

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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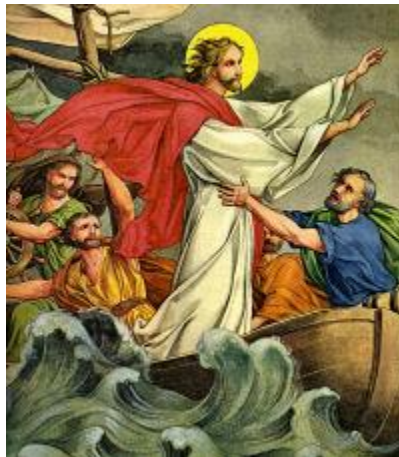
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June 20, 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Old Calendar: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith (Mark 4:37-40)?"



Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Job 38:1, 8-11.

The **second reading** is from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17. St. Paul is urging his converts never to forget what being a Christian means. They have been given a new mode of life because Christ died and rose from the dead for them.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 4:35-41. There is a very important lesson for every one of us in today's gospel story. Our lives are really a journey across the sea of time to the shore of eternity. During that crossing all who come to the use of reason encounter some storms. There is no

smooth, calm crossing for anyone. This is the will of God. Our Lord knew that a storm was going to blow up that night in the Sea of Galilee. He allowed his disciples to face that terrifying ordeal, because he wanted his future Church to have confidence in his divine power and assistance, when tribulations and persecutions would seem to be on the point of ending her forever. Down through the centuries the Church of God has had to face storms and trials which would have swamped her if she had not a divine Founder and Protector. Christ, however, kept his promise — the gates of hell cannot prevail against her. She survived the storms and as a consequence of them gained new vigor and strength.

That same divine guarantee which Christ gave his Church will be with her until the last human being on earth has entered heaven. It is with her today. It will save her from internal weaknesses which could do more damage to her spiritual vitality than open persecution from without could ever do. We know Christ is in the barque of Peter. He is waiting to be called. If we realize that of ourselves we are not able to weather this storm, and call on him, he will rebuke the winds of pride and calm the waves of turbulent self-assertion. The barque of Peter will enter calm waters once more.

What is true in the life of the Church is true also in the life of each member of the Church. God foresees all our life's storms. He permits them, because he is to use them as means to help us in our struggle to reach heaven. If we use these storms or trials of life to come closer to Jesus, to throw ourselves on his mercy, they will serve the purpose for which he permits them. Unfortunately, there are Christians who question not only the goodness of God, but his very existence, when some heavy seas break across their life's barque. "How could God, if he be good," they ask, "allow me to suffer like this, I who have been so faithful? Why should he let me bear all this poverty, all these pains, all this dishonesty of my fellowmen, when a small act of his will could remove it all and make me healthy, happy and prosperous?"



What such a Christian forgets is that God's purpose in creating him was not to make him healthy, happy and prosperous in this life, but to give him a share in his own eternal happiness in heaven. If this life were the end and sum-total of man, if all ended with death, then certainly that complaint would have some foundation. However, our human intelligence, and divine revelation, prove to us conclusively that this life is not an end for man but a means with which to attain his real end, perfect happiness.

Therefore, we must not expect to get from life what it cannot give. Instead, we must use what it gives us, the unpleasant as well as the pleasant, the rain as well as the sunshine, the pain as well as the pleasure, as means which will help us to reach our perfect ending, our eternal dwelling-place in heaven. Too often like the disciples that night in the storm, we think that God has forgotten us, that he is not interested in us when storms break around us. In fact, it is then that he is nearest to us. We think he is sleeping and that all is lost, when he is but using this storm to rekindle our faith, and make us realize that we are pilgrims on our way across this earth and not permanent residents here.

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

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

SJB 4:00 PM

Friday, June 25, 2021

SP 9:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, June 26, 2021

SH 4:00 PM
HGA 5:30 PM

Sunday, June 27, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM
SP 10:30 AM

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

Please call the office when covid-19 restrictions are lifted to reschedule Masses that were missed during closure. **Last Masses were said weekend of May 1-2**

June 13, 2021 receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes \$1,025.00

Total **\$1,025.00**

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose \$1,250.00

Cemetery 590.00

Total **\$1,840.00**

St. Peter's Catholic Church

Envelopes & Loose \$645.00

Parish Dues 85.00

Papal Charities 50.00

Improvement Fund 100.00

Cemetery Offering 40.00

Cemetery Donation 100.00

Building Fund 600.00

Total **\$1,620.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 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

In the Diocese

June 22-30

Canadian Catholics to pray Novena to St Joseph

The faithful in Canada are invited to pray a Novena in honor of St. Joseph from 22 – 30 June, as part of initiatives to mark the Year of St. Joseph.

During the nine days of prayer, we are encouraged to pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic, for those who have died, for the family – domestic Church, for peace and unity in the country, for an end to racism and discrimination, for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for youth and the elderly, for frontline workers and the unemployed, and for the need, addicted and excluded.

Read the story here:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-06/canada-catholics-novena-st-joseph-act-of-entrustment.html>

CCCB Update:

Indigenous Delegation to the Holy See

The CCCB has been working with Indigenous people and communities to develop a delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father, to foster meaningful

encounters of dialogue and healing.

Read the CCCB statement on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/delegation-to-the-holy-see/>

Prayers and Solidarity for the Muslim Community

"As Roman Catholics, we too express our remorse over the murder of the Muslim family in London, Ontario. It is apparent that while this family was out walking they were targeted in a violent attack simply for being Muslim. As a faith community, we stand in solidarity with the Muslim community and we too call for action against Islamophobia."

- Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Read more on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/prayers-and-solidarity-for-the-muslim-community/>

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/>

Office of the Bishop

June 15, 2021

My Dear People,

In providing a COVID -19 update today, Premier Iain Rankin and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that the province will enter Phase Two, effective tomorrow, June 16. We will need to continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing.

<https://novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/phase-two/#gatherings-and-social-contacts>

Phase Two allows for in-person faith gatherings in the province for 25% capacity up to 50 people. As Bishop, I support this directive and I instruct that our churches now be reopened. Once again, our parish offices, like our diocesan offices may be reopened to the public.

We are cautious about the Delta variant of this pandemic but with the vaccination rate up and many more eligible for a second dose of vaccine we are on the right path to a much better summer. We all agree that our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. We hope that as we celebrate Canada Day, we will be able to enter Phase Three which will enable greater numbers of people for indoors faith gatherings.

In keeping with the celebration of the Year of Saint Joseph, the CCCB National Liturgy Office has composed a *Novena* and an *Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph*. The *Novena* begins on June 22 and ends on June 30, and is followed by the *Act of Entrustment* on Thursday, 1 July 2021 Canada Day. I have attached the links to these documents.

English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/novena-and-act-of-entrustment-to-saint-joseph/>

French: <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/celebrons-lannee-de-saint-joseph/neuvaine-et-acte-de-confiance-a-saint-joseph/>

We pray that St. Joseph, patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally,

+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*

(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick

June: Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 11, 2021

From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick:



We have all heard it said, “My heart goes out to you.” In saying these words, we offer our deepest support. If you love someone with your whole heart, you would do anything for them. The heart has long been a symbol of love and life in many cultures. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus identifies the heart as the symbol of love. Love cannot be logically explained; it is not earned; love speaks of a presence that is always with us, whether we are acting in a noble fashion or not. Jesus spoke of an all-loving God and by his actions he revealed God’s love for everyone. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus gives us a picture of such compassion flowing from the depths of God. From Jesus, mercy and redeeming love flow out to the whole world. His heart goes out to us and to the whole world.

The Solemn Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been celebrated since 1856. It has been celebrated on Friday, nineteen days after the feast of Pentecost. Today we accept that it is celebrated on the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi. There has been much devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from the early days of the church. From the eleventh and twelfth centuries, it is evident there were devotions to the Sacred Heart. The most significant source for the devotion to the Sacred Heart is from the revelation to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), who received visions of Jesus Christ. The revelations were numerous, and the church has accepted these to be real and deeply spiritual. In one of the apparitions, Jesus allowed St. Margaret Mary to rest her head upon His Heart during which time He revealed to her the wonders of His love, telling her that He desired to make them known to all people and that He had chosen her for this work. In his appearances to St. Margaret Mary, Jesus promised many blessings to those who practice devotion to his Sacred Heart. Accordingly, Jesus promised all the graces necessary for their state of life; peace in their families; consolation in all their troubles; their refuge in life and especially in death; abundantly bless all their undertakings; he will be the infinite ocean of mercy. He promised to bless those places wherein the image of the Sacred Heart will be exposed and venerated and he will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts. Finally the promise that his all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die without receiving the sacraments; and the Sacred Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour. On June 11, 1899 Pope Leo XIII solemnly consecrated the whole world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1928 Pope Pius XI approved the devotion to the Sacred Heart. In 2002 St. John Paul II requested this feast day be a World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. All the Catholic faithful are invited to

join in prayer for the sanctification of priests. It is an opportunity to rekindle in priests an awareness of the gift they have received.

Pray a Rosary for our Priests

For the past 12 years, Worldpriest has organized an annual global rosary relay for the Sanctification of Priests. Worldpriest is a non-for-profit organization supported by Pope Francis that is devoted to prayer for our priests. Last year in Canada, there were prayer participants from all of the provinces and territories. With global participation, there were over 700,000,000 Hail Mary's prayed for all Priests. It was a great and wonderful blessing and a mighty prayer support to the day of prayer. This year again, the entire world will again be encircled in prayer for our priests on this "The Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay Day for Sanctification of Priests". You can get more information on their website:

www.worldpriest.com

As you know, our priests need our prayers. Many of our priests were ordained in May and June. As we pray for our priests, I want to highlight the following who are celebrating significant anniversaries of ordination this year:

10th Ordination anniversary

Rev. Callistus Abazie

Ordained: July 30, 2011

Rev. Macdonald Ibeh

Ordained: September 24, 2011

15th Ordination anniversary

Rev. Daniel James MacDonald

Ordained: May 12, 2006

20th Ordination anniversary

Rev. Andrew Boyd

Ordained: June 8, 2001

25th Ordination anniversary

Rev. Conrad Edwards

Ordained: June 7, 1996

30th Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Peter McLeod

Ordained: May 17, 1991

40th Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Raymond Huntley

Ordained: June 7, 1981

55th Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Daniel Doucet

Ordained: May 19, 1966

Rev. Angus Bernard MacDougall

Ordained: May 22, 1966

Rev. Colin MacKinnon

Ordained: December 17, 1966

60th Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Albert Maroun

Ordained: May 27, 1961

65th Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Daniel Allan MacInnis

Ordained: May 26, 1956

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Kirkpatrick

(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick