

**St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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**May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." We are not alone or without help in the life that we have embraced. The Church strengthens our faith and feeds our souls "with the pure milk of her teaching, with the bread of the Eucharist; she makes us witnesses of Christ's resurrection and of the victory which He won over the forces of evil."

Today is the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea (USA).

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29 and concerns the Council of Jerusalem which falls in the middle of the book of Acts and describes the turning point for the Church when the council officially recognized the evangelization of the Gentiles. This evangelization had been initiated by Sts. Peter, Barnabas and Paul. Thus, the Christian church broke away from the Mosaic rules while maintaining its roots in the rich theology and traditions of the chosen people.

The Second Reading is from the Book of Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 and continues the description of the Heavenly Jerusalem. In the heavenly Jerusalem there is no longer any need for God to have a dwelling-place, because God the Father himself and the Lamb are always present. The Godhead does not need to be brought to mind by the temple (the symbol of his invisible presence), because the blessed will always see God face to face. This sight of God is what causes the righteous to be forever happy.

The **Gospel** is from John 14:23-29. In the first reading at today's Mass, we were given the story of the first General Council ever held by the Church authorities.

There we saw that a vital decision was reached through the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and ours" (Acts 15:28) was how the authorities announced the conclusion they had reached. In this Gospel which we have just read, Christ promised his Apostles, the night before his death, that when he returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit would be sent to them. He would teach them all things and recall to their minds all that Christ had taught them. In other words, the Church, through the Apostles, was promised the direct assistance of the Holy Spirit in preserving and interpreting what we call "the deposit of faith" or the sum total of the divine revelation given to us for our sanctification.

That promise was fulfilled in a very solemn way within twenty years of our Lord's resurrection at the Council of Jerusalem. It has been fulfilled again and again down through the history of the Church. And this has been the case not only on the solemn occasions of General Councils, or when definitions concerning faith and morals were given *ex cathedra* by the Pope, but in many circumstances of less solemnity.

The Holy Spirit "breathes where he wills." He assists the local authorities in the Church. He inspires individual Christians if they call on him in their need. He inspires young people of both sexes to offer their lives to the service of the Church and their neighbor. He has inspired founders of orders and congregations to form institutes which would help the spread of the faith. He is at work today among us and among the separated brothers of the Church, helping and inspiring them towards that unity for which Christ prayed.



There are moments of crisis in all our lives, moments when a vital decision has to be made. If that decision is wrongly made it may not only seriously interfere with our earthly welfare, but more important still jeopardize our eternal salvation. We should call on the Holy Spirit to help us daily, but we should call for his assistance especially when we have a serious decision to make.

His role in the Church and in the lives of all Christians is to preserve and protect the revelation that God has given us. There are times in the lives of many of us when we are tempted to doubt about what we are called on to believe, or to hesitate with regard to what we are called on to do. It is on such occasions that the help of

the Holy Spirit is especially necessary. He will not fail us if we turn to him earnestly and sincerely.

—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

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

No Mass due to AM Priests' Retreat

Friday, May 27, 2022

SJB 11:00 AM

Mass of the Resurrection & Burial

+ Donald Joseph 'Donnie' Richard

SP 2:30 PM

Mass of the Resurrection & Burial

+Beulah Ann Sampson

Saturday, May 28, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+Tony Stone & deceased members of the Stone Family

Sunday, May 29, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

+ Adrian Burke

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

May 14, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,140.00
Candles	42.00

Total \$ 1,182.00

St. John the Baptist

May 15, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 735.00
Cemetery	50.00

Total \$ 785.00

St. Peter's

May 15, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 945.00
Candles	7.00
Parish Dues	60.00
Cemetery	500.00
Improvement Fund	110.00
Papal Charities	5.00

Total \$ 1,627.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

For all parishes: The Richmond Co. Men's Choir is actively singing again. The men sing in a different parish in Richmond Co. one **Sunday/Saturday** of each month (**excluding July & August**). If you love to sing, come join us! They practice in the Louisdale Church every second week from 7:15 PM till 8:15 PM. The choir will be in Glendale on May 29th at 10:00 AM Mass.

Priests' retreat will be held from Monday, May 23 until Friday, May 27th via Zoom.

Retired Teachers Organization: A special presentation for retired teachers of Richmond and Inverness counties will be held on May 24th-10:00 AM in the Shannon Room of the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre. Executive Staff Officer, Stacey Samson, will be discussing "Carepath Services" including, Your Wellness Partner Program, Health Care Assist Programs, Cancer Assist Programs and Senior Care Assist Programs. All are encouraged to attend this important session.

I want personally to reach out and invite you to an upcoming event happening on May 24th at 6 pm in Louisdale. The Circles of Support and Change, a local project focused on addressing gender-based violence through community consultation and support will be launching in Richmond County with a launch event to be held at the St. Louis Parish Hall in Louisdale, Richmond County.

Circles of Support and Change, a project administered by the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre with support from Women and Gender Equality Canada uses a strengths-based, trauma-informed approach to centre the voices of survivors of gender-based violence in supportive circles that include their chosen families, community members, educators, and service providers. The project is active in several communities, including Canso and the area, and the African Nova Scotian communities of Sunnyville, Lincolnville and Upper Big Tracadie.

Danielle Martell
Strait Richmond Community Facilitator

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays, May 18-June 1

Webinar series: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*

Deadline to Register: May 16

This three-part series will explore the call to be a synodal Church that listens and discerns together. Keynote speakers include His Eminence Gérald Cyprian Cardinal Lacroix, Dr. Moira McQueen, Mr. David Dayler, and Sister Chantal Desmarais, SCSM.

Link to register: https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xYg1RDBCRueTvMI7Ga916Q

Friday, June 3

Deadline in our diocese for individual and group submissions to the Synod

Email: ListeningChurch@dioceseofantigonish.ca or jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Mail: Listening Church, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, PO Box 100, Stn A Sydney NS. B1P 6G9

Phone: Jennifer Hatt, 902-759-2181

Save The Dates!

Stay tuned for details

Sunday, June 5, 3 pm

St. Ninian Cathedral

Closing celebration for the diocesan listening phase of the Synod of Bishops

Mass celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, followed by a light reception

Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 pm

Holy Family Church, Sydney Mines

'Mama's Faith'

A tribute to mothers and their faith in stories and song

NOTE: The website of the diocese has many items, too many to repeat in a parish bulletin. Go to www.antigonishdiocese.com

Save The Dates!

There are celebrations in the works to close our diocesan Synod phase and welcome a new chapter of 'living the Synod'.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us:

Sunday, June 5, 3 pm

St. Ninian Cathedral

Closing celebration for the diocesan listening phase of the Synod of Bishops

Pope Francis to visit Canada

July 24-29, 2022

The visit will focus on Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation.

On April 1, 2022, during the visit of a delegation of indigenous leaders, elders and residential school survivors in Rome, Pope Francis apologized for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system, expressing "sorrow and shame" for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture and spiritual values in the residential school system.

Given the vast landscape of Canada, the limited time period for the visit and considering the health of the 85 year-old Pontiff, the Vatican has announced that Pope Francis will adopt only three communities as a base for his Canadian visit: Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit. The locations will limit travel for the Holy Father while still allowing an opportunity for both intimate and public encounters, drawing on participation from all regions of the country.

This will be the fourth papal journey to Canada and the first since Saint John Paul II's visit in 2002.

Employment Opportunity:

Video Illustrator/Multimedia Work

Duration: Eight weeks beginning July 4, 2022

30 hours per week, \$15.00 per hour

Location: Diocesan Pastoral Centre – Emmaus Centre, 200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103, Membertou, NS

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- work with a team to design, film, edit, and produce a series of short videos
- require a working knowledge of creating videos using a smart phone
- need a working knowledge of the applications to edit audio and video

To Apply:

Please email resume to Debbie Aker, daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Please feel free to attach any video work you may have completed.

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/employment/>