

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes  
(902) 535-2053

Rev. John Yake, I. V. Dei

Bulletin email:

[bulletinsjbsp@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinsjbsp@gmail.com)

**May 14, 2023**

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows Him, but you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you."

"Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body." (CCC 739)

We are entering the final weeks of Easter. Tomorrow begins the traditional observance of the Minor Rogation Days. We petition the Father's blessing upon springtime planting in the fields and in our souls. We ask in the "Name" of Jesus. He intercedes for us with the Father. In some locations the Solemnity of the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday, while others have it transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Regardless of when the Ascension falls, we prepare for this liturgical shift in the season of contemplating closely the Lord's Resurrection.

Today's feast of [St. Matthias, Apostle](#) is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

---

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter Mass Readings, Cycle A:**

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17*. In this reading Peter and John are sent from Jerusalem to Samaria to be ministers of the coming of the Spirit to the new converts in that town. These men had already been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the imposition of hands completes the initiation of these converts. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of Peter 3:15-18* and indicates that baptism initiates a person to imitation of the death and resurrection of Jesus and that the destiny of all believers is to live according to the realm of the Spirit. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 14:15-21*. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

During those two thousand years great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies and vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated like all things human. The names of one-time mighty men who ruled over millions are now nothing more than a nuisance for children in their history classes. The large tracts of our globe which they ruled are now divided and known by other names. This was, is, and will be the lot of all merely human enterprises. Today's despots, where they rule with iron hand, will share the same fate.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we men could become His brothers, and adopted sons of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to men of all races, ages and colors the salvation and exaltation of mankind, which His life and death had won for us.



Knowing only too well the weaknesses and waywardness of human nature, He and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to remain with His Church as its infallible guide until the last man has entered heaven.

This is a very brief summary of what the Blessed Trinity has done, and is continuing to do for us, through the Church. We, the people of God, the chosen race of the New Testament are God's Church on earth. It is for you and me that the Holy Spirit is at work this very day. When He guides the steps of Peter's successor, the Pope, or the deliberations of the bishops, the heirs of the apostolic college, it is for us and for our salvation that He is acting. While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear; we are on the sure road to heaven, to enjoy eternal happiness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit whom we shall thank and glorify forever.

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

**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

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

**SJB 4:00 PM**

**+ *Terrence & Charles (Bucky) Sampson***

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

**SP 9:00 AM**

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

**HGA 11:00 AM**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023**

**SJB 4:00 PM**

**+ *Lynn & Michel Grenier***

**SP 5:30 PM**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**SH 9:30 AM**

**HGA 11:00 AM**

**+ *Lawrence, Clara, Ralph & James Bona***

**Receipts**

**St. John the Baptist**

**May 6, 2023**

**Envelopes & Loose \$ 1245.00**

**Cemetery Donation 320.00**

**Total \$ 1,565.00**

**St. Peter's**

**May 6, 2023**

**Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,015.30**

**Candles 15.00**

**Cemetery Donation 20.00**

**Parish Dues 395.00**

**Total \$ 1,445.30**

**Holy Guardian Angels**  
**May 7, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp;Loose</b>	<b>\$ 857.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>23.65</b>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 880.65</u></b>

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SJB:** There will be a spaghetti supper on **Sunday, May 21, from 4:00-6:00 PM** at the Tara Lynn community Centre in River Bourgeois. The supper is a parish fundraiser and includes dinner, dessert and beverages for \$12 All are welcome.

**Friday, June 16, 2023** is Feast of the Sacred Heart day of global rosary relay to pray for priests. We are asked to say a rosary on that day for priests. Please call Joan Rogers (902) 535-3321 (SP), Maureen Sampson (902) 587-2517 (HGA) and Valerie Cunningham (902) 535-2655 (SJB) by June 4, 2023 to enter your name.

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

**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' Meeting for May:** Council Meeting: Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**HGA** annual meeting Sunday June 4 @ 2:00 Financial statements for all parish properties will be available at this meeting. Hope to see you there.

**Sunday, May 14th starting at 2:00 P.M.** Leona Burkey and Friends will be hosting a concert on Mother's Day afternoon at Holy Guardian Angels Church. Good Will offering is all that is requested. Sponsored by HGA Anniversary Committee.

**SP:** Thank you to the volunteers who came to our general church cleaning on Monday, June 8th. many hands made light work. A hot cup of tea and light snack, and light conversation followed. **St. Peter's Altar Society**

## **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 PM

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.

**SP:** Congratulations to the six candidates who made their First Communion last weekend: Hudson Burke, Ariel Dechamps, Lachlan Green, Ellie MacNamara, Bella Peters and Abbey Poirier. Please pray for these children and their families.

**SJB:** The family of the late Peter Pottie of River Bourgeois would sincerely like to thank those who have sent flowers, made donations in Dad's memory, who visited, sent cards and online messages as well as those who brought food to the house. We will never forget your kindness.

Sincerely,  
The Pottie Family

### **Generation Laudato Si: Be A Part of the Change**

Join the conversation: get your free copy of the book Generation Laudato Si: Youth Living out an Ecological Spirituality, available from the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Membertou or by mail: send your email and mailing address to Norma Blinkhorn, [norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca), ph 902-202-2972 or DM our Youth Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfAntigonishYouth/>

This book release launches our Laudato Si Challenge with the theme: Hope for the Earth. Hope for humanity where youths and the extended community can write articles, poems, share paintings, posters, prayers and TAG your friends to support this challenge.

Submit your entries by 15 September 2023:

<https://forms.gle/aTD3BQSeV4cFkyTW9>

### **Former Bishop Has Died**

The diocese has just learned that former bishop, Raymond John Lahey, born May 29, 1940 in St. John's Newfoundland, died last year, on April 10, 2022 in Montreal. There was no obituary notice provided at that time. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### **An Invitation to BLOOM ...**

Being a young woman in today's world is tough! There's so much noise telling us what trends we have to follow, what clothes we have to wear, what things we have to do and like to be "cool".

Are you looking for a place to belong? A place where you can just be yourself and be truly seen and heard?

**BLOOM is a community of young women between the ages of 16 and 18** who are looking for the same thing! We are a community where you can take a break from all the noise and form meaningful connections with other young women. Find us on Instagram at [@\\_bloomcommunity](#) and join us for our next Girls' Night Out!

**May 17, 7 pm**

**St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish**

**Euthanasia: What's Wrong With It?**

Larry Worthen, a Catholic Deacon and Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada, will share about the latest developments surrounding euthanasia in Canada and explain how we can support affected communities through the No Options No Choice Project

([www.nooptionsnochoice.com](http://www.nooptionsnochoice.com))

Deacon Larry will be joined by Dr. Phillip Cooper, a palliative care physician and Anglican Associate Priest based in Antigonish. Together they will answer pressing questions about palliative care and euthanasia.