

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and  
St. John the Baptist Parishes  
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**Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei**



He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me (John 2:12-14)."

**Sunday Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 20:1-17. When God had freed the Chosen People from the slavery of Egypt, He led them to Mount Sinai. There he made a Covenant with the Israelites through which He promised to make them His own people, to lead them into the Promised Land, and to protect them from their enemies there. The Israelites were to reverence Him and Him only as their Lord, and they were to obey the moral and cultic laws which He laid down for them.

The **second reading** is from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25. In these few sentences St. Paul gives us the basic reasons which motivated opposition to the gospel message on the part of Jews and Gentiles. The Jews because Christ did not fit the preconceived ideas they had formed of the Messiah and the Gentiles because they looked to philosophy or human "wisdom" for the solution of man's problems.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 2:13-25. If we had only the Synoptic gospels (Mt., Mk., Lk.) we could easily conclude that Jesus spent almost all his public life and did all his preaching in Galilee and its neighborhood. St. John who wrote his gospel several years later corrects this false impression by mentioning visits made by our Lord to Jerusalem, He gave the "leaders of the people" in Jerusalem plenty of opportunity of hearing his message and his claims. He also worked some astounding miracles in or near the city. For instance, the man crippled for thirty-eight years (Jn. 5); the man born blind (Jn. 9), the raising of Lazarus; who had been four days buried (Jn. 11). St. John makes it very clear that the leaders (the priests and Pharisees) in Jerusalem were given every opportunity to learn who Jesus was,

and every help to believe in him, but they would not. The fault was theirs, therefore, and the loss.

On this particular visit he made it clear to them that he was someone special, someone close to God whose house they were desecrating, and whom he even called his Father. In hidden language he told them that they would put him to death but that that would not be the end, for he would rise again. Some of them seem to have remembered this saying of his after they had put him to death, for they asked Pilate to place a guard on his tomb lest his disciples should remove the body and pretend he had risen for: "we recall," they said, "that this impostor said while he was still living, 'after three days I shall rise again'" (Mt. 27 : 63). But even the miracle of his resurrection did not affect the majority of them. They had made up their minds and "there are none so blind as those who will not see."

The reasons for their blindness were the same as those that keep millions of the neo-pagans of today from accepting and living the Christian faith. These, like the priests and Pharisees of Jerusalem in the year 28, are so immersed in the affairs of this world that they can give no thought to their own future. Their eyes are so fixed on the earthly objectives that they have set themselves, that they can see nothing else. The priests and Pharisees wanted more than political freedom from Rome. They had hopes that their Messiah would give them a great world empire, and with it wealth and power without limit. Our contemporaries' aims may not go so far, but worldly aims are important enough in their eyes to make them exclude from their minds the thought of anything higher. Yet, they have more than enough reminders whichever way they turn to recall their minds to the historical facts of Christianity. This is 2006 A.D., that is 2006 years since the birth of Christ. Who was he, why was he born, why does the world divide its history into before he came, B.C., and after he came, A.D.? In every town and village of our once Christian western world there is a church or two with steeples pointing to the sky. Why? What do churches mean to men? Near every town there are cemeteries or "sleeping places," according to the meaning of that Greek word. Are those buried there only sleeping and waiting to be called, if not already called, or are they finished forever just like the ox or the unthinking cow that may be buried in the next field.

The agnostics and free-thinkers of our day should start to think about the real facts of life—the central ones of which are that Christ, who was the Son of God, took our human nature and lived for some time on this earth, so that he would raise us up to sonship with God. He suffered crucifixion, because the world was full of sin when he came. But his death made atonement to the heavenly Father for all the sins of the world. His resurrection from the dead was the prelude and the guarantee that we shall all rise to a life of glory in heaven, if only we have followed him faithfully during our years on earth.

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

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### **Third Sunday of Lent, Station with *San Lorenzo fuori le Mura* (St. Lawrence Outside the Walls):**

The Station is in the basilica of St. Lawrence *outside the walls*--the walls being the old walls that marked the boundary and protected Rome. The name of this, the most celebrated of the martyrs of Rome, would remind the catechumens that the faith they were about to profess would require them to be ready for many sacrifices. In the primitive Church, the third Sunday in Lent was called *Scrutiny*

*Sunday*, because it was on this day that they began to examine the catechumens, who were to be admitted to Baptism on Easter night.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:tboucher@fsens.ns.ca)

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

### **WEEKDAY LITURGY**

#### **Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

HGA Way of the Cross 10:30 AM

Mass 11:00 AM

#### **Thursday, March 11, 2021**

SJB: Way of the Cross 4:00 PM

Mass 4:30 PM

#### **Friday, March 12, 2021**

SP 9:00 AM

### **WEEKEND LITURGIES**

#### **Saturday March 13, 2021**

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

†Jerry A. Martell

(requested by Patricia)

**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

SJB 9:00 AM  
SP 10:30 AM

**February 28, 2021 receipts**

**St. Peter's**

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,415.00
Missals	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 3.00
Altar Society	\$ 10.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Cemetery road upgrade	\$ 750.00

**Total** **\$ 2,188.00**

**Holy Guardian Angels**

Envelopes & Loose	\$900.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Missals	\$ 5.00
Share Lent	\$ 40.00

**Total** **\$ 967.00**

**St. John the Baptist**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 791.00
Property Maintenance	\$ 100.00

**Total** **\$ 891.00**

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 28** Regular Sunday Schedule  
Palm branches could be distributed by someone with gloves, in this way no one is directly touching the branches as they are distributed.

**Chrism Mass** – St. Ninian's Cathedral, Monday, March 29 3:00pm  
Due to COVID, 100 priests only and no socials.

**Chrism Mass** – In order to accommodate a large number of clergy socially distanced, the Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. Given the present situation, no other gatherings are planned for that day apart from celebrating the Mass.

**Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) April 1**

4:00pm	HGA
5:30pm	SP
7:00pm	SJB

There will be no foot-washing.

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) April 2: 3:00pm Service**

(Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday Service consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.)

Since there can be no contact with the Cross, the Veneration of the Cross will be by a simple but reverent bow. Genuflecting remains a possibility, as long as people do not need to touch anything that would then need to be sanitized.

Last year parishes had to double up but with COVID that cannot happen this year.

SJB - (officiant TBA)  
Chapel Island and SP- (officiant TBA)  
HGA – Mr. Arthur Doary officiating  
SH, Johnstown – Fr. Yake

### **The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)**

There remains some doubt about the Rite of Sprinkling throughout the Church on Easter Sunday. The concern is for those cleaning and sanitizing the church.

**At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:** Saturday, April 3

6:30pm SH

**The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday):** April 4

8:30am SJB  
10:00am SP & Chapel Island  
11:30 HGA

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **From Ann Cooke: St John the Baptist Parish**

This week's theme for **Development and Peace** is "Humanitarian action". Because of the generosity of Canadians, Development and Peace has been able to respond to disasters such as the tsunami in Indonesia, earthquake in Haiti, hurricanes in Central America and typhoons in the Philippines. Just last summer, we donated over \$700,000.00 to support community led reconstruction efforts after a devastating explosion in Beirut, Lebanon, are currently providing ongoing support to the Rohingya in Bangladesh.

Thank you,

Ann Cooke

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio*, which March says that **Development is the new word for Peace**. In the ensuing 50+ years it has continued to promote integral human development and peace by a) financially supporting established community groups in Africa, South America, Asia and the Middle East b) educating Canadians about the issues that are the root causes of much of the poverty and misery in the world and c) providing emergency assistance to areas hit by natural disasters, e.g. floods, earthquakes. For more details on the work of D&P visit: [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

**Knights News:** On Thursday, Feb 19th, 2021 the Knights of Columbus Pere Vincent council #14280 St. Peter's was awarded by the Knights Supreme Council the Father Michael J. McGivney Award for efforts completed during the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year by the Council. The award was presented by Knights District Deputy Joe Morris to the Council's Grand Knight, Bill Coleman, during the District Meeting that evening. DD Morris' noted that the Council worked hard to once again achieve a Council award and encouraged the Brother Knights in the Council to continue its good work.

**SJB:** Way of the Cross during lent will be **prayed at 4:00 PM** followed by Mass at 4:30 PM.

**Please note:** When requesting Masses please state at which parish Mass is to be said, who is requesting Mass, and whether or not you want Mass intention published in bulletin and announced at Mass. Thank you.

**The next St. Peter's Parish Council meeting** will be on **Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in the glebe basement. We welcome our two new parish council members, Bernie Landry and Pierre Lacroix to council.

**Mass cards for the living are now available** for \$2.00 each + Mass Stipend.

## **In the Diocese: From Seven Ears of Grain**

### **Corporal Works of Mercy:**

#### **New Blog Series and Resource for Home and Family**

Starting Ash Wednesday and each Sunday of Lent, a new reflection on each Corporal Work of Mercy will be posted to our website. Posts will include videos from the youth of our diocese on living the Corporal Works of Mercy. The Resource for Home and Family, developed by the Atlantic Liturgical Commission is available for download, and features contributions from throughout Atlantic Canada.

#### **Join the journey:**

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/corporal-works-of-mercy/>

### **Deacon Hyland Fraser**

#### **"modelled a life of service, charity and justice"**

Deacon Hyland was born in Heatherton, NS and moved to Alberta in 2006, where he was ordained a deacon in 2014 and served until his death on Feb. 5. This story and tribute speaks of his leadership, guidance and passion for service:

<https://grandinmedia.ca/hessel-deacon-hyland-fraser-modelled-a-life-of-service-charity-and-justice/>

### **NET Do Something Amazing Retreat**

is a virtual retreat day filled with fun, prayer, information on NET, and next steps for discernment and deepening your faith. It's a taste of what a year with NET Canada would look like!

Open to Catholic young adults in Grade 12 up to age 30

**Retreat dates:**

Saturday, February 27th, 12:00pm to 6pm AST

Saturday, March 20th, 12:00pm to 6pm AST

**To attend, submit an application through this link:**

[netcanada.ca/apply](https://netcanada.ca/apply)

**Questions or want to speak with a recruiter?**

Call or text 613-292-9991 or email [recruit@netcanada.ca](mailto:recruit@netcanada.ca)

**Centering Prayer Workshop**

**Mar. 15, 10 am - 4 pm**

**Bethany Resource Centre, Antigonish**

Offered by the Martha Ministry of Spirituality, for those who may wish to learn about Centering Prayer or deepen in the practice.

Cost: \$20/day, please bring your own lunch

**Registration:** Call Sr. Claire MacNeil at 902-863-4726 or 902-863-4822. The registration is on first come, first serve basis. We will be observing Covid-19 health protocols. Current participant limit: 10.

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1. **Sundays at 7 pm**

**Facebook Live with Fr Patrick O'Neill and John Ratchford**

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>

**Father Greg MacLeod Lecture Series**

*Bringing the University and Community Together through Faith and Reason*

*Title: The Other Face of God: When the Stranger Calls Us Home*

*By: Dr. Mary Jo Leddy*

*Founder: Romero House for Refugees*

"We are summoned by mercy. At the reach of mercy, one is moved to act with justice. It is the reach of mercy that sustains the passion and commitment to justice.

Without mercy, the work for justice becomes critical and calculating" (pp. 28-29).

**Wednesday, March 10th at 7 pm via Zoom or facebook live**



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<https://m.facebook.com/St-Marguerite-Bourgeoys-Parish-215232988817352/>

or Join the Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/99753679029?pwd=SIE5Z0ROtmZEMFJRnkdEdEtNNEZRQT09>  
Meeting ID: 997 5367 9029  
Passcode: 057391