

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes**  
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**April 25, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**



I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep (Jn 10:11-15).

Today is the feast of **St. Mark** the evangelist which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

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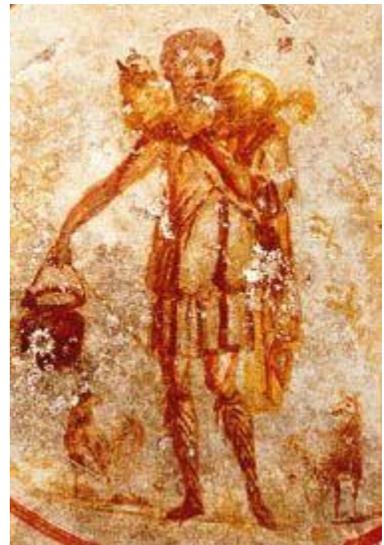
### **Sunday Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12. This excerpt is a sequence of what was described in last Sunday's first reading. Peter had cured a cripple-from-birth and told the people that it was not by his own power that he did this, but through the power of Jesus of Nazareth, whom the Jews had crucified.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of John 3:1-2 in which he sets out in a couple of sentences the basic effect of the Incarnation. Already in this life men are made children of God. Because we are God's children here below we shall see him as he is in the future life.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 10:11-18. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheeplike about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can do without God's revelation and God's Church.

Indeed we all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold?



There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

The devout Christian will not stop at good example only. If he truly loves God, he must truly love his neighbor and must want him to have a share in his own good fortune. He knows there is welcome and room in heaven for all men, and he knows that the greater the number there the greater will be God's eternal glory. He will strive then by every available means to help his neighbor into Christ's fold.

After good example, prayer will be his most potent weapon. Day in, day out the devout Christian must pray for the conversion of his fellowmen who are wandering aimlessly in the barren desert of this life far from God. He must also learn all he can about the truths of his faith in order to be able to help honest enquirers. He must also cooperate with any parochial or diocesan societies for the propagation of the faith, insofar as his family and financial state allow him.

The sermon preached by our Savior nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world, calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold. Do not shut your ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping your fellowman to see the light of the true faith.

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](mailto:tboucher@fsens.ns.ca)

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

### **Weekday Liturgy**

**Please note** the changed dates in parish masses this week.

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

### **Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

SJB 11:00 AM

Funeral for Mary Catherine Cosman

### **Thursday, April 29, 2021**

SP 9:00 AM

### **Friday, April 30, 2021**

HGA 10:00 AM

Funeral for Gregory Mombourquette

## Weekend Liturgy

### Saturday, May 1, 2021

SH 4:00 PM  
HGA 5:30 PM  
† Annie & Charlie Stan Sampson  
(requested by Valerie Sampson)

### Sunday, May 2, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM  
† Mary Cosman  
(requested by the Doary Family)  
SP 10:30 AM

## April 18, 2021 receipts

### St. Peter's

#### (April 11, 2021)

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,070.00
Candles	\$ 3.00
Good Friday	\$ 40.00
Share Lent	\$ 10.00

**Total** **\$ 1,123.00**

### St. Peter's

#### April 18, 2021

Envelopes & Loose	\$918.00
Candles	\$ 3.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Share Lent	\$ 20.00

**Total** **\$ 946.00**

## Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 620.00
Candles	\$ 27.15
Missals	\$ 5.00

**Total** **\$ 652.15**

### St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 804.00
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**Total** **\$ 804.00**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Congratulations to Charlie Sampson (HGA)** who will be celebrating his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 28, 2021.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE**

The Knights of Columbus, Father (Pere) Vincent de Paul Council, 14280, are holding a raffle to support their charitable efforts for the local community. There will be three winners. Each winner will receive the prize which is a certificate to redeem 10 pounds of live lobster and 10 pounds of (frozen) crab legs.

Please see a member of the Knights of Columbus to obtain a ticket: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, or contact Arnold McIntyre (535-4016), Danny Madden (535-3366), Ben Sampson (535-3056), or George J. Landry (535-3248).

The draw will be held on May 31, 2021. Thank you for supporting the community works of the Knights of Columbus.

**HGA:** Holy Guardian Angels Cemetery clean- up is scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd starting at 1:00 P.M. Gloves and garbage bags will be supplied. Come lend a hand .

### **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>

### **May 2**

#### **Deacon Recognition Sunday**

The Permanent Diaconate is ordained men fulfilling a three-fold ministry of Altar, Word and Charity.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese. On May 2, Deacon Recognition Sunday will be observed in our parishes and on Mass for Shut-Ins, airing on CTV 11:30 am and available to watch on our YouTube Channel. Throughout the year, there will be celebrations to honour and promote the Permanent Diaconate.

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/diaconate-program/>

### **Year of 'Amoris Laetitia Family'**

**March 19, 2021 - June 22, 2022**

March 19 was the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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