

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too."

"Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church 'a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.' The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are 'consecrated to be...a holy priesthood.'" (CCC 1546)

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7* and continues the description of the missionary preaching and missionary activity of Paul and Barnabas. For those who follow the reign of God as inaugurated in Christ, these apostles can promise nothing for sure but trials and hardships. And yet, the paradox of suffering and yet being joyful in the Holy Spirit is here expressed as it was in the ending of the readings from Acts last week. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Peter 2:4-9* in which he reminds the new converts to Christianity, that they must be holy, for they are the living stones out of which the new spiritual temple of God is formed. The cornerstone, the base and binding force of this temple, is the risen Christ. Because of Him, and through Him, they are able to offer sacrifices which are acceptable to God.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 14:1-12*. We may well wonder at the slowness of the Apostles in seeing in Christ nothing more than a man—a great man, a man with power from God, yes, but still a mere man. That He was the Messiah, they were convinced, but their idea of the Messiah was wrong. They thought He would free Israel from foreign domination (Lk. 24 21), and set up a new kingdom of God—a prosperous, earthly kingdom with God guaranteeing peace and plenty for all. If, therefore, He allowed His enemies to put Him to death, all their hopes would be dashed to the ground. Hence, the mention of His impending death at the Last Supper filled them with dismay and despair.

But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, in human nature.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement. Why should God go to that length for our sake—mere creatures, and sinful, ungrateful creatures at that? The infinite goodness and the infinite love of God are the answer, but still an answer which is mysterious to us. For we, with our limited capacity for love, can form no idea of infinite love.

God created us "in His own image and likeness" (a very limited likeness, granted) and intended, because of the spiritual faculties He gave us, which enable us to see and enjoy truth and beauty, to give us a share in His eternal life and glory. To do this, the Incarnation of the second Person of the Holy Trinity was God's plan. There must have been other ways of doing this, but God, we can be sure, chose the best way. Even with our limited intelligence, we ourselves can see what a perfect way this was for proving to us the infinite love, goodness and compassion of our Creator.

Sin entered the world of man, as God had foreseen, but notwithstanding this ingratitude on our part, God's Son came in our lowly, human nature and suffered, even though sinless, all the effects of men's sins. He suffered in our name, and because He was God, His sufferings in His human nature made infinite atonement for the sins of all mankind.

His Incarnation had made us His brothers and co-heirs to heaven. His death on the cross wiped out, and gave us the means of wiping out, our sins, so that we would be capable of possessing our inheritance.

Knowing the story of the Incarnation therefore, we know of the love and kindness of God toward us. We need not ask, with Philip, "show us the Father," we have seen Him in His riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! "How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!" (Rom. 11 :33).

"What return can I make to the Lord?" All the mortifications and good works of all the holy men and women that ever lived, or will live, would not be adequate a return to God for the miracle of love He has shown toward us. But He accepts the widow's mite, the little acts of love, the little proofs of gratitude, the willing acceptance of the crosses He sends us, to purify us. In one word, all He asks in return is that we try to live our Christian life day after day, ever thanking Him for the gift of Christ and the Christian faith.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office:

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Instructors for Baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

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Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, May 12, 2023

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Patricia Samson*

Requested by René & Family

Weekend Masses

Saturday, May 13, 2023

SJB 11:00AM

Funeral & Burial

Terrence & Charles (Bucky) Sampson

Reception to follow at Tara Lynn Community Centre

SJB 4:00 PM

+ *John MacLean*

SP 5:30 PM

+ *Ambrose & John Sutherland*

Sunday, May 14, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Bea & John McGrath*

& deceased family members

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

April 29, 2023

Envelopes & Loose \$ 986.00

Cemetery Donation 25.00

Total \$ 1,011.00

St. Peter's

April 29, 2023

Envelopes & Loose \$ 650.00

Candles 3.00

Cemetery Road Work 20.00

Total \$ 673.00

Holy Guardian Angels

April 30, 2023

Envelopes &Loose **\$ 651.00**
Candles **25.50**

Total **\$ 676.50**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Knights' Fundraiser: Your Knights of Columbus Council 14280 are conducting a fundraiser over the next few weeks. The draw is scheduled for June 10th.

First Prize: 10 pounds of lobster and 10 pounds of crab.

Second Prize: 10 pounds of crab

Third Prize: 10 pounds of crab.

Contact Knights; Rene Samson (HGA) (902) 587-2426, George Landry (SJB) (902) 535-3248 or Danny Madden (SP) (902) 535-3366.

All proceeds are donated to local charities.

Knights' Meetings for May: Officers' Meeting: Friday May 12th, 9:00 AM in the St. Peter's Glebe meeting room. Council Meeting: Thursday, May 18th, 6:30 PM, in the St. Peter's Glebe Meeting Room.

HGA

Just a reminder that HGA church is open for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for a short or a long visit each Sunday 1 - 3pm.

Mother's Day Dinner Lobster Meal

Complete with salads, dessert, coffee or tea

Or

Cold ham plate alternative

Take out is available

Sunday, May 14, L'Ardoise Community Centre

11:00 AM -1:00 P|M

Admission \$30

To purchase tickets contact:

Sally Anne Mombourquette (902) 587-2171

Leona Middleton (902) 587-2617

Vernon Burke (902) 227-5605

Elaine Sampson (902) 587-2458

A 200th Anniversary Commemorative Souvenir Booklet and Vintage Calendar are now available for sale. An e-transfer account has also been setup and we can arrange to mail out a package to anyone. For more information on these great souvenir items, contact Steve (902-631-4460) or Blair (902-535-4107). Books and Calendars are \$20.00 each.

Annual Cemetery clean up, Holy Guardian Angels Parish, will occur this Sunday May 7th starting at 1:00 P.M. Supplies will be provided and everyone's support is appreciated.

SJB:

St. John the Baptist CWL – The monthly Catholic Women's League meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 1:30 PM in the church's vestry. All are welcome, even non-members who would like to understand the mission of the CWL. Hope to see you there.

Marlaine Burke
President

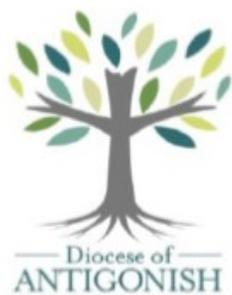
St. John the Baptist CWL would like to thank all those who contributed towards the purchase of Easter flowers. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Volunteer of the Year: Award for Volunteerism

The regular functioning of community events, Church liturgies, and the faith witness of charity rely heavily on generous persons who give of their time and talents. Experiences that bring the community together to enjoy their unity can only happen when persons are willing to work hard, often unnoticed, for the benefit of others. One such volunteer has recently been acknowledged in April 2023, by the Municipality of Richmond as their Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Sharon Chilvers whose devotion to the community has set a fine example of selfless service.

A list of the areas where Sharon has volunteered was sent to *Nova Scotia Provincial Volunteer Awards* and she will be attending a dinner in September and be recognized for the following achievements:

- For her role on the River Bourgeois Seniors Club's Executive. Through various grant opportunities, Sharon has been the driving force behind a complete renovation of the club, including a seniors' gym.
- As a member of the CWL, Sharon has provided a basket of food annually to the needy at Christmastime.
- Sharon has served as President of the River Bourgeois Community Services Society. She continues to apply for grants, is co-chair of the Festival, Events and Fundraising Committee. At the weekly Chase the Ace and Café, she helps prepare low-cost meals. In 2022 Sharon completed a consecutive 48-week length contribution.
- Sharon was co-editor and later editor of the River Roundup Community Newspaper for 13 years.
- She was a founding member of the Strait Area Transit in 2005 and served as a director for seven years.
- Sharon was recently recognized by her peers for her Community Spirit and Volunteerism.



The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103 has a summer student position offering opportunities to work in the areas of accounting, data entry, customer service and merchandizing.

Working under the Accounts Receivable Clerk the summer student will copy and forward cheques, issue income tax receipts, provide administrative support and update our donation data base. They will also be trained in the inventory and sales components of Sage 50, our POS and Accounting software.

Having a working knowledge of Microsoft 360 Word, Excel and Outlook is an asset.

We offer a wage of \$15.00 per hour.

Please submit your resume to Debbie at daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Steubenville Conference **July 7-9 at Dalhousie University, Halifax**

Frances Burton and Patricia Barron from Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier will be leading a group of young people this year from our diocese. If you are interested in attending Steubenville Atlantic please contact Frances Burton at notes.frances@icloud.com.

This is the 15th in-person Steubenville Atlantic youth conference! Last year it welcomed over 300 young people and youth leaders to experience a weekend like no other. It is a unique chance to encounter Christ in a way that changes lives.

For more information visit our [Steubenville Atlantic conference page](#) or contact Steubenville Project Coordinator: Bradley VanDam at bvandam@halifaxymouth.org or (902) 429-9800 ext 311.

World Youth Day Lisbon 2023

Invites Volunteers

Let yourselves be led by the Lord and offer yourselves as volunteers at the service of the One who “*did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for all*” (Mk 10:45). *And your life will reach a fullness that you do not even suspect.* - Pope Benedict XVI at the Meeting with Volunteers in Madrid, WYD 2011

Since its first edition in 1986, World Youth Day has been built with the collaboration of thousands of volunteers. One of the greatest beauties of this meeting with the Pope is the gift of work and time of so many young people who, free of charge, give others the opportunity to participate in a unique experience. There are volunteers from all over the world. Usually, most are from the host country of WYD, but all journeys have the help of international volunteers.

To learn more and to register:

<https://register.wyd-reg.org/Welcome/>

Hymn Sing "How Sweet the Sound!"

Holy Family Sydney Mines, May 9th, 7pm

Join us to celebrate life and remember loved ones through song!

Tickets are \$20 and include mention of a loved one in the evening's program, a night of music and a reception of homemade cakes and hot drinks.

All are welcome!

RETREAT! A Spiritual Retreat for women entitled “*Women of the Bible – our Beacons*”, will take place on Cheticamp Island, at the Lighthouse Retreat (vacation home), on Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 9am–5pm.

Seats are limited. For information and registration contact Ida Deveau, via PM (private message) or at idadeveau@gmail.com.

Registration Deadline: May 24, 2023.

It's a repeat of the one we had offered last fall in French.

Concert called “Music on The Mira”

Sacred Heart Church in Marion Bridge (Trout Brook Road) is having a variety Concert called “Music on The Mira” June 4th from 2-4pm.

Marion Bridge Elementary Choir will be singing, the Ukulele Unlimited, Guitar Gals, and D&R dance group, along with Jerry Gillis and Phyllis and Wilfred MacEachern!

Good Cape Breton tea and Oatcakes will be served. Times are especially hard now for so many, so we are depending on the generosity of donations at the door.

For any further inquiries call 902 578 8879.

Merchandise Bingo sponsored by St. Theresa CWL

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023

Time: 1-3 pm Doors open at 12:00 noon

Where: St Theresa Parish Hall, 285 St Peter's Road

Children (Aged 10 to 16) must be accompanied by an Adult.

We hope to see you there. Thank you for supporting our CWL.