

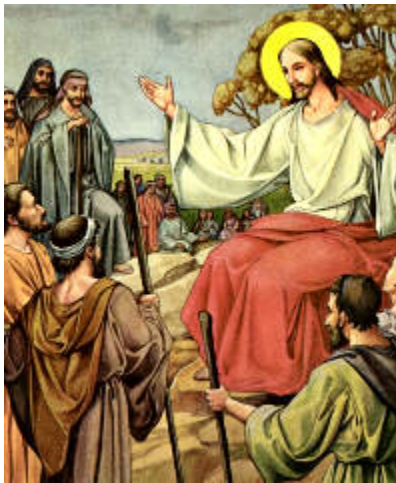
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May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:9-13).



Sunday Readings

The first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 and describes the reception of the first Gentiles into the Christian Church.

The second reading is from the first letter of John 4:7-10 in which he urges us to love one another, for we are sons of God whose very essence is love.

The Gospel is from St. John 15:9-17. It is only a few weeks since Good Friday when we commemorated the agonizing death of Christ on Mount Calvary. This was an excruciating, shameful death even for hardened criminals who deserved it. But for our loving Savior, the innocent lamb of God, one who had never offended God or neighbor, it was something of which the whole human race should be ashamed forever. What caused Christ that torment and death on the cross was our sins, the sins of all mankind and not the spite and hatred of his Jewish opponents, who were only instruments in the tragedy. Atonement had to be made to God for the sins of the world, so that men could reach the eternal inheritance which the incarnation made available to them. However, not all the acts of the entire human race could make a sufficient atonement to God. A sacrifice, an expiation of infinite value was needed. The death of the Son of God in his human nature was alone capable of making such an expiation.

That Christ willingly accepted crucifixion for our sakes, that he gave the greatest proof of love which the world has ever known, by laying down his life for his friends, did not make his sufferings any less, did not ease any of the pains of Calvary. His agony in the Garden before his arrest shows this: he foresaw all the tortures and pains which he was to undergo and sweated blood at the thought of what awaited him. But he was to keep his Father's commandment "not my will but thine be done." We Christians must have hearts of stone, hearts devoid of all sense of gratitude, when we forget what Christ has done for us and deliberately offend him! Alas, this is what all of us do sometimes, and many of us do all the time. Christ died to bring us to heaven but we tell him, by our sins, that he was wasting his time. We do not want to go to heaven, we are making our happiness here!

How far can human ingratitude and thanklessness go? Christ told us, through the disciples on Holy Thursday night, that he had made us his friends, his intimates. We are no longer servants in the household, who merely earn their daily wage and have no intimacy with the family and no hope of ever sharing in the family possessions. Instead, we have been adopted into the family by Christ becoming man, we have been guaranteed all the rights of children intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the future sharing in the eternal happiness of that divine household. Christ's incarnation made us God's children; Christ's death on the cross removed sin. Sin is the one obstacle that could prevent us reaching our eternal inheritance.

Because God gave us a free will we can in a moment of folly, a moment of madness really, deprive ourselves of the privileges and possessions which Christ has made available to us. We can choose to exchange an eternity of happiness for a few fleeting years of self-indulgence on earth. We can fling Christ's gift of love back in his face and tell him we don't want it. God forbid that we should ever act like this, that we

should ever forget God's purpose in creating us. It is a marvelous thing to be alive, if we have hope in a future life. If nothing awaited us but the grave, then to live on this earth, which is a valley of sorrow and tears for the vast majority, would be the cruelest of jests. But of this we need have no fear. Life on earth is but a short prelude to our real existence. If we use this brief period as Christ has told us how to use it, death for us will be the passage into the eternal mansions. Be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; love the Blessed Trinity; prove your love by loving your fellowmen. By doing this you are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; and you are assuring yourself of the place in heaven which Christ has won for you.

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

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

April 25, 2021 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,141.00
Good Friday Offering	\$ 15.00
Candles	\$ 9.00
Parish Dues	\$ 25.00
Cemetery Road Work	\$ 50.00

Total **\$1,240.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus, Father (Pere) Vincent de Paul Council, 14280, are holding a raffle to support their charitable efforts for the local community. There will be three winners. Each winner will receive the prize which is a certificate to redeem 10 pounds of live lobster and 10 pounds of (frozen) crab legs.

Please see a member of the Knights of Columbus to obtain a ticket: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, or contact Arnold McIntyre (535-4016), Danny Madden (535-3366), Ben Sampson (535-3056), or George J. Landry (535-3248).

The draw will be held on May 31, 2021. Thank you for supporting the community works of the Knights of Columbus.

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>

From EWTN

Given all that we face in the world today, do you believe it's possible to live a saintly life?

Meet Blessed Carlo Acutis. Born in 1991, he is the first Millennial to be named “Blessed” in the Church.

We invite you to watch *I Am With You* – an EWTN Original Documentary that will introduce you to his amazing life and help you to better understand, live, and share your own faith.

From May 1–31, we are making this available Free and On Demand. Simply [sign up](#). In addition to sending you access to the documentary, which you can view at your convenience, we will also send you the eBook bundle: *Seven Lessons in Holiness from Blessed Carlo Acutis* and *The Twelve Stations of the Most Holy Eucharist*. The Eucharist was central to Carlo’s life and gave him the strength to live the life of a saint.

To watch the documentary, *I Am With You*, free On Demand and to receive these two free eBooks, visit ewtn.com/carloacutis. Hurry because this offer ends on May 31.

May God bless you.

In Christ,

Your EWTN Family

Letter from Bishop Kirkpatrick

May 6, 2021 (St. Francois de Laval)

My Dear People,

Today is the Feast of St. Francois de Laval, the first bishop of Canada and the patron of Canadian bishops, an outstanding educator whose spiritual presence was widespread. It is on this day that a new third-party service for reporting situations of sexual abuse either committed or covered-up by a bishop has become available in our diocese and across Canada.

The *Canadian Reporting System for Sexual Abuse or Cover-up by a Catholic Bishop* is now linked to our website. Link and details are available at antigonishdiocese.com/responsible ministry.

Individuals can access the reporting system online (BishopReportingSystem.ca) or via a toll-free number (1-866-892-3737) from anywhere in Canada, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in English or French. The system operates on a confidential, secure platform developed by ClearView Strategic Partners, allowing users to remain anonymous if they so choose, and ensuring all communications are documented and preserved.

The system is a direct response to Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter entitled [Vos estis lux mundi](#) (You are the light of the world). In this Letter, the Pope calls on dioceses throughout the world to establish “...one

or more public, stable and easily accessible systems for submission of reports...” and standardizes the procedure for handling allegations. The reporting system for Bishops introduces an additional level of accountability for Church leadership in Canada to address reports according to both Church and civil law, alongside the existing diocesan protocols for reporting and responding to sexual abuse or other sexual misconduct by priests, deacons, religious, and mandated lay pastoral personnel. We welcome this system as part of our Responsible Ministry, because of Pope Francis’ call and because it supports our efforts for safety and transparency, ensuring bishops themselves are accountable as are clergy, religious and laity working in our diocese.

Graphics and Questions and Answers to help spread awareness of this new system are available from our website, or from our Communications Officer, Jennifer Hatt, Jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

To learn more about the *Canadian Reporting System for Sexual Abuse or Cover-up by a Catholic Bishop*, please visit www.antigonishdiocese.com/NewReportingSystem

For details on Responsible Ministry protocols for the Diocese of Antigonish:

www.antigonishdiocese.com/ResponsibleMinistry

To read Vos Estis Lux Mundi, the letter of Pope Francis:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190507_vos-estis-lux-mundi.html

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Kirkpatrick

(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick

Year of 'Amoris Laetitia Family'

March 19, 2021 - June 22, 2022

March 19 was the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation on the joy and beauty of family love and the start of the year ‘Amoris Laetitia Family’, a 15-month journey leading to the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022.

Read *Amoris Laetitia* on Our Bookshelf:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/bookshelf/>

"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

**Pray the Rosary Daily in May
For An End To The Pandemic**

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic.

Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church while offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day. Among the Marian shrines chosen is that of Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières (Québec).

Daily prayers will be live broadcast through the official online channels of the Holy See. Further details are available on the Pontifical Council's website:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en.html>