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**June 27, 2021**

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Old Calendar: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Tal'itha cu'mi"; which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and walked (she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat (Mk 5:41-42).

Today is the feast of [St. Cyril of Alexandria](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

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



### **Sunday Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 and references a truth which is clearly stated for the first time in the whole Old Testament — man's real destiny is an unending life with God.

The **second reading** is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to give generously toward the collection he is organizing for the poor Jewish converts in Palestine.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35-43. Today's gospel gives us two further proofs of the divine power and the infinite mercy of our Savior. Apart from the primary purpose of proving his claim to be the promised Messiah, all his miracles had as their aim and end — the benefit of suffering human beings. He worked no miracle for the sake of astonishing people or to satisfy idle gossip. Each one was performed in order to help someone in distress. All who were helped by his miracles of mercy had one thing in common — they were motivated by trust in

his mercy and power. The leper in Matthew (8:2) expressed the sentiments of them all: "Lord, if only you will you can cleanse me (of my leprosy)." In many cases, as for instance that of Jairus above, it was a relative or friends who showed this faith and confidence. It was always present either in the fortunate person or in the relative or friend who asked for the miracle.

The Gospels give us only some of the many miracles our Lord worked. They give them to prove that he was what he claimed to be — the Son of God and the long-expected Savior; and also to prove his compassionate understanding and sympathy for suffering humanity.

We must not forget, however, that the meaning of his miracles and his mission was lost on thousands of his contemporaries in Palestine, small though the country was. While great throngs followed our Lord and listened to his message and were interested in his mission, still great throngs remained at home, stolidly immersed in their worldly tasks and thoughts. They heard rumors about the man from Nazareth who was said to be the Messiah, and was supposed to be able to work miracles, but they were too practical, too sensible to listen to such rumors. Anyway they had no interest in the Messiah, or in silly spiritual things, they were fully occupied with their financial and worldly interests.

Has the world changed much in nineteen centuries? How many millions of nominal Christians ignore Christ and his Gospel today, millions who are too practical, too down-to-earth to waste time on such a silly thing as their eternal salvation! How many millions are spiritually sick and dying but who have not the faith, humility and confidence of Jairus, to cast themselves at the feet of Jesus and ask him to cure them? How fortunate would not people be if they would repeat the leper's prayer: "Lord, if only you will you can make me clean"; if they could, like the suffering woman in today's Gospel, break through the throng of worldly pride, worldly interests and worldly associates and touch the hem of his garment; if they had the faith of Jairus; if only they could say to our Lord "come and lay your hands upon me so that I may be made well and live."?

Today, let us say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active faith which he has given us and beg of him to keep that faith ever alive in our breasts. Let us think, too, of our fellowmen, our brothers in Christ, who are so busy with their worldly occupations and pleasures that they cannot find time to listen to his message. They are spiritually anemic and almost spiritually dead, but cannot push their way toward Christ through the throngs of earthly, worldly barricades which they have built about themselves. Our sincere prayers can help them to overcome these obstacles; frequently and fervently let us ask God to send them his efficacious grace so that these brothers in Christ will also be with him in heaven.

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

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## **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**

#### **Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

HGA 11:00 AM

#### **Thursday, July 1, 2021**

SJB 4:00 PM

#### **Friday, July 2, 2021**

SP 9:00 AM

### **Weekend Liturgy**

#### **Saturday, July 3, 2021**

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Freddie & George Martell

(requested by Verno9n)

#### **Sunday, July 4, 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 20, 2021 receipts**

#### **Holy Guardian Angels**

Envelopes \$1,360.00

Candles 20.00

Dues 100.00

**Total** **\$1,480.00**

### **Saint John the Baptist**

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,170.00
Cemetery	145.00

**Total** **\$1,315.00**

**St. Peter's Catholic Church** (Not available)

### **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 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

### **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](http://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