

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes  
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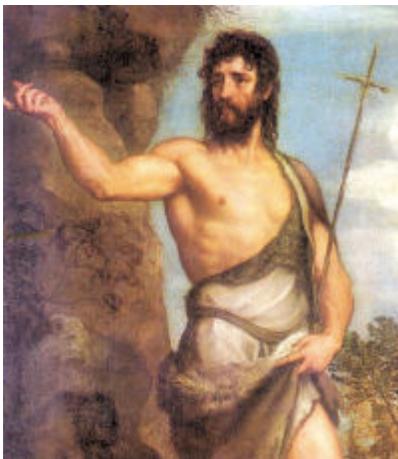
**December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.



[Click here for commentary on the readings in the 1962 Roman Missal of St. John XXIII.](#)



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### **Christ Even Now on the Way to Bethlehem**

Evidently, in the mind of holy Church, neither the prophecy concerning Bethlehem Ephrata nor its fulfillment in the day of Caesar Augustus is to be considered

merely a glorious divine disposition and achievement. No, the prophecy of Micheus is still being verified every day, but predominantly during the annual Advent season; for the selfsame incarnate eternal Son of God who journeyed to Bethlehem to be born there physically, now to the end of time comes to human souls as to spiritual Bethlehems, there to be born anew, again and again.

But be sure to picture these merciful spiritual journeyings of Christ to the Bethlehem of souls as all too often sadly realistic spiritual repetitions of His first long journey over the rugged road from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Meditate long on the wanton and malicious opposition He encounters on His way to them from souls that leave their senses and heart and mind to be ruled by earthly vanities, and their whole selves to be willing victims of the sensual and selfish illusions and witcheries of the seven capital vices.

Can you still fail to see why Isaias and the Baptist compare the hardships of the way of the world's Messiah-King to souls with a rough, crooked, and almost impassable road up steep hills and down precipitous valleys and through dangerous mountain passes? Do you wonder that these prophets of His coming insist so strongly that merely sentimental longings and routine prayers, however multiplied, cannot prepare us worthily for the entrance He must expect and the welcome He craves?

Pray very honestly, therefore, that you may begin to see the practical reasons for the Church's crying out in the desert world, and even into your own interior soul and heart:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord: Make straight in the wilderness His paths; Every valley shall be exalted; Every mountain and hill shall be made low; And the crooked shall be made straight; And the rough ways plain" (Is. 40:3, 4). Then shall you see the salvation of God!

--Excerpted from *Our Way to the Father* by Rev. Leo M. Krenz, S.J.

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### **Sacrament of Baptism**

**please call the office:**

**Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei**

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

**Weekday liturgy**

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

**SJB 4:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**SP 9:00 AM**

**Friday, December 17, 2021**

**HGA 11:00 pm**

**+ Lorraine Pottie**

**Weekend Liturgy**

**Saturday, December 18, 2021**

**SH Mass 4:00 PM**

**HGA Mass 5:30 PM**

**+Lawrence, Ralph & James Bona**

**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

**SJB: 9:00 AM**

**SP 10:30 AM**

**SJB: Private baptism of Aurora Anne Robinson (Glen & Sonja Touesnard's granddaughter) 12:00 PM**

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

**December 5, 2021, 2021 receipts**

**Holy Guardian Angels \$ 956.10**

Candles 18.10

Missals 30.40

**Total \$ 1,005.60**

**St. Peter's (Nov. 28, 2021**

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,465.00

Candles 7.00

Missals 75.00

**Total \$ 1,547.00**

**Saint John the Baptist**

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1172.00

**Total \$ 1,172.00**

## **25Christmas/New Year's Schedule**

### **Christmas Eve, The Nativity of the Lord**

**Friday, Dec 24, 2021**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 3:30 pm

Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise – 5:30pm

### **Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord**

**Saturday, Dec 25, 2021**

St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois – 9:00am

St. Peter the Apostle, St. Peter's - 10:30am

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Sunday Dec. 26, 2021**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 9:00am

**All three parishes at St. Peter the Apostle at 11:00am:**

- ❖ St. John the Baptist
- ❖ St. Peter the Apostle
- ❖ Holy Guardian Angels

### **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Friday, Dec. 31, 2021**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 3:30 pm

Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise – 5:30pm

### **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois – 9:00am

St. Peter the Apostle, St. Peter's - 10:30am

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Sacred Heart, Johnstown – 9:00am

**All three parishes at St. Peter the Apostle at 11:00am:**

- ❖ St. John the Baptist
- ❖ St. Peter the Apostle
- ❖ Holy Guardian Angels

- Parishioners at these three parishes may choose to celebrate any of the feasts: The Nativity of the Lord, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Epiphany of the Lord at Sacred Heart Church in Johnstown or a parish of their choice.

- There will be no weekday Masses from December 27 – 30, 2021 and from January 3-7, 2022.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **MASS FOR SHUT-INS**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

We will be airing Christmas Day Mass, Saturday at 1130 am AT.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be the presider for that Mass this year.

**St. John The Baptist Memory Tree:** Donations may be made in memory of a loved one. We will have the name placed on a dove, angel, or star; which will be placed on the tree during the Christmas season. Donations and names can be given to Marie Fougere or Mimi Fougere, or simply place the name and donation in the collection. Proceeds will help with purchases of heating oil and electric bills for the church this winter. Thank you."

**SJB: Any donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers** will be greatly appreciated. SJB CWL

**\$150 was raised for Chalice through sale of recyclables.** A pair of goats will be purchased and sent to a third world family. A sincere thanks to all who donated.

SJB CWL

**Religious Christmas Cards for sale:** There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through [www.lifecyclebooks.ca](http://www.lifecyclebooks.ca) You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered several mixed packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10. **Phone 902-587-2517** for more information.

**L'Ardoise Social Action committee** wishes to acknowledge the tremendous support which we have received as a result of the overwhelming kindness of individuals, businesses and organizations. Our recent Food Drive and Bake Sale was a tremendous success and we are grateful to the community for their charitable contributions. There continues to be so many acts of kindness by various acts of financial support which assists our Food Bank operation. Many thanks to all those who purchased tickets on the Quilt which was won by Monique Savoury. God bless everyone for your charity and we wish everyone a Happy holiday season.

**HGA: Anyone wishing to donate money towards Social Action Foodbank** may do by placing an envelope with Social Action on it and putting it in the collection basket. **Thank you**

**A Christmas tree will be displayed in the St. Peter's Church again this year,** from Nov 27 throughout Advent. A decoration will be placed on it for each name received. All funds will go directly to St. Peter's Parish. Donations may be dropped in the collection box at Sunday Mass, dropped at the Glebe Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 12 PM or e transferred to [memorytreestpeters@gmail.com](mailto:memorytreestpeters@gmail.com). Security answer is memory tree and in the message section add the names you would like placed on the tree. **Security answer is memorytree (one word only)**

### **Pope Francis' Process of Synodality**

Parishioners who would like to lead or participate in this process should see Fr. Yake to discuss a future course of action.

**Note** that the website for the Synod is scheduled to be open on November 29 at this address: [www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch).

## **Pray for the Synod As We Journey Together**

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.*

## **In the Diocese**

**Sundays with Fr Patrick and John Ratchford**

**7 pm on Facebook Live**

Featuring conversations about church teachings and issues

Join live or watch later on Fr Patrick's Facebook page:

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

### **New Resources**

#### **for Year of the Family**

The CCCB Office for Family and Life has recently added a series of resource pages to the CCCB website to assist in promotion of “Year of the Amoris Laetitia Family”.

Pope Francis launched this initiative on March 19 to mark the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia (On the Beauty and Joy of Love in the Family). The year will close on June 26, 2022 with the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome on the theme “Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness”.

**In English:** <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/>

**In French:** <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/foi-et-questions-morales/famille-et-vie/celebrons-lannee-de-la-famille-amoris-laetitia/>

**2021-2022 Campaign Theme:**

**People & Planet First**

The campaign focuses on those in the global south who risk their lives to defend our Common Home from environmental and human rights abuses carried out in the name of greed and corporate profit. There is a call to action for mandatory due diligence and human rights legislation for Canadian corporations operating overseas. Thank you for supporting them!

**To Learn More:** <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/>

**Truth and Reconciliation:  
the Continuing Journey**

This new page on our diocesan website offers activities, links and resources to engage in Truth and Reconciliation not just on a single day, but every day. This page is part of an evolving diocesan plan to engage in and support individual and collective healing. Suggested actions are first steps, and will be updated and enhanced as our knowledge and engagement grows. You are invited to visit, explore and connect:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>

**Mass For Shut-Ins**

**New Season Under Way**

Mass airs on CTV on Sundays at 11:30 am, and can be watched later on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w>