

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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April 2, 2023

Passion/Palm Sunday

Note: There will not be a bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Sunday Readings

Mass Readings for Palm Sunday Year A (Passion Sunday)

- **Procession** – [Matthew 21:1-11](#): Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he rode on a donkey and was greeted by crowds of people who praised him as the Son of David and King of Israel.
- **First Reading** – [Isaiah 50:4-7](#): The prophet Isaiah speaks of a servant of God who is a skilled teacher and obedient to God's will, even in the face of persecution and suffering. The servant trusts in God's protection and ultimately prevails over his oppressors.
- **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 22](#): This psalm describes the anguish of a suffering individual who feels abandoned by God and is mocked and persecuted by others. Despite this, the speaker expresses trust in God's ultimate protection and proclaims God's glory to others.
- **Second Reading** – [Philippians 2:6-11](#): This passage describes the selfless humility of Jesus Christ, who, despite being divine, chose to become human and submit to a humiliating death on a cross. As a result of his obedience, God exalted him and gave him a name above all others, that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- **Gospel** – [Matthew 26:14 – 27:66](#): The Passion reading describes the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and death. It includes Jesus' betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest and trial before the high priest, his denial by Peter, his sentencing by Pilate, his crucifixion and death, and his burial in a tomb.

Themes for Palm Sunday Year A (Passion Sunday)

The readings for Palm Sunday Year A (Passion Sunday) focus on the stark contrast between the crowds love for Jesus and then their act of abandonment. The reading for the procession of the palms tells how Jesus was greeted by a joyous crowd when he entered Jerusalem. The first reading speaks of the suffering servant. The psalm reflects Jesus' words on the cross, but ends as a song of praise. The second reading reminds us that Jesus is lord of all. And in the gospel, we hear the narrative of Jesus' crucifixion and his willing sacrifice for us.

- **Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem:** Matthew 21:1-11 describes how Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, surrounded by crowds of people who waved palm branches and praised him as the Son of David and King of Israel. This event fulfilled Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Messiah and demonstrated Jesus' identity as a powerful and beloved leader.
- **Jesus' kingship:** Jesus is presented as a humble and peaceful king, riding on a donkey instead of a horse, which was a symbol of war. This image of a

servant-king who comes to save his people is a powerful reminder of Jesus' mission to redeem humanity through his sacrifice on the cross.

- **Jesus' sacrifice on the cross:** The Gospel reading for Palm Sunday Year A tells the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trial, and crucifixion. It highlights Jesus' humility and obedience, even in the face of intense suffering and humiliation. This reminder of Jesus' sacrifice and love for us invites us to consider our own relationship with God and to respond with gratitude and devotion.
- **Our own relationship with God:** The events of Holy Week invite us to reflect on our own commitment to following Jesus' example of love, humility, and selflessness. We are called to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter by considering our own response to Jesus' sacrifice and our own willingness to follow his teachings.
- **Feeling abandoned:** Jesus quotes from Psalm 22, begins with the words, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" It goes on to describe the speaker's experience of persecution and suffering, including being mocked and scorned by others. Despite this, the speaker expresses trust in God's ultimate protection and proclaims God's glory to others. This underscores the magnitude of Jesus' sacrifice and invites us to reflect on our own experiences of suffering and our trust in God's presence and protection.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

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Monday, April 3, 3 pm

Mass of Chrism

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish

The annual Mass of Chrism will be held at St. Ninian Cathedral, hosted by Holy Guardian Angels Parish, L'Ardoise, celebrating its 200th anniversary this year.

All are invited to attend the Mass or watch on the St. Ninian Parish livestream:

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+Peter Pottie

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

+Maura Boudreau

(Holy) Thursday, April 6, 2023

SH 5:00 PM

SJB 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS

HGA parish council is inviting you to become a member. For those of you who are not sure what Parish council does, we invite you to sit in on our next meeting. Please take the time to think about joining. Hope to see you there. For more information, contact Raymonde Burke 902-587-2675

HGA: The Good Friday service is at 3 PM, the hour of Jesus' passion, and the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6 PM. Everyone welcome.

The Bonnie Brae Seniors Club would like to thank everyone who donated towards our fundraiser so that we could purchase an AED. Thanks to all for your generous donations. We now have the ability, if the situation arises, to increase the odds of survival for people who experience cardiac arrest. Also, we would like to extend an invitation to members of the community to join us at the Bonnie Brae on Wednesday April 12 @1:00 PM when Esther MacDonnell will be demonstrating how properly to use the AED.

Knights of Columbus meetings for April will be held as follows: Officers Meeting will be held Friday April 14th beginning at 9:30 AM in the St. Peter's Parish Glebe House. The full Council meeting will be held on Thursday April 20th beginning at 6:30 PM in the St. Peter's Parish Glebe.

Prayer Requested

Former pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Rev. Donald Francis Cameron died on Monday March 27, 2023. Father Cameron was the son of the late Finley and Sarah (Beaton) Cameron of Mabou, Nova Scotia. He was born in Mabou and raised in Boisdale where he received his elementary education. He attended high school at Rankin Memorial after which he attended St. F.X. University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 1958. The following September he entered Holy Heart Seminary for his theological studies and priestly formation. Father Cameron was ordained to the priesthood at St. Ninian Cathedral on June 16, 1962, by the Most Reverend William E. Power, Bishop of Antigonish.

Father Cameron's first assignment was as Assistant at St. Michael Parish, River Ryan and as Chaplain at the New Waterford Consolidated Hospital. He was on loan to the Halifax Archdiocese for three years. In 1967, he returned to the Diocese of Antigonish where he served as Assistant at Sacred Heart Parish, Sydney from 1967 to 1975. In February of 1975, Father Cameron was appointed pastor of St. Peter Parish, Larry's River. He later served as pastor of St. Mary, Mabou, Stella Maris, Louisbourg and attached mission, Mira Ferry: St. Joseph, North Sydney, St. Peter, St. Peter's and St. Joseph, Reserve Mines and Holy Family, Glace Bay. Fr. Cameron served the Diocese of Antigonish as Dean of the Guysborough Deanery, as a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, and was a member of the Senate of Priests.

The Divine Mercy Novena: Good Friday-Divine Mercy Sunday

In *Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina nine days of prayer (a novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day) that He desired to be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and be prayed each day of the Triduum and of Easter Week in preparation for the glorious Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of

Easter (The Sunday after Easter Day) (See *Diary* #1209-1230). Jesus asked that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different group of people.

On April 30th, 2000, St. Pope John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday as an official feast of the Church. In doing this he said, "By this act today, I pass on the message of Divine Mercy to the new millennium. I pass it on because I want people to know the better face of God, and that of his Divine Mercy, and through it, the better face of their brethren. The light of the message of Divine Mercy which the Lord wished to renew in the world, will be as much a beacon of hope for the third millennium, as the apostles were in the first."

I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever graces they need in the hardships of life and, especially, at the hour of death. On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.

The Intentions for the Nine Days of Divine Mercy Novena

1. All mankind, in particular all sinners.
2. The souls of priests and the religious.
3. The souls of the devout and faithful people.
4. For the non-believers and those who do not yet know Jesus.
5. The souls of heretics and schismatics.
6. The souls of the meek and humble and for little children.
7. The souls of people who especially glorify Christ's mercy.
8. The souls in purgatory.
9. Souls who have become lukewarm and indifferent.

St. Faustina, pray for us.

Mother's Day Dinner

L o b s t e r M e a l

(complete with salads, dessert, coffee or tea)

Or Ham Cold Plate Alternative

~ Take Out Available ~

Sunday, May 14th

11 AM - 1 PM

L'Ardoise Community Centre

Admission: \$30.00

To Purchase Tickets Contact:

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