

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

"When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus." For the third time Jesus appears to His disciples and on the lake of Genesareth renews the miraculous draught of fishes. The Fathers did not fail to see in the one hundred and fifty-three great fishes that Peter brought to land the neophytes born to supernatural life in the waters of baptism and brought by Peter to the feet of the risen Christ.

The feast of [St. Joseph the Worker](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Sunday Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, 5:27-32, 40b-41. The Apostles' failure to obey the Sanhedrin is obviously not due to pride or to their not knowing their place; the Sanhedrin is imposing a ruling which would have them go against God's law and their own conscience.

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of Revelation, 5:11-14. The host of angels around the throne act as a kind of guard of honor proclaiming the sublime perfection of Christ the Lamb; they list seven attributes which all point to the fact that he has everything that belongs to the Godhead.

The **Gospel** is from St. John, 21:1-19. The primary purpose in recounting this appearance of the Risen Christ to his Apostles, was to stress the actual conferring of the Primacy on Peter. From this very first meeting with Christ at the Jordan (Jn. 1:42) the Savior had told him that his name Simon bar-Jonah would be changed to Cephas, which means Rock. Some year or so later, at Caesarea Philippi, this change took place when Christ said to Simon, "You are (Peter) Rock. and upon this Rock I will build my Church . . . and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:18-19).



This promise, that Simon would be the foundation, the source of strength and unity, in the new Christian community, was made factual on the occasion described here by John. Christ uses a new metaphor—Simon (Peter) is to be the new shepherd—he would take the place of Christ, as head and director of the Christian flock. He would provide protection and pasturage for Christ's sheep and lambs. He would, in other words, be the keeper and head of Christ's Church.

That this position of authority was recognized by his fellow Apostles and by the first Christians, is evident in almost every page of the Acts—the book which describes the infant Church. It was Peter who presided at the election of Matthias, who succeeded Judas in the apostolic college (Acts 1:15-26): he gave the first Christian sermon after the descent of the Holy Spirit (2: 14-40); he worked the first recorded miracle wrought by any Apostle (3:1-11); he pronounced sentence on Ananiah and Sapphira (5:1-11); it was he who received the first Gentile convert into the Church (11:1-18) and it was he who defended Paul's action at the Council of Jerusalem (15:6-11).

In face of such evidence no serious historian can doubt but that the other Apostles and the first Christians saw in Peter the living head of the Church, the representative of Christ. The Church in the succeeding generations and centuries saw the successor of Peter, and the living representative of Christ in the occupant of the See of Rome, the bishopric held by Peter, when he was martyred for the faith. History is witness to this.

There were Christians who refused obedience to him, but not one of them claimed for himself the privilege of Peter and his successors. That the Church, the society founded by Christ to bring salvation to the world, should need a visible Head on earth, needs no further (and has not stronger) proof than that Christ himself saw it as necessary and arranged it accordingly. The power of the keys, given to Peter, were more necessary in the second and succeeding generations than in Peter's day, when the other Apostles were still alive. When Christ laid the foundation of his Church on a Rock. it was to be a Rock that would last as long as the Church. Peter died, but Peter's office will last until the last man goes to heaven. The Sheep and the Lambs of the twentieth and thirtieth centuries have as much need of pasturage and protection as, if not more than, those of the first century. Christ, our Savior and our Good Shepherd, provided for all time.

—Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, May 2, 2022

Mass of the Resurrection

+ Josephine Marilyn LeRue

SP

11:00 AM

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Mass and Burial

SP 11:00 AM
+ Lois (Strader) Blakely

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, May 6, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Saturday, May 7, 2022

SH 4:00 PM
+ Shirley (Sutherland) Pentecost

HGA 5:30 PM
+ Bea & John McGrath

Sunday, May 8, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM
+ Wallace Casey

SP 10:30 AM
+ John Sutherland & Faye (MacMillan) MacKenzie

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

April 23, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 810.65
Candles	33.50
Share Lent	50.00

Total \$ 894.15

St. John the Baptist

April 24, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$730.00
Lenten Folders	40.00
Property Maintenance	60.,00

Total \$ 830.00

St. Peter's

April 24, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 575.00
Candles	32.00
Good Friday	25.00

Total \$ 632.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On Sunday, May 29, 3pm, Dr. Michael McCarvill will be ordained to diaconate by Bishop Kirkpatrick at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church followed by a reception at St. Theresa Parish Hall. A new formation program for deacons is soon to begin.

Wallace Martin Casey's memorial service and internment will be at Aspy Bay United Church on May 14th, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Lunch to follow at Cape North United Church hall in basement. Thank you **Edna Casey**

Thank you to Alice Sampson, HGA, for \$50 donation for flowers in memory of her parents, Victoria & Fred Sampson and to all others from SJB & SP who contributed for Easter flowers. Thank you very much.

HGA: L'Ardoise Acadian Festival meeting will be held on Sunday May 1 at 1:00 PM.

HGA: Holy Guardian Angels Parish's annual Cemetery Clean Up will take place Sunday, May 1st beginning at 1:00 P.M. Garbage bags and gloves will be supplied. Everyone welcomed.

SJB: Merchandise Bingo to be held on May 1st, 1:45 PM at the Tara Lynne Centre, River Bourgeois. Sponsored by the River Bourgeois Community Seniors Club.

SP: On May 3rd at 11:00am a mass will be celebrated for **Lois Blakely, daughter of Bess Strader (nee Mackenzie.)** Internment in the Church cemetery will follow and then a luncheon in the Cozy Corner. Friends and relations are welcome.

From the Diocese

One-Day Market

May 28, 9am to 1pm

Sr Catherine Steele Centre, Stellarton

(behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, North Foord St., Stellarton)

Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes CWL

Come visit our Vendors for an excellent array of crafts and products that will be sure to delight you.

We are featuring a display that will be sure to excite you as well! We have the BEST, BEST, BEST junk ever and lots of vintage items ready for your decor diva to explore. Our Book Store will be open, there will be a 50/50 Draw, Raffle Basket and Fun for all! Admission is free.

“The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine has been open for visitation throughout the winter.

The gift shop will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 pm every day starting on Sunday, May 1. Hours for the gift shop will be extended as of June 1 to 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Shrine remains open daily for visitation.

Thank-you for your support and we look forward to seeing you again.

Inquiries: 902-945-2221”

Thank-you

Betty Ann

Shrine Manager

Synod Update

Pray Connect Share Your Story

Now through the end of May, at the invitation of Pope Francis, our diocese is among those worldwide engaged in Synod consultations and conversations, asking our faithful to share their stories, ideas and dreams for the church moving forward. Information gathered will be compiled in a report for review by regional and national bishops to be part of a national submission to the Synod of Bishops in 2023.

How can you engage in the Synod?

- visit our website: antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch
- complete the online survey (link on the web page)
- send a submission to listeningchurch@dioceseofantigonish.ca or mail to : Listening Church, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, PO Box 100, Stn A Sydney NS. B1P 6G9

Questions or comments? Contact Communications Officer, Jennifer Hatt jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca, ph 902-759-2181

Thank you for journeying with us.



Caregiver Stress Management Workshop

Do you give unpaid care to a family member or friend who has a physical or mental health condition, or who is chronically ill or frail?

As a caregiver, you may feel overwhelmed by all of your responsibilities.

Our goal is to help you identify common stressors and address them before they become harmful to your health. We will focus on strategies to regain or maintain your life balance.

Please join **Caregivers Nova Scotia** for this free workshop on:

Wednesday, May 4th, 2022
1:00pm – 3:00pm
St Joseph Church
118 Granville St (Basement)
Port Hawkesbury, NS

This is a free workshop but **pre-registration is required by Friday, April 29th, 2022.**

Please call Maggie Roach-Ganaway at 902.371.3883 or
email: CapeBreton@CaregiversNS.org
to register or for more information.


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