

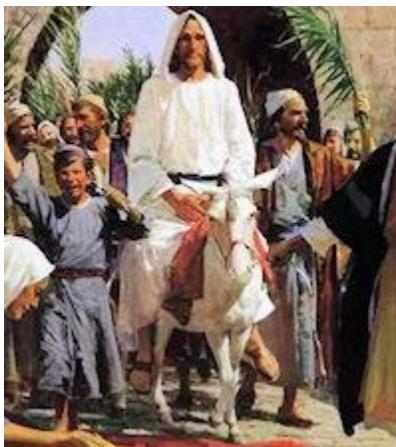
St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist Parishes

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March 28, 2021

Passion (Palm) Sunday



So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt (Jn 12:13-15)!"

Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In the old calendar before Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Station at St. John Lateran (*San Giovanni in Laterano*):

The Station at Rome is in the church of St. John Lateran which represents the Holy City Jerusalem which Christ and we, His disciples, have just entered. It is the first cathedral of Rome, where Emperor Constantine allowed the Pope to set up the episcopal chair after 312.



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/>

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 29, 2021 **Chrism Mass** –3:00PM at St. Ninian’s Cathedral,

In order to accommodate a large number of clergy socially distanced, the Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 3:00PM at the Cathedral. Given the present situation, no other gatherings are planned for that day apart from celebrating the Mass.

The Mass of Chrism will be livestreamed from St. Ninian Cathedral.

Watch on the St.Ninian Cathedral Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stninian.cathedral/>

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

HGA 10:30 The Stations of Cross
 11:00 Mass

†Rita Sampson

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021

There will be no foot-washing.

4:00pm HGA

5:30pm SP

7:00pm SJB

† Donnie Richards

Friday April 2, 2021 **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (Good Friday) 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 a lay person may do so. In this exceptional case the service consists of optional readings and the reading of the Passion of the Lord, this year from St. John’s gospel, followed by the Stations of the Cross. There is no communal Veneration of the Cross or Holy Communion.

Saturday, April 3, 2021 **At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:**

8:00pm SH

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 **The Resurrection of the Lord**

8:30 AM SJB

10:00 AM SP & Chapel Island

11:30 AM HGA

Please note: There will be no parish Masses from April 7th to April 9th, 2021.
Friday, April 9, 2021 11:00AM HGA Funeral for †Joseph Robert Jones.

March 21, 2021 receipts

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$1005.00
Candles	\$ 3.00
Altar Society	\$ 20.00
Cemetery fund	\$ 200.00
Cemetery road upgrade	\$ 40.00
Share lent	\$ 30.00
Altar Society	\$ 20.00
Dev. & Peace	\$ 70.00

Total **\$ 1,388.00**

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 945.00
Candles	\$ 16.35
Share Lent	\$ 160.00
Dev & Peace	\$ 145.00

Total **\$1,266.35**

St. John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 620.
Repairs to church	\$1,000.

Total **\$ 1,620.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SJB: Donations for Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated as our funds are somewhat low. Thank you SJB CWL

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 29, 3 pm

**Mass of Chrism from St. Ninian Cathedral
via Facebook Live**

The Mass of Chrism will be livestreamed via the St. Ninian Cathedral Facebook page, and also available on our Diocese of Antigonish Facebook page and website.

Join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/stninian.cathedral/>

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/>

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/>

A New Online Resource for Celebrating Year of St. Joseph

has been launched by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The webpage contains Prayers, Litanies, and Devotions, Consecration to Saint Joseph, Church Documents and Catechetical Resources for children, youth and adults. Included are seven short video presentations in English and French, highlighting each of the seven attributes of St. Joseph.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/>

<https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/celebrons-lannee-de-saint-joseph/>

Year of 'Amoris Laetitia Family'

March 19, 2021 - June 22, 2022

March 19 was 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/>

May 29

Pre-Marriage Program

Offered by Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia

Register by phone: 902-849-4772

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

From the Catholic Register –

OTTAWA -- Euthanasia opponents are slamming the federal Liberals who, with Bloc Québécois support, opened the door for the mentally ill to access the medical aid in dying (MAiD) system, which officially became law on March 17.

Critics say it is shameful the Liberals and Bloc Québécois put a time limit on debate on a matter of life and death that opened the door to the mentally ill being allowed to kill themselves with the help of a doctor. The Bloc joined with the Liberals to impose closure on the House of Commons debate to force a vote on the bill on March 11 and its passage. Six days later, the bill officially was given royal assent and made law after the Senate accepted the bill by a vote of 60-25, despite having some of their amendments rejected by the House.

“While the federal government was noting the 11th anniversary of Canada’s signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the House of Commons passed Bill C-7 thereby making MAiD available to healthy people with disabilities,” a statement released by the Council of Canadians with Disabilities said.

“In the case of mental illness, MAiD is a permanent lethal solution for a temporary situation,” said Jewelles Smith, a spokesperson for the council.

Allowing the mentally ill access to assisted dying was not originally supported by the Liberals, but after that was made a requirement for support by the Senate, it came back before the House resulting in the vote March 11. MPs voted 180-149 in support of Bill C-7. No Conservatives or NDP MPs voted in favour of the bill.

The bill changes the law so that it complies with a 2019 Quebec Superior Court ruling that said limiting MAiD to only Canadians whose death was already “reasonably foreseeable” was too restrictive. The Senate wanted the federal government to eliminate a blanket ban on the mentally ill from accessing a medical death for 18 months. The House agreed to allow the mentally ill access to MAiD in two years, after further study and safeguards surrounding MAiD and the mentally ill can be reviewed.

The disabilities council in a March 15 statement said Bill C-7 “will put vulnerable people with disabilities in harm’s way by making it easier to access medical aid in dying.”

“While many people with disabilities cannot access the disability-related supports that they need to live dignified lives in the community, they will be able to get MAiD. Even people experiencing a mental health crisis will have access to MAiD,” the statement said.

“We are extremely concerned that people with disabilities experiencing a temporary crisis will accept MAiD and die needlessly,” said Smith.

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) said opening up assisted dying to the mentally ill is a mistake without more evidence of what exactly constitutes mental illness. In its position paper “CAMH came to the decision that the federal government should not make an amendment to MAiD legislation for people with mental illness as their sole underlying medical condition at this time due to a lack of evidence that mental illness is an irremediable medical condition.”

“This was not an easy decision for CAMH to come to,” the CAMH statement to Parliament said.

“As psychiatrists, we cannot stay out of it. We cannot ignore, avoid or just rubber stamp our patients’ requests for MAiD. This is not only because of the ‘medical’ in MAiD but also because of our duty to advocate for the best evidence-informed care for our clients.”

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition’s Alex Schadenberg said opening the door to the mentally ill to access MAiD is “shameful,” but it does expose what opponents have been saying all along — once you open the door to legal euthanasia it will continue to expand to cover more and more Canadians.

“The fact is that the Liberal government, the BQ and the euthanasia lobby have clearly told Canadians where they stand,” said Schadenberg. “They are not concerned about the lives of people with disabilities or those who live with chronic conditions. They are not concerned about people who struggle with mental illness or other psychological conditions. They are not concerned about people who are at a vulnerable time of their life.”

The government has sought four extensions to have the bill passed, the final extension was set to expire March 26.

(NOTE: This story has been updated to reflect passage of the bill in the Senate.)