

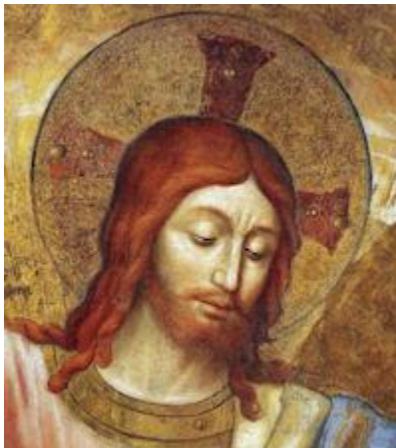
**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and
St. John the Baptist Parishes**

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March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent



Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus (John 12:20-22).

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

[Stational Church](#)

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34. In today's extract, the prophet is foretelling the setting up of a New Covenant, to replace the Old Covenant made between God and his Chosen People on Mt. Sinai, a covenant which the Chosen People had not kept. The New Covenant would not be written on tablets of stone but on each individual's heart. It would be a covenant of love rather than one of obligation.

The **second reading** is from the Letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the converts in the Christian faith which they have accepted.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 12:20-33.

"He who loves his life loses it," this is a truth stated by Christ at the solemn moment when he was speaking of the purpose of his own painful death. He died so that we might live, not for sixty or even a hundred years on earth, but forever in heaven. We can, we know, lose the eternal life Christ won for us if we are too

attached to our transitory, earthly life. If we love our own comforts, pleasures, temporal gains, our own worldly will, more than we love our unending, happy future, then we are loving our earthly lives wrongly, and we are gravely risking the loss of the future, true life.

If, on the other hand, we do our best to be faithful servants of Christ, we shall always judge all our actions with eternity in view. We can use the things of this life which God gives us, and still be close followers of Christ. The lawful possession of the goods of this world, the enjoyment of the licit pleasures of life, are allowed to the fervent Christian. If these possessions and pleasures are accepted with Christian gratitude, they will become stepping-stones that will help us across the river of life to our everlasting home beyond.

Each one of us should look fervently and devoutly on the crucifix today, and try to compare our willingness to suffer those crosses sent to us by God, with the crushing cross and passion our Savior Jesus Christ gladly accepted for us and not for his own sake. Do not let the conclusion you draw stun you into inactivity, but rather let it shock you into a new outlook on life; a new resolve to serve, follow and imitate our loving Christ more closely in future. So may it be for all of us.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Station with *San Pietro in Vaticano* (St. Peter in the Vatican):

In the Extraordinary Form, this would be Passion Sunday. All Station Churches for Sundays in Lent were held at basilicas of Rome, but the major basilicas particularly for the first, fifth and sixth Sundays of Lent. The original church was erected on the site of the Roman Circus built by the Emperor Caligula around the year A.D. 40. and where St. Peter was crucified and placed upside down at his request and later buried here. From the [PNAC](#): "Rightly has Pope Benedict XVI spoken of this basilica as the heart of the Roman Church, as St. John Lateran is the head. It is here that the Church honors her first shepherd in this city, and here that since his martyrdom she has celebrated both his witness and the God he served. While the basilica before us is relatively modern as far as the history of Christianity goes, being completed only in 1626, Christians have been coming to this site to ask for his intercession since shortly after the death of the Prince of the Apostles, as messages left by them on the wall of his grave attest."



Sacrament of Baptism

please call:

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March 14, 2021 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$793.00
Candles	\$ 3.00
Altar Society	\$ 10.00
Memory Garden	\$ 20.00
Cemetery Rd. Upgrade	\$ 50.00

Total **\$ 876.00**

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,203.55
Candles	\$ 11.00
Dues/Fuel	\$ 11.15
Share Lent	\$ 200.00

Total **\$ 1,425.70**

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 840.00
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Total **\$ 840.00**

Holy Week Schedule

Lenten Confessions

Six priests will be available at St. Ninian's Cathedral in Antigonish from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, March 27. COVID restrictions will be in place. COVID has prevented the usual gathering of local priests for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 28 Regular Sunday Schedule

Palm branches will be distributed by someone wearing gloves, in this way no one is directly touching the branches as they are distributed.

Chrism Mass – St. Ninian's Cathedral, Monday, March 29 3:00pm

Due to COVID, 100 priests only and no socials.

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.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) April 1

4:00pm HGA

5:30pm SP

7:00pm SJB

There will be no foot-washing.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) April 2, 3:00 PM Service

Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday Service typically consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. When a priest is not available to celebrate the Good Friday Service a Deacon or lay person may do so. In this exceptional case the service consists of optional readings and the reading of the Passion of the Lord followed by the Stations of the Cross that serves as the veneration of the cross.

A ritual will be provided to leaders that was formulated by Rev. Conrad Edwards and which has been approved by the bishop. Each parish needs four persons to lead the service: A leader plus three persons to read the Passion, all distanced as indicated by COVID restrictions.

The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday)

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.

At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: Saturday, April 3

8:00pm SH

The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday): April 4

8:30 AM SJB

10:00 AM SP & Chapel Island

11:30 AM HGA

COMMUNITY EVENTS

From Ann Cooke: St John the Baptist Parish

Sunday, March 21, is solidarity day which is a day to act in solidarity with the poor of the world by donating to **Development and Peace**. This year, COVID-19 has taught us dramatically how interconnected the whole world is. As inconvenient and disruptive as the effects of the pandemic are in Canada, they are devastating in the Global South. More than ever, your support is needed to allow D&P to continue to support over 100 projects in 35 countries. Use the envelope in your box or visit www.devp.org to donate on line or by phone or mail. Contact Ann Cooke at 902-535-2727 for more information.

HGA: L'Ardoise Men's Club has been serving our community since 1975. Since then, there have been many members in the club. We are planning on dedicating a memory tree to both past and present members. If anyone has information on past members please contact Bernard Gagnon 587-2423 or any other member.

HGA: We have a limited number of leftover Evena prayer cards from Chalice. "I prayed for you today" cards are suitable as Get Well, Thinking of You, Happy Birthday, or Easter cards. If you would like to have some (they come in bundles of three), please contact Maureen at 902-587-2517. There is no cost for the cards but if you wish, you may make a donation to Chalice at 101 - 26 Union Street, Bedford, N.S. B4A 2B5

The next St. Peter's Parish Council meeting will be on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Eva Landry's house.

In the Diocese

March 19

Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From Bishop Kirkpatrick:

'The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”'

Read the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, offer a prayer to St. Joseph and watch our video, all on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/year-of-saint-joseph/>

March 19

Year of 'Amoris Laetitia Family' begins

March 19 is 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/>

April 9-11

Virtual Marriage Encounter weekend:

a very special enrichment opportunity for husbands and wives

From the comfort of your own home, through Zoom

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

For more information:

renewmarriage@gmail.com or 506-856-9485

wwme.org

One Retreat Date Left:

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

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

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

March 21 is Collection Sunday

DID YOU KNOW?

A great March Break activity for home (or for back to school) is our Eco-Friendly Scavenger Hunt.

Get the plan here:

https://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/thinkfast-activities/16-thinkfast_savengerhunt_0.pdf

Your contributions and support make a difference!

To learn more, see Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/share-love-share-lent/>

"The Journey to Laudato Si:

A Quick Trip Through the Evolution of Catholic Social Teaching"

Mar. 22, 9 am - 12 noon

Bethany Resource Centre, Antigonish

What is Catholic Social Teaching? Where does it come from? Where can I find it? Why don't I hear about it? If you have ever asked yourself these questions, you aren't alone! Catholic Social Teaching has been described as the Church's best kept secret.

In her presentation, Sister Joanne O'Regan will explore the evolution of Social Thought and Teaching through the lens of Papal Encyclicals, Letters, and the Documents of Vatican II.

COST: \$15/day, please bring your own lunch

REGISTRATION: Call Sr. Claire MacNeil at 902-863-4726 or 902-863-4822. The registration is on first come, first serve basis. We will be observing Covid-19 health protocols. Current participant limit: 10.

On Our Blog:

Lenten Journey with the Mystics

"Some mystics were well known and held in esteem during their life time; most, however, remained hidden in the simple ordinariness of daily life while others became famous only after death. They rise from the ashes of history and appear when most needed, for example, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin ...

As a young child, Pierre fell in love with pebbles and rocks; this allurements, seed-like, nurtured his scientific-mystical journey." Read weekly reflections from our diocesan hermit Sheila O'Handley:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/reawakening-of-the-hope-which-lives-within-us/>

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>

Lenten Study on *Fratelli Tutti*

Wednesdays 7 pm through March 24

Led by Fr. Bill Burke

via Facebook live

To view or join in, visit the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marguerite-Bourgeoys-Parish-215232988817352>