

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and
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February 28, 2021

2nd Sunday in of Lent



Between Moses and Elias Jesus shows forth His divine glory, thus foreshadowing His resurrection. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. Today's Mass places before us the transfigured Lord and the model toward Whom we must tend, and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness and need of a Redeemer; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combating our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the Mass. — Excerpted from *Cathedral Daily Missal*

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

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Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the book of Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Abraham had promptly obeyed the true God and come to Canaan. Now God tests him by asking him to offer his son, Isaac, in sacrifice. Abraham obeyed promptly once more, but God intervened as Abraham got ready to slay his son. He renewed His promise of a great race, through which the whole world would receive the blessing of God — divine adoption through the Incarnation.

The **second reading** is from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:31-34. St. Paul is emphasizing the indwelling of the Spirit in Christians and their freedom from

sin, eternal death and the Jewish law. The liberating act of Christ had made them children of God, destined for glory.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:2-10. This vision of Christ glorified, given to these Apostles on Mount Thabor (the traditional site of Transfiguration) was surely a very special privilege, and it was one they did not forget. "We saw his glory," St. John says in his gospel, written over sixty years later. In his epistles John also refers to this privilege (1 Jn. 1:1-4). St. Peter, writing from Rome to the churches in Asia Minor about thirty years later, mentions this outstanding experience: "For we were not following fictitious tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when from out the majestic glory a voice came down to him saying: 'this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' And this voice we ourselves heard borne from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Pt. 1:16-18).



Yes, the three Apostles were privileged and we too are sharers in their privilege. The Transfiguration of Christ is but one among many of the incontrovertible proofs of the divine Sonship of Christ which we have in the gospel narratives and in the twenty centuries-long history of the Church which he founded. Were he not divine, that Church would long since have crumbled and fallen under the many vicious assaults from outside which it has undergone, as well as from the many human weaknesses which have beset it from within. But Christ is God and the Church has his divine protection and assistance. Therefore, it will go on to the end of time to continue his work of elevating and redeeming mankind.

This enlightening glimpse of Christ's future glory—a glory in which they would share—was given to these Apostles to strengthen and encourage them in the terrible test of their faith which the passion and death of Jesus would be for them very soon. It is for a similar reason that the Church orders this story of the Transfiguration to be read to us during this season of Lent. We are or should be mortifying ourselves during this season. This mortification can earn for us a glorious and unending future life. To encourage us to continue it, we are reminded that the One we are following, the One whose voice we listen to, is none other than the Son of God. There are the voices of many false prophets shouting around us, telling us to enjoy ourselves in this life, to "eat, sleep, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die," but there is the rub—tomorrow we shall die, but where shall we go then?

Let us thank our divine Lord today, for giving this consoling and encouraging vision of his glory to his Apostles and through them to us. It was for them, and it is for us, a guarantee and a foretaste of the joys and the glory that will be ours for eternity, if we but persevere in our struggles against the world, the flesh and the devil. This struggle is not easy for our weak nature, but our loving Savior is ever beside us to "raise us up and tell us not to fear" if we but rely on him. When we are tempted to give way to our human weaknesses, or to give way under the weight of the crosses that sometimes are about to crush us, let us think of Mount Thabor, and the glorified Jesus, who a few weeks later faced his own real passion and cross cheerfully for our sakes. This thought will help us to carry our crosses as the

thought of the future glory which will be ours should make us thank God that we have been created and thank his beloved Son for setting us on the road to that future glory.

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

Second Sunday of Lent, Station with *Santa Maria in Domnica alla Navicella* (St. Mary in Domnica):

The Station at Rome is in the church of *St. Mary in Domnica*, on Monte Celio. Tradition tells us that in this basilica was the *diaconicum* of which St. Lawrence had charge, and from which he distributed to the poor the alms of the Church.



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/>

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

HGA Way of the Cross 10:30 AM

Mass 11:00 AM

Thursday, March 4, 2021

SJB: Way of the Cross 4:10 PM

Mass 4:30 PM

(Both in vestry)

Friday, March 5, 2021

SP: Mass 9:00 AM

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday March 6, 2021

SH 4:00 PM
HGA 5:30 PM
†Robert P. Sampson
(requested by Dillon)

Sunday, February 28, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM
SP 10:30 AM

February 21, 2021 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 795.00
Missals	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 8.00
Cemetery road upgrade	\$ 50.00

Total **\$ 858.00**

<u>Holy Guardian Angels</u>	\$315.00
Candles	\$ 13.75
Share Lent	\$150.00

Total **\$ 478.75**

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 600.00
Property Maintenance	\$ 620.00

Total **\$ 1,220.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please note deadline of March 4, 2021: East Coast Credit Union bursary of \$1,000 available. To be eligible you must:

1. Be a member or child/grandchild of a member
2. Be enrolled full-time at an accredited vocational program, college/university for upcoming academic year
3. Complete application and submit before deadline of March 4, 2021

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.

From Ann Cooke: St John the Baptist Parish

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (D&P) was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio*, which March says that Development is the new word for Peace. In the ensuing 50+ years it has continued to promote integral human development and peace by a) financially supporting established community groups in Africa, South America, Asia and the Middle East b) educating Canadians about the issues that are the root causes of much of the poverty and misery in the world and c) providing emergency assistance to areas hit by natural disasters, e.g. floods, earthquakes. For more details on the work of D&P visit: www.devp.org

SJB: Lenten folders are available at church entrance. This money stays with us and is used for SJB maintenance. Please pick one up and help support our church. Thank you

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.

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

From Bishop Kirkpatrick re 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.

Pope Francis 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.

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

From CitizenGo re the censorship of free speech:

...the censorship of the Big Tech has already started. **CitizenGO had our TransferWise account being shut down. The pro-life website LifeSiteNews just had all their YouTube videos removed.**

And the Spanish Vox twitter party has had its Twitter account suspended in the middle of a regional election campaign.

The aggression is very strong. **But our will to make ourselves heard is even stronger.** We will not be censored, we will not be silenced!

I tell you that we have sent the almost 200,000 signatures of our campaign to the presidents of the main technological giants: Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google.

They are signatures from **all corners of the planet** with a unanimous cry: We will not let our freedom of expression be stolen!

Please, check out this video (and then, share it):

[Don't have Facebook? Click here to watch and share the video](#)

The right to freedom of expression is a basic right under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

We will not let it be stolen!

We have spoken loudly and we will speak louder if necessary.

Moreover, some countries are already starting to take action: **Poland announced sanctions in case of censorship. Hungary has followed.** And perhaps Slovakia and the US state of Florida will follow. In Germany, Merkel showed her concern about the enormous power of the networks. And this is only the beginning...

I am sure that the citizen 'tsunami' we have generated will not leave the situation unchanged.

I am equally sure that when the CEOs of these companies receive the flood of citizen response, perhaps they will rethink their strategy...

And I am also sure that sooner rather than later **new networks will emerge that will be more respectful of those of us who are pro-life and pro-family** and with a similar penetration to the current ones. And it will be partly because of the "Enough is Enough" movement that we have mobilized in recent weeks.