

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and
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January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi..., where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see" (John 1:35-37).

Today is the feast of [St. Anthony the Abbot](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

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

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the first Book of Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 and gives an account of Samuel's vocation to take over the leadership of the Chosen People.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 in which St. Paul makes it crystal clear that justifying fornication as part of Christian liberty is an incorrect interpretation of his preaching and that the body must be preserved from all immorality.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 1:35-42 and gives an account of the vocation of the first four Apostles who followed Jesus. It was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations that would grow and spread down through the ages until the end of the world. It was momentous, firstly, in that Christ, who had come to open heaven for all men and who could find means of bringing them all to that eternal home without help from any man, decided

instead to let men co-operate with him in this divine task. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world—his Church—which would be run by mere mortals for their fellow-mortals, but which would be under his protection and assisted by his divine aid until the end of time. Christ chose this very human way, in order to make his Church more acceptable to our limited, human understanding and more approachable for sinful, human nature.

Christ, as God, could deal directly with every human being on earth. He could teach the infallible truth; he could pardon sins; he could give all the graces needed to travel successfully to heaven. There would then be no need for a Church with its teaching magisterium, no need for the sacrament of Baptism, or of Penance, nor of the Holy Eucharist itself or of any other such aids. Christ could do all that his Church does for the salvation of mankind, and more successfully, of course, but yet he chose the way which divine wisdom saw was best.

We mortals know that God can speak directly to our hearts, and actually has done so to many men in the past. We know that he can do directly all that is done by his Church, to whom he gave the power, with its teaching magisterium and sacraments. If he were to act in this way we should be open to continuous doubts about the source of our inspirations and the objectivity of the graces we thought we were receiving. It was to remove such doubts, and the possibility of self-deception that Christ left to us the external visible kingdom to which he gave all the powers necessary for men's salvation. It was for the security and peace of men's consciences that he set up a visible Church founded on the Apostles, men like ourselves, but transformed by his assisting grace.



Another momentous fact in Christ's choice of the Apostles on whom he was to build his Church, is that he "chose the lowly and the humble to confound the wise." The first four Apostles, as well as the other eight, were simple, lowly fishermen from Galilee. They may possibly have been able to read and write a little, but they were certainly not men of education or any social standing in their communities. He could have converted and chosen some of the more highly educated scribes of Jerusalem, or some of the Roman centurions then in Palestine, or some of the many philosophers in Greece, or even Roman senators whose influence as Christian teachers would carry such weight with the educated elite of the empire. But he did not. The instrument he chose to carry his message to all men was not dependent on human ingenuity or on the educational or social standing of his witnesses. Rather it was to stand on the power of God, of which it was the expression and proof.

We can see clearly the divine wisdom governing Christ's choice of Apostles! Had his message of salvation been spread and promulgated by men of learning and social standing, the cry would soon go up on all sides: "This religion is the invention of philosophers; it is a clever plan of the upper classes to keep the poor and humble workers in subjection." But it was the poor and working classes who spread Christ's message, and who suffered imprisonment and death itself at the hands of the educated and upper classes for so doing.

Today, let us thank our blessed Lord who provided so humanly—and yet so divinely for our eternal welfare. In the Church, which he founded on the lowly but solid foundation of simple fishermen of Galilee, he erected an institution against which the gates of hell, the power of all the enemies of our salvation, cannot prevail, for his divine guidance and help will be with it forever. It has had enemies and opposition from the beginning; they may be more numerous and more destructive than ever today. But the promise of Christ still holds good, his word cannot fail. Therefore, neither the opposition of materialistic enemies from without, nor the even more insidious attacks from faint-hearted and worldly-minded members from within, can affect the safety and permanence of the building which Christ built on the Rock. "If God is with us," it matters not "who is against us."

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

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

Second Sunday after Epiphany

"A wedding took place . . . (Mary) said to Jesus, 'They have no wine.' . . . Jesus said to (the attendants), 'Fill the jars with water . . . Draw out now' . . . When the chief steward had tasted the water . . . become wine . . . (he said to the bridegroom), 'Thou hast kept the good wine until now'" (Gospel).



A lesson to our young married couples of today! Believe and trust in Him to keep your family if you keep His Word! A spiritual change also took place, since "His disciples believed in Him" (Gospel).

Consider the daily miracle of God's "grace that has been given us" (Epistle), to change from evil to good in both single and married life. Jesus "kept the good wine" of Divine Life for us (symbolized by Chalice at left in the picture). We must "fill the jars . . . (of our good will) to the brim" (Gospel).

Let us recognize the "great things" (Offertory) done for our soul through Mary's prayers to Jesus. Like the disciples, let us "believe" and "do whatever He tells" us (Gospel).

— Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

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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EUCHARIST SCHEDULE:

ORDINARY TIME

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

WEEKEND LITURGY

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

Thursday, January 21, 2021

SJB 4:00 PM

Friday, January 22, 2021

SP 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 23, 2021

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

† Lorraine Pottie

Sunday, January 24, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

Dec. Jan. 10, 2020 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,379.00
Candles	\$ 13.00
New Year's	\$ 95.00
Initial Offering	\$ 63.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00

Total **\$1,570.00**

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 862.00
Candles	\$ 33.05
Missals	\$ 15.00
Initial Offering	\$ 30.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00

Total **\$ 965.05**

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 710.00
Initial Offering	\$ 95.00

Total **\$805.00**

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. Thank you.

St. Peter's & Area Food Bank Society is holding its annual general meeting on Sunday, March 29, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the basement of the St. Peter's Glebe House. Members of the general public are welcome.

SP: We are pleased to report the Memory Tree was a great success again this year. A total of \$2230.00 was raised. This is the second most to date! Thank you to all who contributed. A very special thank you to Fonda Stone for her help with the decorations and to Doris Carter and her team for their help with the set up and storage of our beautiful tree.

The next St. Peter's Parish Council meeting will be on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the glebe basement. **There are three vacancies on St. Peter's Parish Council.** This is a significant service to the ongoing development of a parish community. Feeling called to serve is a prompting of baptismal grace and as such is an opportunity to respond to Jesus' call to serve. Please call the office (902) 535-2053 in order to respond to this important invitation. Perhaps you may recognize this gift in others so you may approach them. Thank you.

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.