

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Parishes

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February 21, 2021

1st Sunday in of Lent



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is from Deuteronomy 26: 4-10. In these verses we have the ritual prescribed by Moses for the feast of the harvest thanksgiving. The people once settled in the Promised Land are to show their gratitude to the good God who brought them out of the slavery of Egypt and gave them this good land to be their home.

The **second reading** is from St. Paul to the Romans 10: 8-13. He is discussing the sad fact that Israel (as a whole) rejected Christ as the promised Messiah and the Son of God.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 5:1-11. Christ's voluntary self-mortification of forty days' fast, with its accompanying temptations, was but part of the self-mortification, with its climax on the Cross, which He gladly underwent for our

salvation. He did not need to fast in order to keep the inclinations of the body in subjection, He did not need to allow the insult of temptation. He could have said, "begone Satan" at the beginning as easily and as effectively as he said it at the end. But He willingly underwent this humiliation in order to set us an example and to prove to us the infinite love He bears us and the value, the priceless value, He sets on our eternal salvation. He became like us in all things (except sin) in order to make it possible for us to become like Him—the beloved of his Father—and co-heirs with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

With this example given us by Christ no Christian can or should expect to travel the road to heaven without meeting obstacles and temptations. Our weak human nature is of itself, even without any external tempter, a source of many temptations to us, especially of those three illustrated in the case of Christ. Our body desires all the pleasures and comforts that can be got out of life and resents any curtailment of these desires even on the part of our Creator and Benefactor. Our gifts of intelligence and free-will often tempt most of us to look for power, political or economic, over our fellowmen. We want to be better off than others in this world, when our purpose in life is to help ourselves and our fellowmen to the better life. Finally, so fully occupied are many in the mad rush after pleasure and power that they have no time to devote to the one thing that matters, the attainment of eternal life.

Yet, through some foolish logic of our own, we expect God to do for us what we refuse to do for ourselves. We are tempting God by presuming he will save us if we have deliberately chosen the road to perdition.

There are few, if any, amongst us who can honestly say: "I am free from such inclinations or temptations." The vast majority of us can and should beat our breasts and say with the publican: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." And merciful he will be if we turn to him with true humility. He may not remove all our temptations, all our wrong inclinations, but he will give us the grace to overcome them if we sincerely seek his aid.

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

First Sunday of Lent, Station with *San Giovanni in Laterano* (St. John Lateran):

The Station today is at St. John Lateran which is the seat of the Roman Pontiff, and the cathedral church for the Diocese of Rome. The official name of the basilica in Italian is *Santissimo Salvatore e Santi Giovanni Battista ed Evangelista in Laterano*. The Lateran is comprised of the Basilica, the Pontifical Palace and the Baptistry. The church is dedicated to the Christ the Savior. In the fifth century the titles of St. John Baptist and St. John the Evangelist were added. The Papal altar contains the wooden altar on which St. Peter is said to have celebrated Mass. This basilica is the mother of all churches and is the only church which has the title of Archbasilica.



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:

Tasia Boucher

EAP/Pre-Marriage Program Coordinator & Admin Support

tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

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

EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE: The Penitential Season of Lent

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

HGA Way of the Cross 10:30 AM
Mass 11:00 AM
† Irene Briand (Requested by family)
† Shirley Ann Johnson

Thursday, February 25, 2021

SJB: Way of the Cross 4:10 PM
Mass 4:30 PM
(Both in vestry)

Friday, February 26, 2021

SP: Mass 9:00 AM

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, February 27, 2021

SH 4:00 PM
HGA 5:30 PM
† Mark Mombourquette
(requested by family)

Sunday, February 28, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM
SP 10:30 AM

February 14, 2021 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 796.00
Altar Society	\$ 85.00

Total **\$ 881.00**

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 565.00
Candles	\$ 9.35
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00

Total **\$ 579.35**

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 890.00
Property Maintenance	\$ 50.00

Total **\$ 940.00**

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

Information from Mike Dalien, our web manager: The new bulletin is posted every Friday and I am fairly certain that the reason people are not seeing the "current" one is because of their computer's cache memory. When you visit a page your computer stores the page in what is called "cache memory"...it speeds up reloading the page when you visit it the next time. However, with pages that change content regularly, sometimes the computer does not "refresh" and so you get an old page from your cache instead.

The cure is to hold the CTRL key down and press F5 which will force a renewal. Any weekend where a parishioner sees last week's bulletin they should refresh the bulletin page. Hope this clarifies the situation. If problem persists then I will investigate further but my computer and cellphone are loading the correct bulletin because I check them both immediately after I post the new one each weekend.

And, with regard to my role vis a vis the website, I maintain the site as a volunteer; the money charged to the parish is for the domain name rental

(eastrichmond.ca) and the hosting fees for the remote server that stores the content. My time is not reimbursed nor do I expect it to be.

Knights of Columbus There will be a general meeting in the basement of the glebe in St. Peter's on Wednesday Feb. 24th at 6:30pm. This will be our first in person meeting of the year. All covid restrictions will be in effect. See you there.

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.

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

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

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.) 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.

Excerpts from Bishop Kirkpatrick's letter to Clergy -

February 11, 2021 (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – World Day of the Sick)

This morning Dr. Strang provided Faith Leaders with an update on the status of COVID-19 and the vaccine rollout plan for the province. Dr. Strang acknowledged that we are in a privileged spot but there are risks and challenges around us; it is not the time to be complacent.

I also asked Dr. Strang about having any faith services at Nursing Homes and he was not comfortable with having such services at this time, and certainly he opposed going room to room to visit or distribute Holy Communion.

Dr. Strang issued a few changes on Friday, February 5, 2021, but indoor faith services continue to be limited to 50% of indoor venue capacity up to a maximum of 100 people socially distanced and wearing masks. This 'Gathering Limit' now includes weddings and funerals, including receptions and visitation. There must be minimal hand contact in serving any food or drink.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the week of March 7 since at that time there may be further changes in the maximum number of people at indoor gatherings.

The question was raised concerning parish bulletins. Bulletins can be distributed, but only by one person with clean hands or better still by one who is wearing gloves to avoid any physical contact. This should be done as people are leaving the church.

The issue of music at faith services is being reviewed and may be modified with more permissive and flexible guidelines within the next few days.

For the most recent Covid-10 guidelines, please access the following link:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/restrictions-and-guidance/>

Confessions during Lent


Please ensure that you follow safety protocols which includes social distancing and wearing face masks when celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis established World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary on July 26. See the attached document.

Catholic-Jewish Relations

A one-day course is being offered on Rome and Jerusalem: Catholic-Jewish Relations I by Dr. John Cappucci of Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario. This course chronicles the historical relationship between Catholics and Jews from the birth of Christianity in antiquity to the Spanish Inquisition during the Renaissance. This course will be offered online, via Zoom on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. The cost is \$57. Please register by Friday, February 26, 2021.



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Dr. John Cappucci

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021
(10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M./BREAK 12:00-1:00 P.M.)
COST: \$50.45 PLUS HST (\$57.00)

Please note this course will be offered online, via Zoom.
Please register by Friday, February 26, 2021
CHARITABLE REGISTRATION #118795426RR0001

Sponsored by The Stephen Jarislowsky
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For more information and registration
please visit
WWW.ASSUMPTIONU.CA/LEARNFORLIFE
519-973-7033; cbertrand@assumptionu.ca

May this Season of Lent be a time of spiritual renewal.

Fraternally in Christ,
+ Wayne Kirkpatrick
Bishop of Antigonish

Pope establishes World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly by Vatican News staff 31 January 2021

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-establishes-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly.html>

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of **Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.**

Following the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis announced the institution of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

In a press release following the announcement, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, the establishment of the Day of Grandparents and the Elderly “is the first fruits of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, a gift to the whole Church that is destined to continue into the future.”

He added, “The pastoral care of the elderly is a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community. In the encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.”

The statement from the Dicastery notes that Pope Francis is expected to celebrate the first World Day by presiding at Mass on the evening of Sunday, 25 July, in St Peter’s, subject to health measures in place at the time. Closer to the Day, the Dicastery “will announce further initiatives that will mark the event.”

In the Diocese: From Seven Ears of Grain

Corporal Works of Mercy:

New Blog Series and Resource for Home and Family

Starting Ash Wednesday and each Sunday of Lent, a new reflection on each Corporal Work of Mercy will be posted to our website. Posts will include videos from the youth of our diocese on living the Corporal Works of Mercy. The Resource for Home and Family, developed by the Atlantic Liturgical Commission is available for download, and features contributions from throughout Atlantic Canada.

Join the journey:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/corporal-works-of-mercy/>

Deacon Hyland Fraser

"modelled a life of service, charity and justice"

Deacon Hyland was born in Heatherton, NS and moved to Alberta in 2006, where he was ordained a deacon in 2014 and served until his death on Feb. 5. This story and tribute speaks of his leadership, guidance and passion for service:

<https://grandinmedia.ca/hessel-deacon-hyland-fraser-modelled-a-life-of-service-charity-and-justice/>

NET Do Something Amazing Retreat

is a virtual retreat day filled with fun, prayer, information on NET, and next steps for discernment and deepening your faith. It's a taste of what a year with NET Canada would look like!

Open to Catholic young adults in Grade 12 up to age 30

Retreat dates:

Saturday, February 27th, 12:00pm to 6pm AST

Saturday, March 20th, 12:00pm to 6pm AST

To attend, submit an application through this link:

netcanada.ca/apply

Questions or want to speak with a recruiter?

Call or text 613-292-9991 or email recruit@netcanada.ca