

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you (John 2:1-5)."



Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from Isaiah 62:1-5. Isaiah compares Yahweh to a young man who marries a virgin. His love transforms her. She used to be called "Forsaken". Now she has a new name, "My Delight".

The **Second Reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, 12:4-11 and teaches that God is the origin of spiritual gifts. The various graces which the members of the Church receive are a living reflection of God who, being essentially one, and so is a trinity of persons. Therefore, diversity of gifts and graces is as important as their basic unity, because all have the same divine origin and the same purpose—the common good. — Excerpted from *The Navarre Bible, Corinthians*

The **Gospel** is from John 2:1-12. There are many lessons we can learn from this incident in Christ's life: for example, Christ's approval of marriage—there were some heretical sects later who said marriage was sinful, unfit for a Christian. Or we could see in it the intercessory power of our blessed Mother. Christ anticipated his "hour" for working miracles in order to grant her request. But the theme of today's readings is the goodness and kindness of God and we surely have a convincing proof of that loving kindness in today's gospel story.

Christ worked his first miracle in order to grant a temporal favor, an earthly gift, to save the newly-married groom from embarrassment. It had the other effects of convincing his very recent disciples of their belief that he was the expected Messiah,

and also it convinces all Christians of the efficacy of our Lady's intercession for us, but its primary purpose was to confer a temporal benefit on the groom.

By this kind act he has shown us that he is interested in our earthly affairs also. He became man in order that we could become sons of God, he came on earth so that we could go to heaven, but this miracle at Cana proves that he has a deep interest in our many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven.

He told us "ask and you shall receive." That "shall" is very definite, our prayers will be answered, and what we should ask for is not only spiritual gifts, but the temporal aids also which we need. The "shall" applies to them too, as the miracle of Cana proves. We shall get our temporal requests, provided of course that they won't impede us on our journey to heaven. No kind father would give his child a gift that would injure him—God is the kindest of fathers and he sees what will or will not impede or endanger our eternal happiness. We can and should therefore make our temporal needs known to God in our prayers, confident that he will give us what we ask if it is for our real good.

But, someone may object: how often have I asked God for temporal favors I needed so badly, and my prayer was unanswered? Was it unanswered really? Perhaps you did not get the exact thing you asked for but you got something more useful, more necessary, something you never thought of asking for, but the good God saw your need of it. We have a father in heaven who really loves us, and cares for us, let us make our temporal, as well as our spiritual needs, known to him in confident prayer. Our requests will not go unanswered.

-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

Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, January 21, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM
+Martell, Peters & Logan Families

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, January 22 2022

SH 4:00 PM
HGA 5:30 PM
+Beattie Martell

Sunday, January 23, 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

January 2nd & January 9th , 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,093.00
Candles	14.85
Initial Offering	25.00
Christmas Offering	25.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00

Total **\$ 1,167.85**

St. Peter's

January 1, 2, & 9th , 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,802.00
Candles	8.00
Special Offerings	90.00
Christmas	140.00
Initial Offering	152.00
Needs of Cdn Church	25.00
Missals	5.00
Papal Charities	20.00
Parish Dues	40.00
New Year's	90.00

Total **\$ 2,372.00**

St. John the Baptist
January 9, 2022

Envelopes & Loose Cemetery	\$1,027.00 175.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,202.00</u>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Next St. Peter's parish council meeting scheduled for January 17, 2022 is cancelled due to recent Covid outbreak in our immediate area.

SP Memory Tree: \$2,135.00 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed. A special thank you to Fonda Stone for her help with the decorations and to Doris Carter and her team for their help with the set up and storage of our tree.

St. John The Baptist Memory Tree: Thank you to all who contributed to our Memory Tree. Proceeds were \$2,760.00

Knights of Columbus: 9 days of life novena will we held starting on Jan 19th and continuing daily until Jan 27th

A prayer card can be obtained at <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/life/novena-for-life/4237-gospel-of-life-prayercard.pdf> All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer for this worthy cause.

Thank you
Bill Coleman

From the Catholic Register -

'Bubble-zone' law comes into effect

BY [QUINTON AMUNDSON, THE CATHOLIC REGISTER](#)

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Pro-lifers are sounding the alarm about the new "bubble-zone" laws that become active Jan. 16, 30 days since Bill C-3 attained royal assent.

The new law criminalizes individuals who engage "in any conduct with the intent to provoke a state of fear" within a 50-metre exclusion zone outside health facilities. Specifically, these new laws punish individuals who intimidate medical professionals, assistants or people seeking health services or intentionally "obstructs or interferes" with someone's access to a health-care facility.

Breaking these new orders could lead to jail time up to 10 years.

Mary Wagner, 47, has endured many prison stays dating back to 1999 for breaching "bubble-zone" laws in Toronto and Vancouver to counsel women not to terminate their unborn child.

"The passing of Bill C-3 is very deeply distressing," said Wagner. "Our youngest brothers and sisters have absolutely no protection in law, and now the heavy hand of corrupt law would muffle even more their faint cry, threatening to punish severely those who seek to love, protect and advocate for these little ones."

Ontario-based lawyer Phil Horgan, a former president of the Catholic Civil Rights League, told *The Catholic Register* in an email that "wording of the legislation remains open to interpretation," and that invites controversy.

"It will be a challenge for police and for civic officials to determine, beyond a reasonable doubt, what constitutes a 'state of fear' in some observer, or what actions may be understood to 'intentionally obstruct or interfere' access to a health facility,

or how the defence of ‘communicating information’ may be defined or applied, given the language which has been adopted,” said Horgan.

The legislation, Horgan believes, “could be a reaction to vaccine protests” that have seen anti-vaccination protests targeting hospitals and schools across Canada, but added it may quash “any sort of peaceful protest, such as silent prayer by 40 Days for Life campaigns, or peaceful efforts at counselling or facilitating information.”

Horgan represents Fr. Tony Van Hee, an 86-year-old Jesuit priest who has held a silent vigil against abortion for 30 years on Parliament Hill. In October 2018, Van Hee was charged for violating Ontario’s controversial 2017 Safe Access to Abortion Services Act near the Morgentaler abortion facility in Ottawa. He is charged under two sections: trying to inform people about abortion services and expressing disapproval within the 50-metre exclusion zone created around abortion facilities. This despite carrying a sign that made no reference to abortion. Rather, the sign he carried condemned the erosion of free speech.

Horgan argues the charges violate the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Court filings indicate he “never mentioned or referred to abortion services or related issues,” and “did not provide information related to abortion or perform or attempt to perform an act of disapproval concerning abortion.”

Van Hee’s team also seeks a declaration that the act oversteps the mark as criminal matters are federal jurisdiction. Horgan wrote that Bill C-3 points to this issue.

“This newly enacted amendment to the Criminal Code seems to address that existing provincial laws, which carry similar penalties, have in fact crossed into the federal sphere, which makes such provincial legislation highly suspect,” he said.

While Horgan evaluates how Bill C-3 works into the Van Hee case, Wagner said she will seek to move the pro-life fight forward despite new legislation in the path.

“The passing of this bill should spur us on to increase our faith, hope and love,” she said. “We cannot permit bad laws to determine our actions and goals; as people blessed with the gift of faith, we have to keep our eyes on the one true prize, who can always be found looking to be loved and to love in the poor our world rejects.”

BREAKING DOWN WALLS: YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH, AND MENTAL HEALTH

Young people from all around Atlantic Canada are invited to join a special Facebook Live Event addressing issues around young people and their mental health on **Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 pm (AST)**. Special guests for this **Bell Let's Talk** event will include Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bishop of Antigonish; Joe Townsend, Community CARES Youth Outreach (Sydney Mines); Paige Cox, Author of "The Berlin Project: Breaking Down Walls," and John Ratchford, Faith Witness. Anyone can join the session through the website for the Diocese of Antigonish (www.antigonishdiocese.com/) or their Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/antigonishdiocese>). This event is a collaborative effort, hosted by the Diocese of Antigonish and sponsored by the Atlantic Association of Catholic Youth Ministers. For more information, please contact (*Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Norma Blinkhorn*) at 902 202 2972 or email norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

January 18-25

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"We saw the star in the East and we came to worship him" (Mt 2:2) is the theme for this year's event, which invites Christians around the world into eight days of prayer and celebration.

For details and resources:

<https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>

The Synod

#ListeningChurch

Pray Connect Share Your Story

The Synod is an invitation from Pope Francis for us to journey together in conversation about our faith, our church, and the future.

We are invited to engage as parishes, families, individuals and community groups - reflecting, discussing, and sharing our experiences, thoughts and views.

Our website has information, including the Synod questions, to help launch your journey.

www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch

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Information gained in the Synod process will:

- help our diocese and parishes renew their commitments to sharing and service
- help us develop new and different ways of meeting the needs in our communities
- support a healthy church, which in turn can support healthy communities

And most importantly: You will be heard.

We do not know where the Holy Spirit will take us on this Synod journey but we do know this:

in journeying together, we can offer you a voice and a promise to listen.

Join the journey: