

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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April 10, 2022

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 Liturgical Calendar preceding 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.

Liturgy for Palm Sunday

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; John 12:12-16; Luke 19:28-40). The introduction by the priest explains the solemnity of Holy Week, and invites the faithful to take full part in the celebration:



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

Holy Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

4:00 pm HGA

5:30 pm SP

7:00 pm SJB

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

SH 3:00 PM (Fr. Yake)

Lay people officiating in S.P, HGA & SJB

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, April 16, 2022

SH 8:30 PM (Easter vigil in Holy Night)

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM SJB

10:00 AM SP & Chapel Island

11:30 AM HGA

+ Lawrence, Clara, Ralph & James Bona

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 766.75
Candles	70.95
Share Lent	525.00

Total \$ 1362.70

St. John the Baptist

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,105.00
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Total \$ 1,105.00

St. Peter's
Sunday April 3, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 965.00
Candles	18.00
Missals	5.00
Share Lent	455.00
Altar Society	20.00
Old Cemetery Road	25.00
St. Patrick's Tea	20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,508.00</u>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Knights of Columbus: Officers meeting Thursday April 14th at 9:30 am in the basement of the Glebe. All members are invited to attend.

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

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.

SJB: Donations toward Easter flowers would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you **SJB CWL**

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: 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 4:00 pm in the church followed by Mass.



CHARLIE SAMPSON

Join our family as we celebrate

Dad's 99th birthday!

Sunday, April 24th, 2-4pm

L'Ardoise Community Centre

Live Entertainment

Best Wishes Only

*Donations of Non-Perishable food items in support of our local
Food Bank is much appreciated*



(Tentative) Holy Week Schedule

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

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

From the Bishop re Holy Week

During Holy Week this year, we will be able to retain most of the traditional practices and yet we may want to adapt how we celebrate. As an Act of Charity, out of concern for other people, I recommend that we strongly encourage our people to continue wearing masks when they come into our churches. Not everyone will comply, but at least, we have asked them to consider others who may have some health concerns. I will continue to dispense from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for people who may not be able to attend for health reasons, as well as for those who care for them. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in the attachment (Prot. N. 182/22 – 25 March 2022) has indicated that they will not issue any further guidelines for the Holy Week celebrations this year.

Passion Sunday - Palm branches can be distributed without any restrictions.

Chrism Mass – The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral. All clergy are invited to gather at noon for lunch at St. Ninian Place. A buffet will be served at 12:30 p.m. After lunch, a priest will offer a reflection on the priesthood. We have not planned a Holy Hour or time for confessions. As in the past, you may invite some parishioners to receive the Holy Oils so that they may be presented to your parish on Holy Thursday. Following Mass, all will be invited to a coffee/tea reception.

Holy Thursday – You may have the foot-washing. We will not be offering it at the Cathedral.

Good Friday – The Veneration of the Cross will be by genuflection or a reverent bow.

Please encourage our people to be generous in the Good Friday collection for the Needs of the Church in Holy Land. Due to COVID, pilgrims have not come to the Holy Land these past few years. Without the warmth and solidarity of pilgrims, families have suffered from lack of work.

(On this collection Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada, wrote, “The Good Friday Collection, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus Christ once walked.”)

In recent days, Pope Francis has repeatedly invited us to pray, asking God for the gift of peace for Ukraine, so that this “repugnant war” may end. Together with Ukraine we would also like to recall all the other conflicts, which unfortunately are always numerous in our world. In the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, the liturgy invites us to raise our petitions to God for the Church and for the whole world.

In the Solemn Intercessions we will invoke the Lord for those in public office (prayer IX) *that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to his will for the true peace and freedom of all.*

For those in tribulation (priest prayer X) that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need your mercy was at hand. Please add the following sentence.

Let us now make these prayers our own for all our brothers and sisters who are experiencing the horror of war, particularly in Ukraine.

Easter Vigil -The Ordo states: “The entire celebration takes place at night. It does not start before nightfall.” On April 16, sunset occurs at approximately 8 p.m. with complete darkness by 8:30 p.m. Pastors do not have permission to change this directive.

May Holy Week be a time of spiritual renewal for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Fraternally,

+ Wayne
Bishop Wayne

April 8-14

Fast from the Emphasis on Differences,

Feast on the Unity of all Life

We see a world increasingly fractured by politics, boundaries and individual beliefs, yet beneath it all, we are all human, and all beloved children of God.

Almsgiving:

Reach out to those you know of other denominations, faiths and genders, and invite them into conversation. Reflect on the Synod questions of Ecumenism, and of being companions on the journey. Where can our thinking and actions shift from differences to unity?

Prayer:

Offer up a prayer for understanding those we consider different from us, that we may learn more of them and ourselves on this Synod journey

Lenten Reflections:

' A Church on a Synodal Journey'

By Sheila O'Handley, diocesan hermit:

from Week 5: "Nothing will be impossible with God"

"The Mystery of God's Plan for the Church is not without the Paschal Mystery: life-death-new life. The old, often the familiar and comfortable, must die for new life to be born. Nature is explicit in the narrative of change, of letting go, even of dying, to nurture the miracle of new life, and we are part of nature - we are nature."

Read a new blog post each week, including recommended reading lists of Scripture and books:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/a-church-on-a-synodal-journey/>

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>