

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and
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February 14, 2021

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-42).

The feast of [Sts. Cyril and Methodius](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 and concerns the regulations enforced by the priests regarding certain bodily diseases which made a person unclean and a menace to the health of his neighbors.

The **second reading** is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 10:31, 11:1 and speaks of our imitation of Paul as he imitates Christ for the sake of the Gospel, as well as of the unity of the Church of God.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 1:40-45. We see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in this act of healing. The divine power was necessary in all instantaneous cures. Even if the diseases were curable, the ordinary process of nature took time to fight off the causes and to return to normality. Therefore, where there was an instantaneous recovery some power above nature, some supernatural cause brought it about. But where the disease was incurable, as real leprosy then was, to remove it by a simple word of command was more emphatically still the

result of divine power. This divine power Jesus had, for he was himself divine, the Son of God.

His compassion for suffering humanity was, however, co-terminus with his power, it was also divine. It was out of compassion for the sad lot of the human race on earth that he descended to man's level, becoming man, equal to us in all things except sin, in order to suffer with us and for us. By his human sufferings he made an atonement, a satisfaction for all the sins of the world—a satisfaction which all mankind could never make—to his heavenly Father, and so obtained for us God's pardon. At the same time, 'by joining our human nature to his divine nature, he brought us into the divine orbit and made us adopted sons of God and heirs of the eternal life of the Blessed Trinity. Because this seems almost too good to be true, there are men who deny it or refuse to accept it. Such men make the mistake of measuring the infinite compassion of God with the limited yardstick of their own finite and puny compassion.

Thanks be to God, for his infinite compassion! Thanks be to God, for Christ his Son, who came and dwelt amongst us! He put heaven and a share in the life of God within our reach; he has shown us how to attain them, giving in his Church and the sacraments, all the necessary aids. But we still need all of Christ's compassion if we are to get there. Because of our inclination to sin and because of the many times we unfortunately give in to that inclination, nothing but the mercy of God can save us from our own folly. However, that mercy is available, if only we ask for it. What we sinners need is the faith and confidence of the leper in today's gospel reading. He believed firmly in the power and the mercy of Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean," was his approach to Jesus.

This should be our approach too, if we have the misfortune to fall into serious sin. Jesus does will and does want our salvation. His incarnation, and death on the cross, proves that. The fact that he left the power to forgive sins to his Church is another proof of both his will and desire to help us. "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth," he stated. Part of that power which he left to his Church is in the sacrament of penance where the leprosy of sin can be washed away and the sinner restored to new and perfect spiritual health. What folly for any Christian then, to commit sin and isolate himself, like the unclean leper, from God. But it is greater folly still, to remain in this unclean state when the cure for his disease is so easily available to any sincere penitent.

— 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 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:

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

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE: The Penitential Season of Lent

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

SP	9:00AM
HGA	11:00 AM
SJB	4:00PM

The Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The CCCB General Secretariat received from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments Note (N. 17/21) of 12 January 2021, concerning Ash Wednesday (17 February 2021) and the Distribution of Ashes in the Time of the Pandemic. In accordance with the Note from the Congregation, this year the ashes are to be imposed by sprinkling them on the head of the faithful. The rite of sprinkling ashes on the head of penitents is already a well-established and common practice in many countries across the world. The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes, he sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything, then he addresses all those present and **only once** says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him. The Priest or Deacon takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, February 20, 2021

SP	11:00AM	Baptism of Avery Mombourquette
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SH	4:00 PM
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HGA	5:30 PM
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†Bernie Middleton (requested by his family)

Sunday, February 21, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM
SP 10:30 AM

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

(Ash) Wednesday, February 17, 2021

As you know Ash Wednesday begins the penitential season of Lent. This year the three parishes will celebrate Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday at the time of their usual weekday Mass as follows:

St. Peter's – 9:00AM
Holy Guardian Angels – 11:00 AM
St. John the Baptist – 4:00 PM

The (Ash) Wednesday Mass takes the place of the regular weekday Mass for that week only so there **will not** be a weekday Mass on Thursday, Feb. 18 or Friday, Feb. 19.

February 7, 2021 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose \$ 875.00
Candles \$ 8.00
Altar Society \$ 383.00

Total \$1,266.00

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose \$ 808.00
Candles \$ 27.05
Initial Offering \$ 3.00
Solemnity of Mary \$ 205.00

Total \$ 1,043.05

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose \$ 870.00
Property Maintenance \$ 605.00

Total \$ 1,475.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HGA: Pork Roast Dinner

L'Ardoise Community Centre

Sunday February 28 Take out 11:00 - 11:45

Eat in 12:00

\$15.00 per person

Advanced tickets only

For tickets call Raymonde @ 902 587-2675

Andree @ Post office

Cotie's Convenience

Deadline for tickets February 21

SJB: Lenten project this year will be for "Chalice". The project to be supported this year will be determined by the amount that is raised but will be donated to a third world country. Chalice accepts only monetary donations. Please mark envelopes 'Chalice' and put them in the basket at the church entrance. Thanks in advance. -The Liturgy Committee-

SJB: Way of the Cross during lent will be **prayed at 4:10 PM** followed by Mass at 4:30 P M. **Both in vestry**

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.

St. Peter's & Area Food Bank Society annual meeting is cancelled this year due of Covid 19.

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

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

Hard copies of bulletin are available upon request and can be picked up at glebe on Thursdays between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Please call during office hours or leave message if you require one.

2020-2021 Sunday Missals are available at church door \$5.00 each

52nd International Eucharistic Congress

Sept. 5-12, 2021

The Most Rev. Louis Corriveau is the CCCB National Delegate for the French Sector and the Most Rev. Brian Joseph Dunn is the CCCB National delegate for the English Sector.

Visit the Congress website: iec2020.hu

Mass For Shut-Ins airs on CTV Sundays at 11:30 am

You can also watch the recorded videos on the [Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel](#) and MyParish app.

Some new pastoral directives from Bishop Kirkpatrick -

1) Removing the word “one” from the ending of the Collect.

Following a request from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments which was sent to the Bishops’ Conferences of all English-speaking countries, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops agreed to adjust the English-language wording to the conclusion of the Collect (the opening prayer) in the Roman Missal as approved for use in Canada. **As of Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021, the word “one” is to be omitted from the conclusion of the Collect, and likewise of similar prayers in the liturgy. Instead of ending “one God, for ever and ever”, the Collect will now end “God, for ever and ever”.**

The presider at liturgical celebrations will simply omit the word where needed. The reason for this change is to avoid possible misunderstandings about the identity of the Son within the Blessed Trinity, or even the misconception that Our Lord Jesus Christ is “one God” among others.

2) Ash Wednesday – Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

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3. Blessing of Throats on the feast of St. Blaise, February 3 Instead of individual throat blessings the priests will extend his hands over the congregation without the crossed candles while imparting the prayer of blessing. This blessing would also be imparted to those who join livestream.

4. Concerns about Holy Week Celebrations

It appears that we will continue celebrating Mass with existing restrictions. Currently we are limited to 50% of our indoor capacity up to a maximum of 100 people. Physical distancing is required unless the people are with members of their own household or social group. These rules may change before Holy Week, further clarifications may be announced as we approach Holy Week. We will not

be able to retain the traditional practices this year and so we will need to adapt how we celebrate:

Passion Sunday - 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 – 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.

Holy Thursday - there will be no foot-washing.

Good Friday – 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.

Easter - 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. However, since we only have one Mass per parish this concerns churches that have a number of Masses in succession.

Two Decrees from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

On behalf of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the General Secretariat is forwarding two Decrees.

The first Decree (Prot. N. 40/21) was signed on Monday, 25 January 2021, concerning the inscription of the Optional Memorials of Saint Gregory of Narek, Saint John of Avila, and Saint Hildegard of Bingen in the General Roman Calendar. The title of Doctor of the Church was conferred upon the three saints and the dates which the Optional Memorials can be celebrated are as follows:

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church:	27 February
Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church:	10 May
Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church:	17 September

The second Decree (Prot. N. 35/21) was signed on Tuesday, 26 January 2021 concerning the inscription of the Memorial of Saint Martha, Saint Mary, and Saint Lazarus. Therefore, 29 July will be designated in the General Roman Calendar as the **Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**.