

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes**  
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**June 13, 2021**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."



Today is the feast of [St. Anthony of Padua](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

*[Click here for commentary on the readings in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.](#)*

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### **Sunday Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from Ez 17:22-24. In this reading the prophet Ezekiel spoke about the better days that were to come for the Chosen People when Yahweh would take back His people once more, and dwell in their midst forever. Today's extract is a messianic prophecy in which God

says that he will raise up a descendant—a sprig from the lofty cedar David, who will yet be the glory of Israel.

The **second reading** is from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. St Paul tells his Corinthians that his constant desire and motive in life is to please God. In this he wants them to imitate him. While on earth this is his aim and when he goes to God in heaven this will be his purpose and his delight.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 4:26-34. One of the proofs of the divine origin of the Church of Christ is its growth from very humble beginnings. Christ could have come on earth in the prime of manhood, without the cooperation of any human ancestry. He could have preached his gospel to the whole world himself without any help from men. By extraordinary miracles he could have astounded the world into believing. If he wished to have the assistance of men he could have chosen the outstanding philosophers and orators of Greece and Rome. Instead, he chose to come into this world as a baby, the son of a poor mother and of a carpenter foster-father. He was born in a stable; was forced into pagan Egypt before he was a year old; he lived thirty or so years in Nazareth in poverty, earning his meager daily bread by the sweat of his brow. Then for three years he trudged the highways and by-ways of Palestine, often weary, hungry and footsore, preaching the good news of redemption. For assistants he chose fishermen, shepherds and tax-gatherers, twelve of the most ordinary of the ordinary people of his day.

When the time came for him to lay down his life for the world as prearranged by his Father, he allowed his enemies to capture him and to condemn him to the death of the cross. These were surely humble beginnings for a kingdom which was to span the earth and the ages. The mustard seed in comparison was large. Yet, this was God's plan and therefore it succeeded as he said it would. The story of his humble origins among us, of his equality with us in all things, sin alone excepted, and of his self-immolation for us, touched human hearts wherever it was told and the grace of God did the rest.

It was not the eloquence of the Apostles, nor their gift of persuasion, nor their fame for learning that moved the pagan world to forsake its idols and its vices. No, nothing but the moving grace of the Holy Spirit and the objective truth of the gospel story can explain the conversion of the Roman empire.

Therefore, the spread of the Church is a proof of its divine origin—it is from God and God is with it. Knowing this, how grateful should we not be to him who has made us members of his kingdom on earth, with the assurance of a place in his eternal kingdom in heaven, if we remain his loyal subjects here below. How good God has been to us! To what lengths of humiliation did he not go to in order to open heaven for us! When we think of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Calvary, can we dare complain because he sends us a few crosses to help us to atone for our own past sins? When we wipe the sweat of honest labor from our brow, we will think of the carpenter of Nazareth. When we feel the pinch of poverty, hunger, debt, we will think of Bethlehem and its stable and of the poor home of Nazareth. If or when the injustice of others should drive us from our home and fatherland, as is the lot of so many today, we will think of the exile in Egypt. If we are saved this humiliation we will do all in our power to help "displaced" persons wherever they may be.

The tiny mustard seed has grown into a tree but it has yet to gather many more under the shelter of its branches. Christ asks every one of his followers to help him to bring all men into the safety of his kingdom on earth, so that they may be enabled to enjoy happiness forever in his heavenly kingdom. Realizing all that God and his divine Son have done for us, would we be so mean and ungrateful as to refuse to lend a helping hand? God forbid! God has already put us on the right road to heaven; we will help him to get in the stragglers, the lazy, the "couldn't-care-less" ones on that same road, by every means available to us.

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

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

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

## **Weekday Liturgy**

**When in lockdown we still need to exercise our faith by our devotional prayer; there is much need for prayer in our troubled world.**

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

## **June 6, 2021 receipts**

### **Holy Guardian Angels**

Envelopes & Loose \$275.00

**Total** **\$275.00**

### **Saint John the Baptist**

Cemetery \$1,070.00

Envelopes & Loose 145.00

**Total** **\$1,215.00**

### **St. Peter's Catholic Church**

Envelopes & Loose \$330.00

Altar Society 5.00

Parish Dues 35.00

Initial Offering 5.00

Pope's Pastoral Works 15.00

Improvement Fund 25.00

Cemetery Fund 75.00

**Total** **\$490.00**

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Please call the office** when covid-19 restrictions are lifted to reschedule Masses that were missed during closure.

### **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>

**In this month of the Sacred Heart:**

We invite you to join our online Sacred Heart Novena Retreat from St. Augustine's Seminary starting June 3 and ending June 11, 2021. Here is the email that was sent out to our Friends of St. Augustine's (Benefactors, Alumni, Seminarians, Lay Formation, Board of Governors): <https://conta.cc/3vWPTA1>

I want to thank our faculty that graciously offered to participate:

Rev. John Elmer Abad  
Rev. Charles Anang  
Rev. Kevin Belgrave  
Rev. Scott Birchall  
Rev. Greg Carruthers  
Rev. Frederick Chung  
Rev. Edwin Gonsalves  
Rev. Séamus Hogan  
Rev. Tomasz Skibinski

I want to thank our seminarians that worked diligently to film and edit all videos:

Dylan Michael  
Myles Vosylius

Please encourage your friends and family to participate in the Sacred Heart of Novena Retreat. The videos will premiere at 6 a.m. daily on our YouTube channel, so please set a reminder: <https://www.youtube.com/c/StAugustinesSeminary/videos>

After the premiere, the videos will be available on demand. If you haven't had a chance to watch the Save-the-Date video, please take a moment to do so today: <https://youtu.be/gAjP7tXCCzQ>

God Bless,  
Fr. Seamus Hogan

**Year of 'Amoris Laetitia Family'  
March 19, 2021 - June 22, 2022**

March 19 was the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## **In the Diocese**

### **New Nuncio**

#### **Appointed for Canada**

Pope Francis on June 5 appointed Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič as the new nuncio to Canada. The 69-year-old Slovenian archbishop has served previously in a number of countries, and had represented the Holy See at the UN and specialized institutions in Geneva since 2016.

**Read more about the new nuncio on Our Blog:**

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/new-nuncio-appointed-for-canada/>

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### **June 11:**

#### **World Day of Prayer for Priests**

Worldpriest invites you to join the rest of Canada and the world in the 12th Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests on Friday, June 11 (Most Sacred Heart of Jesus). On this day, please pray the rosary and unite in prayer with the rest of the world for our Beloved Priests. You're welcome to pray individually or as a group from your home or local Church.

The Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests is organized and coordinated by Worldpriest:

[www.worldpriest.com](http://www.worldpriest.com)

### **Offering Hope and Support**

#### **in Latin America**

The good people of Honduras are struggling as we all are with the global pandemic. It is especially difficult for the poor who cannot afford to not work or pay for medication and hospitalization. They depend on the support of the generous in society.

Our Diocese has held a close relationship with the people of Latin America since the 1950s when our priests lived among the poor delivering the Good News and helping them

develop entrepreneurial skills. The Credit Union, known as Cooperativa Sagrada Familia, is the largest and most successful banking operation in Central America and it was started by our Priests from the Diocese of Antigonish.

**The annual Latin America Collection is held in our diocese, usually in June.** Some parishes have the envelopes in their yearly collection package. If you do not have a marked envelope but are able to help, please drop your donation in an envelope marked Latin America Committee for your parish to forward on your behalf.

**To learn more about our diocesan connection to Latin America** and the projects supported by our Latin America committee, see our blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/offering-hope-and-support-in-latin-america/>

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### **Churches remain closed to the public in provincial lockdown against COVID-19**

#### **From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick:**

*"I support this shutdown and direct that our churches remain closed to the public until further notice. Our diocesan and parish offices will be closed to the public during this time. The new variants of this pandemic have been spreading rapidly. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus by staying home and limiting our interaction with others. Our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them."*