

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Jesus did not deny the Scribes and Pharisees the right to carry out this prescription of the Law, but he insisted on one condition, namely, that they have no sin on their consciences. When Jesus and the woman were left alone, he looked up and said, "Woman, where are they?" Ironically, the self-righteous observers of the Law, so eager to throw stones, could not measure up to the requirement that Jesus had laid down.

Previously called "Passion Sunday," this Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil (Fifth Sunday of Lent, p. 256).

Sunday Mass

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 43:16-21. Last week we heard of the conclusion of the exodus from Egypt; the first Passover celebration in the land of Canaan. This week we look forward to a new exodus that God promises through the prophet Isaiah. The new exodus promises to be far more wonderful than the first. God promises to restore His people after they have suffered in exile.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians, 3:8-14, and is a warning to the Philippians about false teachers; Judaizers who would try to hang on to the old ways while at the same time claiming to be Christians. The Judaizers taught that in order to be a Christian, you first had to be a Jew: to be circumcised and to obey all 613 Old Covenant commandments. This question, whether or not Gentile converts to Christianity must first become full and legal Jews, prompted the Council of Jerusalem.

The **Gospel** is from St. John, 8:1-11 and is about the woman caught in adultery. "The two of them were left on their own, the wretched woman and Mercy. But the Lord, having smitten them with the dart of injustice, does not even deign to watch

them go but turns his gaze away from them and once more writes on the ground with his finger. But when the woman was left alone and they had all gone, he lifted up his eyes to the woman. We have already heard the voice of justice; let us now hear the voice of gentleness. I think that woman was the more terrified when she heard the Lord say, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her,' . . . fearing now that she would be punished by him, in whom no sin could be found. But he, who had driven away her adversaries with the tongue of justice, now looking at her with the eyes of gentleness, asks her, 'Has no one condemned you?' She replies, 'No one, Lord.' And he says, 'Neither do I condemn you; I who perhaps you feared would punish you, because in me you have found no sin.' Lord, can it be that you favour sinners? Assuredly not. See what follows: 'Go and sin no more.' Therefore, the Lord also condemned sin, but not the woman' (St Augustine, *In Ioann. Evang.*, 33, 5-6).

Jesus, who is the just One, does not condemn the woman; whereas these people are sinners, yet they pass sentence of death. God's infinite mercy should move us always to have compassion on those who commit sins, because we ourselves are sinners and in need of God's forgiveness.

—*The Navarre Bible—St. John, Year C*

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 Liturgy

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

***Special Intentions**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

***Special Intentions**

Friday, April 8, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, April 9, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+Frank & Mike Sutherland

(requested by family)

+ Mark Mombourquette

(Requested by grandchildren, Jace & Kallie)

Sunday April 10, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

***Special Intentions**

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 561.00

Candles 18.00

Church Flowers 50.00

Total \$ 629.00

St. John the Baptist

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$975.00

Total \$ 975.00

St. Peter's

Sunday March 27, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 835.00

Candles 12.00

Cemetery Road 20.00

Donation 100.00

Total \$ 967.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Retired Teachers Organization: Regular meetings of the Richmond Branch of RTO will begin again on Tuesday April 12th, at the Island Nest Restaurant, Arichat. Breakfast at 9:00, Meeting at 9:30. Everyone Welcome.

SH: The annual Fishcake and Beans Supper: Friday April 15th, (Good Friday) at 4:00 PM at the Johnstown Parish Hall. This year we will do both eat in or take

out supper. To order a meal please call Louise at 902-535-3107 or email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com: Cost: \$12.00

HGA: On behalf of L'Ardoise Parish Cemetery committee I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support of our recent Yard Sale held at the Community Center. To the many individuals who contributed various items for our sale along with bake items for the Chinese Auction and ticket sales we are extremely grateful. Volunteers are an essential component of any task and we were again blessed with many helping hands. Lastly to the general public who continue to support a worthy cause, we say thank you.

Blair Sampson and Cemetery Committee.

HGA: L'Ardoise Acadian Festival Meeting will be held on Sunday April 3 @ 2:00 pm, community centre meeting room. Festival dates have been set for July 28 - 31. All are encouraged to attend this meeting.

HGA: The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 10:30 am followed by Mass. We welcome all.

SJB: The Way of the Cross will be prayed on Tuesdays at 4:00pm in the church followed by Mass.

SJB: Lenten folders will be made available in the church entrance.

April 3rd is Solidarity Sunday. This will be an opportunity to reflect and pray for "People and Planet First".

Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's letter, and follow the links for free resources and ways to support this important campaign:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/share-lent-people-and-planet-first/>

April 1-7

Fast from Idle Gossip,

Feast on Purposeful Silence

Spouses or children, parents or parishioners, we love those in our special relationships but can chafe against the frustrations of disagreement, unhappiness, or discontent. Inviting conversation, and offering silence to reflect and listen can ease the tension, clear the air, and allow us to see the limitless blue sky behind the occasional dark cloud.

Almsgiving:

Offer to host a Synod conversation at your home with family and friends or in your parish. Take notes or record your conversations, if that's agreeable, to share with our Synod journey, or embrace this process for your personal exploration

Prayer:

Offer up a Stations of the Cross, giving thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus for all of us and the invitation issued by Pope Francis to share in this journey

April 7, 7 pm

Youth Conversation on Mental Health

via Zoom

Sponsored by the Atlantic Association of Youth Ministers

To register:

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/5873910/form>

(Tentative) Holy Week Schedule

Chrism Mass – April 11, at St. Ninian's Cathedral, details TBA

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

SP 9:00 am Mass

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

There will be no foot-washing.

4:00pm HGA

5:30pm SP

7:00pm SJB

Friday April 15, 2022 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) 3:00 PM Service

Fr. Yake will celebrate Good Friday service at Sacred Heart. Lay persons TBA will lead in SP, SJB, and HGA parishes.

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 (John 18:1 – 19: 42) followed by the Stations of the Cross. Assuming that we are in transition from COVID rules there will be no individual procession for the Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:

8:30pm SH

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 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 18th to April 22nd, 2022.

April 28: Spring Deadline for Bishop Power Foundation The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants. Deadline is April 28 for consideration this spring. **To apply or for more information:** www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca