

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Today is the halfway mark of Lent. This Sunday is known as **Laetare Sunday** for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon *laetare* (rejoice); it is a Sunday of joy. The celebrant has the option to wear rose colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

Sunday Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of Joshua, 5:9, 10-12. Today's reading recounts the celebration of the Passover in the Promised Land by Joshua and those who had sojourned with him in the desert for 40 years.

The **Second Reading** is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, 5:17-21. The reconciliation of mankind with God has been brought about by Christ's death on the cross. Jesus, who is like men in all things "yet without sinning" bore the sins of men and offered himself on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for all those sins, thereby reconciling men to God; through this sacrifice we became the righteousness of God.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. This reading recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus' most beautiful parables. It teaches us once more that God is a kind and understanding Father. The son who asks for his part of the inheritance is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from God through sin. "Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, [this parable] nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" (John Paul II, *Dives in misericordia*, 5).

Mercy — as Christ has presented it in the parable of the prodigal son — has *the interior form of the love* that in the New Testament is called *agape*. This love is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and 'restored to value'. The father first and foremost expresses to him his joy, that he has been 'found again' and that he has 'returned to life'. This joy indicates a good that has remained intact: even if he is a prodigal, a son does not cease to be truly his father's son; it also indicates a good that has been found again, which in the case of the prodigal son was his return to the truth about himself" (*Dives in misericordia*, 6).

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, March 29, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

*Special Intentions

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

*Special Intentions

Thursday, March 31, 2022

PLEASE NOTE THIS ONLY ONCE CHANGE FROM FRIDAY TO THURSDAY

HGA 11:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, April 2, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Adele, Ester & Simon Mombourquette, Sr.

Sunday April 3, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Josephine Morrison

SP 10:30 AM

*Special Intentions

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels **Saturday, March 19, 2022**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 856.00
Candles	66.85
Missals	5.00
Share Lent	90.00

Total **\$1,017.85**

St. John the Baptist **Sunday, March 20, 2022**

Envelopes & Loose	\$690.00
Cemetery	220.00

Total **\$910.00**

St. Peter's **Sunday March 20, 2022**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 590.00
Candles	5.00
Altar Society	5.00
St. Patrick's Tea	60.00
Cemetery Road	25.00

Total **\$ 685.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 10:30am followed by Mass. We welcome you 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/>

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

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

Wednesdays 7-8 pm through March 30

Holy Family Church, Sydney Mines

All are invited.

Topics for Conversation

March 30: What is your Dream for the Church

Contact Norma Blinkhorn: norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Lenten Calendar for your Synod Journey

March 24-31

Fast From Lethargy; Feast on Enthusiasm

Let someone else do it. I'm too tired.

We are tired. Life demands much from us. Our faith asks only that we allow and be present. In these moments of quiet, we can hear and choose.

Almsgiving:

Invite someone to Mass. Share our survey or website on your social media. Deliver a note of encouragement or an invitation to your parish or Synod event with a donation to your local food bank.

Prayer:

Offer up prayers to someone you know in need.

(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

From CitizenGo Ignacio Arsuaga

According to figures from the World Health Organization (WHO), on average 73.3 million abortions are performed every year.

200,821 innocent children killed per day.

8,367 per hour.

Since you started reading this email, nearly 139 abortions have taken place. 139 per minute.

139 human beings like you and me, only smaller.

They are not statistics.

Around the world, CitizenGO is leading the fight to stop the legalized killing and the global abortion "Industry of Death". The Abortion Industry is rich with tax money from dozens of countries and localities, the UN, the EU and fat-cat Leftists like George Soros....

But the Abortion Industry is using its political muscle to try to shut up CitizenGO and shut down pro-life forces. CitizenGO fights back, but it is an uphill fight today.

Pro-lifers have been banned from praying near abortion centers and jailed for participating in pro-life activities in countries like Spain, Germany, the U.S., and more. An increasing number of countries are attempting to forbid conscientious objection for doctors, and President Macron of France demanded abortion be inserted in the Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Ann Kioko in Kenya and CitizenGO are being directly targeted by extreme Left groups demanding we be prosecuted for our pro-life work in Africa.

And just as I warned two years ago, the World Health Organization is now pushing for abortion pills to be prescribed through telehealth consultations permanently – a power the Abortion Industry seized in the first days of the Covid pandemic and never wants to give up. If they have their way, abortion pills will soon ship around the world with virtually no limits.

It is frightening to see how callously these unborn lives are snuffed out.

We need to stop this silent mass murder that is abortion. It seems like a big task, but each of us—in small ways, working together—can accomplish it.