

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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September 26, 2021

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Old Calendar: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. (Mk. 9:42-43)."

Today is the feast of [Saints Cosmas and Damian](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Numbers 11:25-29. The book of Numbers is a narrative of the 39 years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness. Today's reading comes from the account of the journey through the wilderness.

The **Second Reading** is from the Epistle of St. James 5:1-6. The main purpose of this epistle is the teaching of morality and self-discipline. The sacred writer speaks with great severity, not mincing his words, in order to make people see that actions of the kind he condemns are incompatible with the profession of the Christian faith.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. There are two very practical lessons we must learn from today's Gospel: the grave obligation we have of not causing scandal to our fellow-Christians or indeed to any man or woman and secondly, the willingness we should have to sacrifice any earthly possession which is a cause of sin to us.

Scandal, the sin of being a cause or an occasion of another's sin, is doubly sinful involving one's own sin and the sin of the person scandalized. Scandal can be caused by word—that is, by teaching or propagating wrong doctrine or by giving sinful advice, and it can be caused by one's own sinful deeds which may be imitated by others. Those in positions of authority such as parents whose duty it is to bring up their children in the Christian faith, are especially liable to give scandal if they fail to live truly Christian lives. Christian parents who fail to live according to their faith will be held accountable not only for their own sins, but for the sins of their children and perhaps their children's children for generations to come.

Much, if not all of today's moral laxity and permissiveness can be blamed on parents who have failed to give the example of true Christian living in the home and in dealings with their neighbors. To children of such parents, Christianity is only a label; it does not inform or inspire their lives, hence they are only nominal Christians. It is true that there may be "black sheep" in the best of Christian homes. When, however, all the children of a home are "black sheep" the whiteness, the sincerity, of the parents of such a home must certainly be called into question. There may be many bad influences at work outside the home but the good example of truly Christian parents can counteract these influences. Let parents see to it that they will not be a cause of scandal and a cause of eternal loss to the children God put into their charge.

The second lesson for all of us in today's Gospel is that we should ever realize that eternal life is worth any sacrifice which we may be called on to make. The road we have to travel in life is not an easy one. As our Lord says in another place: "Enter by the narrow gate for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt. 7: 13). We wish to reach heaven, therefore we must be prepared to follow Christ; we must not allow others to lead us astray but be prepared and determined to conquer and resist our own evil inclinations also.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

**please call the office:
Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei**

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.
Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Change in Weekday Masses

The readings for Sundays follow a three-year cycle, Years A, B, and C and weekdays follow a two-year cycle, Years I and II. Since I have been here for two

years, October, each parish has celebrated the majority of weekday readings for both years. Because the secular calendar does not repeat each weekday annually then this alteration in Mass dates will not be perfect in terms of enabling parishioners to hear different readings.

The scriptures for each Mass are designed to focus on a different facet of the diamond that is the Christ mystery and so the following changes offer the opportunity to gain greater perspective on the Christian mystery. No Mass is ever the same experience. These changes were made after consulting with parishioners who regularly attend a weekday Mass. These changed dates will commence in the week of October 5-8.

Tuesdays – SJB 4:00PM
Wednesday – SP 9:00AM
Thursday – Villa 10:30AM
Friday – HGA 11:00AM

Note that on Friday, October 8 at 10:00AM the funeral for Marcel and Emerise Gagnon will be celebrated at HGA.

Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

HGA Mass 11:00 AM

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Richmond Villa 10:30 AM

Not open to the public.

SJB Mass 4:00 PM

Friday, October 1, 2021

SP Mass 9:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, October 2, 2021

SH Mass 4:00 PM

HGA Mass 5:30 PM

+Alonzo & Fred Sampson

Requested by sister, Eva

Sunday, October 3, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

+Bill Murphy

Req. by Barney & Carol-Anne Couch

SP 10:30 AM

Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office, not with Fr. Yake.

First Communion Certificates for Mason Bona, Parker Skinner, Marley Haynes, Douglas Wall, Lily Touesnard and Kayla Halsey can be picked up at glebe house Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 AM till 12:00 PM. Thank you

September 19, 2021 receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes	\$656.00
Candles	33.35

Total **\$ 650.30**

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,035.00
Candles	6.00
Cemetery	50.00

Total **\$1,091.00**

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 840.00
Cemetery	195.00

Total **\$ 1,035.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To view updated information for East Richmond Catholic Parishes please use eastrichmondcatholicparishes.com rather than searching for St. Peter's Parish.

- **Giant Yard Sale:** After 2 years of Pandemic Shut Downs the Knights of Columbus will once again sponsor a Giant Yard Sale on the Thanksgiving week-end (October 9/21) from 9:00 am to 4:00pm, weather permitting (rain date October 11/21). Anyone who can help set up and clean up tables are asked to assemble before and after the event. Donations of gently used items would be much appreciated and can be delivered to the St. Peter's Glebe Basement the day before the sale or any member of the K of C. All proceeds will be used for local charities
- **Pro-Life March:** The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Pro-Life March on Sunday October 11/21, at 2:30 pm from the St. Peter's Catholic Church to Denys Street and return. Members of all faiths, concerned with the value of Human Life, are invited to join in and increase awareness of this needless loss of Life.
- **Life Chain: The campaign for Life Coalition** will sponsor a "LIFE CHAIN" on Sunday October 3·2021 at the Day Park, Port Hood (8657 Trunk 19). Please join in and support this last Life Chain on Cape Breton Island.
- **Parishioners wanting to host family funeral receptions** - food caterers in the St. Peter's area are listed below:
 - St. Peter's Parish Altar Society.
 - Louie's Cosy Corner Restaurant, 9985 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-3195

- Foodland Supermarket, 10004 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-2277
- Tim Hortons, 9966 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-3773
- Robins Donuts, 10041 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-623-0259
- Bras D'Or Lakes Inn, 10095 Grenville St., St. Peter's, 902-535-2200

The family of the late Michael Sutherland would like to thank everyone who said prayers, brought food, made calls, sent messages & cards during our brother's hospitalization and after he passed. It was much appreciated.

The Sutherland Family

Sundays with Fr Patrick and John Ratchford

7 pm on Facebook Live

Featuring conversations about church teachings and issues

Join live or watch later on Fr Patrick's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

September 20

is Federal Election Day

Catholic Conscience is a new online resource with information on both provincial and federal election processes and how to select the candidate for your vote. From the website:

"Catholics are called to participate, in accordance with the full measure of talents entrusted to them by God. At a minimum, this means voting wisely after having considered all relevant issues, the positions of each of the candidates and parties, and relevant Church teachings."

Read more on the website:

<https://catholicconscience.org/>

Season of Creation

Sept. 1 - Oct. 4

These weeks of late summer and early autumn are an invitation to Christians worldwide to reflect and act on care for our common home.

This year's theme is:

A Home For All? Renewing the Oikos of God

See Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/a-home-for-all/>

Ultreya

Come join us as we gather once more as a community for our first Ultreya/Followup of the season.

Where: Our Lady Of Fatima

When: Sept 23 @ 7:30

Hope to see you there to celebrate and support our Cursillo & Challenge movement.

Masks are encouraged.

Mass For Shut-Ins

59th Season Begins Oct. 17

Mass on Oct. 17 will air on CTV at **9:30 am for that week only.**

The regular schedule of Sundays at 11:30 am will resume Oct. 24.

Clergy, groups, and music ministers interested in recording episodes are invited to book their time by contacting Nick Vince, Mass for Shut-Ins Coordinator, at 902-539-6188 or toll-free 1-800-656-5311 ext 222, or email nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Questions? Contact Fr. Patrick O'Neill, producer, Mass for Shut-Ins, at (902) 562-9810

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FUNDRAISER CONCERT**

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2021

PLACE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, NORTH SYDNEY

TIME: 7:00 P.M. DOORS OPEN 6:15 PM.

**ADMISSION: GOODWILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT DOOR
50/50 DRAW**

FEATURING:

FIDDLERS, MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE

SOUND BY: RAILROAD RECORDING PRODUCTIONS

FOR INFORMATION PHONE: KAY AT 902-794-3772

