard to understand the irrational opposition of the Nazarites on this occasion, and of the Pharisees of Jerusalem later. The people of Nazareth had heard nothing but marvelous reports of his wonderful preaching and outstanding miracles. One would therefore expect that if they were at all reasonable, they would rejoice on having one of their fellow-citizens admired by thousands and looked upon by so many as the long-promised Messiah. Instead, they turned against him in bitter hatred and there and then decided to put an end to his career (Lk. 4:29). Why? Because the demon of envy, a daughter of pride, laid hold of their hearts and minds. Why should a neighbor's son, and one of a lower status than many of them—a mere carpenter, be given this privilege while their sons were passed over? This could not be, their envy told them, and so they shut their minds against any proof to the contrary.

It was the same later in the case of the Pharisees. The same vices, pride and envy, darkened their intellects and prevented them from seeing the truth. They were the religious leaders of the people, or so they thought themselves to be. If the Messiah had come they felt that he should have come through them and with their approval. This impostor Jesus could not possibly be the Messiah. Not only was he not keeping the law as strictly as they kept it, but he was friendly with sinners and tax-gatherers. Furthermore, he was talking of some faraway kingdom in heaven and not of the earthly empire which they decided the real Messiah would establish. They had not only heard of his extraordinary miracles but had seen some of those who were cured. In Bethany only a few miles from Jerusalem Lazarus had been raised to life after four days in the grave. They tried very hard to deny these miracles (see Jn. 9: the man born blind), and they even thought of killing Lazarus to make the people forget the miracle! (Jn. 12:11). Thus their pride and envy made them irrational. Nothing but the cruelest possible death of the one hated could satisfy their hatred. But that very death was Christ's road to glory. Lifted up on the cross he drew all men to himself as he had foretold (Jn. 12:32). Those on Calvary beheld the triumph of failure.

Would that all the opposition to Christ and his teaching, caused by human pride and envy, had ended with the Nazarites and Pharisees! Far from it. Pride and envy are still rife among us. All through the twenty centuries of Christianity, there have been proud men, men high in their own esteem. Not only would they not have Christ to reign over them, but they have tried to prevent his reign over even those who are gladly and proudly his subjects. Not content with dethroning Christ in their own hearts and minds, they have devoted all their energies to abolishing him and his Church from the face of our earth. Such enemies of Christ are still among us. They are more numerous than ever today but just as their predecessors failed in the past, so will these fail today. Christ will continue to reign and his Church will continue its mission of leading to heaven all men whose minds are free from sinful pride and therefore open to the truth.

Let us renew our loyalty to Christ today. He humbled himself so that we might be raised to the standing of sons of God. He shared our human nature with us so that we could share his divine nature. He died a cruel death on Calvary so that we could have an eternal life in heaven. We pray for light for those whose foolish pride has left them groping in darkness. Let us also ask the good God to keep us ever on the road of truth, the road of Christian humility which leads to the eternal home which Christ has won for us by his incarnation.

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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 prior to the wedding date.

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

tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

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

Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

+Patricia Samson

Thursday, July 8, 2021

SJB 4:00 PM

+ Patrick Conning

Friday, July 9, 2021

SP 11:00AM

Mass of the Resurrection for Elizabeth Viola MacDonald
(No 9:00 AM Mass)

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, July 10, 2021

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Clara Bonin

Requested by Viola & Sylvio

Sunday, July 11, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Mary Cosman

SP 10:30 AM

Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office.

Please call the office when covid-19 restrictions are lifted to reschedule Masses that were missed during closure. **Last Masses were said weekend of May 1-2**

June 27, 2021 receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes	\$ 789.00
Candles	19.00
Dues	100.00

Total \$ **908.00**

St. Peter's Catholic Church (Unavailable)

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose Cemetery	\$2,044.00 70.00
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Total **\$2,114.00**

From Bishop Kirkpatrick

In providing a COVID -19 update today, Premier Iain Rankin and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that the province will enter Phase Three, effective tomorrow, June 30.

Phase Three allows for in-person faith gatherings in the province for 50% capacity up to 100 people indoors and up to 150 people outdoors. We will need to continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing. As Bishop, I support this directive.

Some have questioned whether there should be any Canada Day celebrations this year, in light of the recent discovery of about one thousand unmarked graves at Kamloops and Cowessess, on the site of two former Indian Residential Schools. We are all deeply troubled by this news. We need to gather to offer prayer for all who have died, especially those children who are buried in unmarked graves on these sites. We need to gather to pray for a time of healing.

We need to gather on Canada Day and use it as an opportunity to talk about Indigenous history and the dark chapter of our country's Indian Residential Schools. We need to gather to celebrate Mass on Canada Day. I also encourage you to offer the prayer to St. Joseph.

Within the *Novena* and an *Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph*, there is a prayer for Canada Day.

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/St.-Joseph-Novena-EN.pdf>

Et acte de confiance dans la Neuvaine à Saint Joseph, il y a une prière pour la Fête du Canada.

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/St.-Joseph-Novena-FR.pdf>

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

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>

"The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will open on Saturday May 1st The hours and days are as follows: We look forward to opening the gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine on Saturday, May 1st Hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm daily. On Saturday, May 22nd the hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter There is public health protocol in place in both the Shrine and the gift shop. If you have any inquiries, please call 902-945-2221."

Thank-you Betty Ann

From - This Month in the Diocese

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Feast Day July 26 of Saints Anne and Joachim St. Anne

Grandmother of the Mi'kmaq Story and photo by George Paul Diocesan Communications Committee In this celebration from previous years, the statue of St. Anne is taken up the hill on the island known as "Mniku" in Potlotek, Cape Breton, NS. This Mi'kmaq pilgrimage had been held for over 350 years and is held during the last weekend in July in celebration of the Feast of St. Anne. While plans for this year's pilgrimage are uncertain due to COVID public health protocols, the Feast of St. Anne and the importance of grandmothers in Mi'kmaq culture remains strong. On July 25, 2021 the Vatican will hold its first World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. I am not certain if this is coincidence or intentional but also during that time it is the Feast of St. Anne which occurs in late July. The most well-known patronage of St. Anne is that of grandmothers. She is the mother of Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ. St. Anne was a woman of great virtue and love. Considering the fact that St. Anne was never mentioned in the bible, the Mi'kmaq adopted St. Anne as their Patron Saint in 1628. This decision was made 18 years later when Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Membertou and 21 of his family members became the first Mi'kmaq to be baptized in 1610. To give light to why the Mi'kmaq would choose St. Anne as their patron saint, the Mi'kmaq for centuries held their elders with high respect for their wealth of knowledge. Also in the Mi'kmaq culture, the grandmother was and is still more revered because they are the caretakers, the matriarch of the clan and they are the givers of life. In hindsight, the Mi'kmaq culture leans towards a matriarchal society where woman for generations have been the leaders in their communities. Therefore, the grandmother in the Mi'kmaq culture garners great status. In fact, the Mi'kmaq have given St. Anne the name "Nukumijinen – Our grandmother." St. Anne is viewed as the grandmother of the Mi'kmaq. Each and every year, the Mi'kmaq people gather in two areas of Nova Scotia – Chapel Island and Merigomish – to honor their grandmother St. Anne. The annual pilgrimage celebrating the Feast of St. Anne occurs in late July and attracts Mi'kmaq people from all over the Atlantic Region. (Note: Plans for 2021 are still unconfirmed due to COVID pandemic protocols) Also, for over 60 years many Mi'kmaq communities across

Atlantic Canada make their annual pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Quebec. St. Anne is highly revered in the Mi'kmaq culture and the ones who still continue this tradition are of course the grandmothers of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

July 11: Sea Sunday Churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday: a day each year for people to pray and give thanks for those who earn their livings from and on the sea. An estimated 90 per cent of goods on our store shelves are there through the efforts of crews aboard ships who often spend months at sea weathering storms and working long, physical hours for relatively low pay and little vacation. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," is this year's theme. From StellaMaris.org.uk, an international charity for the welfare of seafarers: "When seafarers are in foreign ports, they often rely on the strangers who visit them to support them – Often they don't even speak the local language, making things even harder." Services to seafarers have become more crucial, and more difficult, during the COVID pandemic. With isolation protocols, crews can be stranded on board ship unable to replenish supplies or communicate with their families back home. This past April, Strait area businesses and communities provided donations of winter hats and other essentials to crew aboard a quarantined oil tanker near Port Hawkesbury: <http://missiontoseafarershalifax.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2021/06/Mission-Newsletter-Summer-2021.pdf> This Sea Sunday, as COVID protocols encourage us to celebrate privately or in small groups, we can: Remember fishers and seafarers in our prayers. In this Year of St. Joseph, we think of St. Joseph as 'a working father, a father on the shadows' and pray for all those who labour unseen to transport the world's goods and feed us as well as their own families. Support aid to seafarers through local or international mission organizations Learn more on Our Blog: <http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/SeaSunday>

July 25: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly From Pope Francis' message: "At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills

In the Diocese

Summer Employment Opportunity: Communications Office Assistant

35 hrs/wk, July 5 - Aug 27

Application deadline: 12 pm Tuesday, June 29

This position is funded by a Canada Summer Jobs grant.

Applications are invited from applicants aged 15-30.

Applicants do not need to be in or returning to school.

Location: Chancery Office, Antigonish **OR** Sr Catherine Steele Centre, Stellarton
(Successful candidate will select location)

Duties: Updating phone and email contact lists for internal and external networks;
Creating text and visual content for e-newsletters and social media; Sourcing videos for sharing on diocesan YouTube channel; Inviting parish/ministry contributions of photos

and stories for website updates and sharing via email/social media; Assisting with the development of diocesan digital media plans; Sorting of digital communications files for diocesan record keeping

Familiarity with essential computer software and social media platforms would be an asset.

To Apply:

Email resume and cover letter to Jennifer Hatt, Communications Officer, Diocese of Antigonish

jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

**Archbishop Brian Dunn
to receive the pallium later this year**

Pope Francis will celebrate Mass on June 29 in St. Peter's Basilica for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the patrons of Rome. During this Mass, the Pope will bless "the pallium," the white wool vestment to be given this year to each new Metropolitan Archbishop, including Archbishop Brian Dunn of Halifax.

Adorned with six black silk crosses, the pallium dates back to at least the fifth century. It is a stole made of lamb's wool which is worn over the chasuble by the Pope and archbishops. The pallium signifies communion of the archbishops with the Holy See.

Metropolitan archbishops wear the pallium as a symbol of authority and of unity with the Holy See. It serves as a sign of the metropolitan archbishop's jurisdiction in his own diocese, as well as the other particular dioceses within his ecclesiastical province.

"The pallium recalls the sheep that the shepherd is called to bear on his shoulders. It is a sign that the shepherds do not live for themselves but for the sheep," Pope Francis said.

**Milestone Anniversaries
for our Religious Communities**

This year, many of the Sisters who are serving or have served here are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their Professions.

We offer up this prayer, with sincere gratitude:

Faithful women, to Mary, our Mother, Mother of the Church and in this year dedicated to Saint Joseph, her spouse, we entrust each of you.

May you be strengthened in your living and loving faith, in your certain and joyful hope, in your humble and active charity.

May the blessing of our loving and merciful God be upon each of you.

Thank you for your faithful and generous service.

Those celebrating milestone anniversaries this year are listed on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/thank-you-for-your-faithful-and-generous-service/>