

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

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**March 13, 2022**

**Second Sunday 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 combatting our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the Mass. —Excerpted from *Cathedral Daily Missal*

### **Sunday Mass Readings**

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of Genesis 15:5-12; 17-18. God made a Covenant or pact with Abram in which he promised to make Abram the father of a great race to which he would give the land of Canaan as their territory. The faith of Abram is praised because he believed God's promise, i.e., that he would have descendants even though his wife Sarah was barren.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:17; 4:1. In the preceding verses St. Paul has been telling his converts that he has given up all earthly things for the sake of the Christian faith and promise. He admits he is far from perfect but he continues to press forward on the road to heaven.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 9:28-36. It was out of the abundance of his divine love that God gave a glimpse of the future glory of Christ in his risen humanity to the three disciples on that memorable occasion. And with Christ he showed two others of his faithful servants also in glory. He understood the human weakness of the disciples, and foresaw the shock to their faith which the sad scenes of the passion and crucifixion of their beloved Master would be some weeks later. So, to strengthen and forearm them for that sad trial, he gave them a glimpse of the future glory which was to be theirs, too, if they persevered.



It is for this same reason that this all-important event in the life of Christ and of his Apostles has been preserved for us in the Gospels and is put before us today.

Like the Apostles, we, too, believe firmly in God. We, too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness, and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now accept with gratitude and realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We even understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering, on condition that we remain true to our faith.

In our moments of cool, calm reasoning we can see clearly how good God has been to us, how wonderful his love which has arranged for us an eternity of happiness, the perfect fulfillment of every rational human desire. We can also see how little God asks of us during our few short years here, in return for the everlasting happy home he has prepared for us.

But unfortunately we have many moments in life in which cool, calm reasoning does not prevail. We have moments when our vices and not our virtues take charge, moments when we are prepared to sell our eternal heritage in exchange for a mess of earthly pottage. Some of us may already have bartered our heavenly home for some temporal gain or pleasure—but while there is life there is hope. We can still put things right with God.

"Lord, it is good for us to be here"; it is wonderful to be adopted sons of God on the road back to our Father. It is wonderful to be assured that in death this body of ours with its pains and aches, its attraction to earthly things and worse still its propensity to sin, will give place to a glorified body. This glorified body will be free from all pain and corruption and will possess all the human spiritual gifts of intelligence and will to so much greater a degree as will enable us to appreciate and enjoy the eternal happiness in store for us.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by 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](mailto:tboucher@fsens.ns.ca)

**Weekday Liturgy**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

SJB 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

SP 9:00 AM

\*Special Intentions

**Friday, March 18, 2022**

HGA 11:00 AM

+ Marie Elizabeth Martell

**Weekend Liturgy**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022**

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Gerald A. Martell

**Sunday March 20, 2022**

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

\*Special Intentions

**Please note:** Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at the office, not with Fr. Yake.

**Receipts**

**Holy Guardian Angels**

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

Envelopes & Loose \$ 766.75

Candles 70.95

Share Lent 525.00

**Total** **\$1,362.70**

**St. John the Baptist**

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

Envelopes & Loose \$ 965.00

Cemetery 300.00

**Total** **\$ 1,265.00**

**St. Peter's**

**Sunday March 6, 2022**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 711.00
Altar Society	70.00
St. Patrick's Tea	80.00
Initial Offering	20.00
Candles	3.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>884.00</u></b>

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**HGA:** The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 10:30 am followed by our regular weekday Mass at 11am. We welcome you all.

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

**SP:** No Stations of the Cross during lent.

**Note change in time: Knights of Columbus general meeting** will be held Thursday, March 17, 2022 at **9:30 AM** at St. Peter's Glebe House.

**St. Peter's Parish Council meeting** will be held on **Monday, March 21, 2022** at 6:00 PM at **glebe house meeting room.**

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

**SJB:** I would like to thank everyone so kindly for support in many supportive ways such as food, gifts, cards, masses, phone calls. There are no words to express our appreciation. Thank you all. **Edna, Gerald and families**



**INDOOR YARDSALE  
L'ARDOISE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Saturday, March 26th  
9am-2pm**

Proceeds to the Cemetery Fund

Table Rentals available

Contact: Steve Sampson 902-631-4460  
Blair Sampson 902-535-4107

Anyone wishing to donate items to the Community Table,  
contact above for pick up.

Thank you for your participation

## In the Diocese

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has condemned the escalation of tensions and violence in the Ukraine marked by Russia's invasion February 24.

"In solidarity with the Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, in unison with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with the people of Ukraine as well as with Canadians of Ukrainian origin and descent, we encourage the faithful and all people of good will to pray for the imminent restoration of peace, dialogue, and human fraternity."

**Read the statement:**

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/prayers-for-the-ukraine/>

**April 3 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/>

### Lenten Calendar for your Synod Journey

March 9-15

**Fast from Pessimism, Feast on Optimism**

*What difference will it make?*

Sharing our stories may not change the church or the world, but they can transform us and plant seeds in our parishes, diocese, and communities

**Almsgiving:**

Reflect on the Synod questions. What questions speak to you?

**Prayer:**

Connect with <http://www.prayforthesynod.va/en/> to engage in worldwide prayers for

Questions, prayer and calendar available at [www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch)

**We Hold in Prayer:**

**Holy Family Parish, Sydney Mines, launching its four-week Synod Lenten Retreat tonight (March 9)**

All are invited!

Conversation 7-8 pm Wednesdays on a weekly topic:

March 9: Are we growing as a community of love?

March 16: Journeying together

March 23: Wounds of the church in need of healing

March 30: What is your dream for the church?

(Mass is at 6:30 pm if you wish to attend)

Contact: Norma Blinkhorn, [norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca)

### **Calendar:**

#### **March 13**

**Mass for Shut-Ins** will feature celebrant Fr. Jim Oliver of the diocesan Synod team, offering a homily on the Synod journey.

Mass for Shut-Ins can be seen Sundays 11:30 am on CTV or later on the Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel.

#### **Synod Conversations with Catechists, Coordinators, and Graduates of the Lay Formation Program:**

**March 19** in St. Ninian Place, Antigonish

**April 2** in Our Lady of Fatima parish hall, Sydney River

10:30 am - 4 pm, includes lunch, join in person or via Zoom

Contact: Debbie Aker, [daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca)

#### **(Tentative) Holy Week Schedule**

**Chrism Mass** –Details TBA

#### **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

SP 9:00am 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**

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 some Covid rules are still in place there is no individual procession for the Veneration of the Cross.

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

8:00pm 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 18<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.