

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes  
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**August 6, 2023**

## **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

### **Mass Readings**

**First Reading: (Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14) Second Reading: (2 Peter 1.16-19)  
Gospel (Matthew 17.1-9)**

The **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

In 2023, the Feast of the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday. According to the Order of Precedence in the [General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar](#), Feasts of Our Lord take precedence over the Sundays of Ordinary Time, so feasts such as the Transfiguration, Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) and the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) are celebrated when they fall on Sunday.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #554:

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem". A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

### **The Transfiguration**

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain. Tradition assures us that this was Mount Tabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful. It rises something like a sugar-loaf, in a vast plain in the middle of Galilee. This was the place in which the Man-God appeared in His glory.

Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elias were seen by the three apostles in his company on

this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state.

This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell any one what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

—Excerpted from *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, Benziger Bros. ed. [1894]

## **Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

**Please call the office:**

**902-535-2053**

**Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei**

### **Instructors for Baptism:**

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

## **Receipts:**

### **St. John the Baptist**

**July 29, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 980.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Donation</b>	<b>20.00</b>

**Total** **\$ 1,000.00**

### **St. Peter's**

**July 30, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 1,115.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>20.35</b>

**Total** **\$ 1,135.35**

### **Holy Guardian Angels**

**July 29, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 717.95</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>77.05</b>

**Total** **\$ 795.00**

## Schedule of Masses

### Tuesday, August 8, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

### Wednesday, August 9, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

### Friday, August 11, 2023

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Manny Mombourquette*

### Saturday, August 12, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+ *John MacNeil*

SP 5:30 PM

### Sunday, August 13, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Eileen & Liam Madden*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**HGA: Just a reminder that the church is open every Sunday from 1-3 pm** for quiet visits throughout 2023. This opportunity is part of our 200th Anniversary of our parish. From Matthew Kelly's BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST: "All the answers are in the Tabernacle. Jesus has all the answers and He patiently waits for us in the Tabernacle, day and night, to share those answers with us. Next time you are grappling with a decision, stop by your church and ask Jesus for His advice. There is something powerful about just sitting in His Presence."

**Thank you to all who participated in the recent Novena to St Anne**, the saint of tenderness and mercy, who intercedes for us and for all the sick and afflicted. Thanks to your kind donations, we were able to send \$180 to the Shrine of St Anne de Beauré. God bless you all.

### **L'Ardoise Legion Barbeque**

Sunday, August 20th/23

\$25 per person

12 oz strip loin steak, baked potato, coleslaw, sweets

Take out 2-3 pm

Eat in 4-6 pm while being entertained by Leona Burkey

To book: Contact: Theresa 902-587-2511 or Gail. 902-951-0330 or call the Legion 902-587-2263 Fri & Sat evenings

**Now that our Acadian Festival has come to a close** we would like to express our appreciation and thanks to everyone who attended and celebrated in our 61<sup>st</sup> festival. The following quote is especially true for our many volunteers: "Volunteers don't get paid because they're worthless but because they're priceless " and for that we are truly grateful for each and every one of you.

Sincerely, **The Festival Committee**

Major prize ticket winners are: \$600.00 in gift cards- Raymonde Burke, 2 - Adirondack chairs - Kevin Martell, Patio set - Patricia Martell, \$300.00 - in gas cards - Kay Mombourquette, Quilt made and donated by Elaine Sampson - Elaine Burke.

**SH: Musique Royale Concert in Sacred Heart Church - Duo Oriana - How Like A Golden Dream - Sinéad White, *soprano*; & Jonathan Stuchbery, *lutenist***– Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm \$25 at the door (\$20 advance by emailing [louisecampbel@gmail.com](mailto:louisecampbel@gmail.com), just to put your name on the list. Payment will be at the door.).

**The Annual Cemetery Mass will be held on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30**, in the Lower Cemetery, at Sacred Heart Cemetery, in Johnstown. Please bring your own chair. Following the mass will be a \$12.00 pancake breakfast in the hall.

**The 90 Annual Milling Frolic will be held on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Johnstown Parish Hall.** Included in the event will be The Best in Gaelic Singing, Milling, Bingo, Children's Game, Lunch, Fancy Booth, Bake Sale and an all-ages Square Dance: Music for the Dance will be Kenneth MacKenzie, Shelly Campbell and Mac Morin. The event starts at 7:00 pm with the Dance starting at 9:00 pm. The event ends at 12:00 am. Cost: \$7.00

**SJB: 14th ANNUAL "LUCK OF THE DRAW BOAT RUN"** to be held SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd with a rain/wind date - September 3rd. Registration beginning at 10 a.m. at River Bourgeois Floating Docks, 166 Northside Road, \$20 per ticket plus 50/50 Draw. Tickets open to all, no boat required. Hamburgers, hotdogs & pop/water available. Prizes handed out at 3:30 p.m. 1st Prize \$300, 2nd Prize \$200, 3rd Prize \$100 along with other prizes to be drawn. For more information contact Peter Baccardax at 535-3182.

**On Saturday, September 23, 2023 the SJB CWL is honouring couples** who are or have celebrated 25, 50 or 50+ wedding anniversaries since 2020. To RSVP or for more information contact Maureen Cosman-Burke at 535-2315.

### **"The Way of Beauty"**

#### **Webinar Registration is Open**

In September 2023, the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series, titled "The Way of Beauty" inviting leaders of catechesis and evangelization to reflect on the way of beauty and its powerful witness in the life of the Church.

The three sessions of "The Way of Beauty" webinar series will be:

- "Beauty and Catechesis" — Dr. Jem Sullivan  
Thursday 7 September from 2:00-3:30 pm ADT
- "Beauty and Evangelization" — Mr. David Dayler  
Thursday 14 September from 2:00-3:30 pm ADT
- "Beauty and Liturgy" — Fr. Paul Massel  
Thursday 21 September from 2:00-3:30 pm ADT

All webinar sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release.

If you wish to attend any of the webinar session or to be notified when session recordings are made available, please register now and share this email with family, friends and colleagues!

To register:

[https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-fQeO-2jT26o6zMKPeMwAQ#/registration](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-fQeO-2jT26o6zMKPeMwAQ#/registration)

### **One Year Later: A Retrospective on the Holy Father's Visit To Canada**

Looking back upon the apostolic visit, Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the CCCB, remarks on its momentousness: "During those days with Pope Francis in Canada, we recognized in him the Lord's mercy, which he offered to us. We realized that the Holy Father's presence had involved great personal and physical effort on his part, but we also knew how much his encounters with Indigenous Peoples represented, and still represent a living expression of a mutual effort – the Holy Father with the Church in Canada – to "walk together" and to open up new horizons of hope within our communities."

Read the full message and watch the videos in both English and French on our website: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/one-year-later/>

# All Ages<sup>\*</sup> SQUAREDANCE

With Joe MacMaster  
and Mary Frances Leahy



Creignish Recreation Centre  
2123 Highway 19

**WED | AUG 23<sup>rd</sup> | 2023**

8-11pm | Donations at the Door | Cash Bar  
Proceeds to support Stella Maris Parish

\*Under 19 must be accompanied by an adult