

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe**

"Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, 'until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God.' That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: Marana tha! 'Our Lord, come!'" ([Catechism of the Catholic Church, 671](#))

*The **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.*

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world." — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Gandas

Mass Readings:

The **First Reading** is taken from *Ezekiel 34:11-12; 15-17*. In his infinite love and kindness God consoled and encouraged the Jewish exiles in Babylonia through the prophet Ezekiel. He told them they would return to their own country where they would once more be a Chosen People directly under his divine care. He described the relationship between his people and himself under the image of a flock of sheep and its shepherd. This prophecy given by God over 500 years before Christ came on earth was fulfilled to the letter in Christ; as Christ himself declared and as history has proved. The Son of God came on earth as man to give all men eternal life. He founded the new sheepfold, the new Chosen People, the kingdom of God on earth, to prepare for entry into heaven all who will enter its gates. We are fortunate to belong to that kingdom. We have a king who has proved his love by dying for us in order to give us life. By his sufferings our wounds were healed; by his death on the cross he has conquered death; by his resurrection he has made our physical death the doorway that leads to everlasting life.

The **Second Reading** is taken from the *First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*, chosen because of the reference to the kingship of Christ. It was Christ who founded the new kingdom of God on earth and he will reign over it until the final victory is won. It is very fitting that the Church should dedicate the last Sunday of the liturgical year to honoring Christ, her founder and Savior, as King of the universe. We close our liturgical year, therefore, with a feastday which honors Christ as man and we give him the highest title a man can have as we proclaim him our King. Although this title was introduced only in recent times by Pius XI, its meaning and understanding go back to the very beginning of Christianity. St. Paul tells us in today's reading that Christ began his triumphant reign at the moment of his resurrection and that it will continue on earth until his last opponent is overcome. That will be on the day of the final judgment. Christ's kingdom on earth will then pass into the Father's eternal kingdom of heaven,

where Christ as God will reign in majesty together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Christ is our king in this world. Let us make sure that he will be our king for all eternity by doing our best to be his loyal subjects here on earth.

The **Gospel** is from *Matthew 25:31-36*, with Jesus describing his second coming as that of a king arriving in all his majesty and sitting on his kingly throne to judge all mankind. Christ himself in this description of the last judgement, describes his role as that of a king. This gospel reading, therefore, reminds us of the Kingship of Christ. On this feast of Christ our King, let us renew our pledge of loyalty to him, and so that this pledge will not be an empty formula, let each one of us resolve to study once more the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and see how well we put them into practice. If we have failed in the past, let us resolve to begin again today. Let us help one another by bearing one another's burdens. This is what Christ asks of us. This is how we can prove ourselves loyal and grateful subjects. This is what we will be judged on when we meet him on our last day. If we love our neighbor with an active and practical love for Christ's sake, we are thereby loving God, and are keeping "the two greatest commandments on which the whole law and the prophets depend."
—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings, Year A* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

**Please call the office:
902-535-2053**

Receipts:

St. John the Baptist

November 18, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,040.00
Cemetery	140.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,180.00</u>

St. Peter's

November 18, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$	954.00
Candles		16.00
Missals		5.00
Parish Dues		20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>995.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels

November 19, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$	738.00
Candles		36.00
Missals		30.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>804.00</u>

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+Bernard Pius Sampson

Wednesday November 29, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, December 1, 2023, 2023

HGA 11:00 PM

Saturday, December 2, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+Bernard Pius Sampson

SP 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 3, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11:00 AM

+ Mildred Sampson (Lower L'Ardoise)

Religious Christmas cards for sale: There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca. You may order online or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered several mixed packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is **\$5 for a pack of 10 cards.**

Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

HGA: "Whenever you are filled with worry, desperate for hope, looking for clarity, or just need a moment of peace, go to a quiet place and visit Jesus in the Eucharist. Just talk to Him like He was sitting on the altar. He'll give you exactly what you need." - from **Beautiful Eucharist** by Jenna Greiwe -

Our 200th Anniversary Booklet and Vintage Calendar are a great Christmas gift idea. Take advantage of an amazing souvenir and a special offer of **\$15.00 per item or choice of two items for \$20.00** total. Call Blair (535-4107) or Steve (631-4460).

Holy Guardian Angels Parish Social Action Events 2023

Saturday, December 2, Men's Club Breakfast 8-10 AM

Proceeds donated to Social Action Adults-\$12. Children under 11-\$8.

Parish Food Drive starting at 10 AM--Grand Greve to Pt. Michaud

Please leave non-perishable food items on front doorstep or where they can be easily seen.

Sunday, December 3 Bake Sale 11 AM to 1 PM

Merchandise Bingo 2 PM-Excellent Prizes

A financial donation can be made by contacting Sally Mombourquette at (902) 587-2171 or by mailing your donation to L'Ardoise Social Action 19 Mombourquette Rd., Lower L'Ardoise, NS B0E 1W0—Tax receipts will be issued.

Thank you for continuing to support our food bank which enables us to respond to those in greatest need.

All activities to take place at the L'Ardoise Community Centre.

St. John the Baptist Memory Tree: Donations may be made in memory of a loved one. We will have the name placed on a dove, angel, or star which will be placed on the tree during the Christmas season. Donations and names can be given to Marie Fougere or Mimi Fougere, or simply place the name and donation in the collection. Proceeds will help with purchases of heating oil for the church this winter.

Thank you.

SP: A Christmas tree will be displayed in the St. Peter's Church again this year throughout Advent. A decoration will be placed on it for each name received. The names will be announced each week prior to Mass until Christmas. Charitable donation receipts will be issued. All funds raised go directly to St. Peter's Parish. Donations may be dropped in the collection, e-mailed to memorytreestpeters@gmail.com, or dropped off at the glebe between 9AM and 12 PM Monday to Thursday. Security answer is memorytree. In the message please add the name(s) of the person(s) whom you wish to remember.

Please note:

New Facebook Page: Bonnie Brae St. Peter's Seniors' Club

New Email Address: bonniebraesp@gmail.com

Christmas Toy/Clothing Collection

It's time for our annual collection of toys and children's clothing to be donated to the St. Peter's Food Bank for distribution to client families in time for Christmas. Requested are unwrapped new toys and new children's clothing to be dropped off at the Red Islands Fire Hall, on Saturday, December 9th, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. We will have tea and light snacks. We hope you can support this effort again this year. On behalf of our client families, the Food Bank management have expressed great appreciation for our efforts in past years. Howard MacIntyre, Chair, Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors' Association.



Father (Pere) Vincent de Paul Council 14280

Programs Supported by Our Council Annually

School Breakfast Program [EREC]

K of C Bursary in Honour of Deceased members

Leeside Transition House
Talbot House
Emergency Care Fund (To those in need in our communities)
Glebe Donation for use of meeting room
Operation Fund
Remembrance Day Donation Support for three Cenotaph's
Religious Education
Church Related Activities
Member Appreciation
Youth Activities
Mass for Shut-ins
Local food banks

Come join us in support of our faith and communities.

*For more info call: Danny Madden 535-3366, Rene Samson 227-7776
George J Landry 535-3248*

Fundraisers Supporting Antigonish Affordable Housing

Many of us know someone in need of affordable, better housing.

Antigonish Affordable Housing Society is a non-profit provider of affordable, environmentally-sound and socially-supportive housing for low-income residents.

Three fundraising campaigns are on now:

1. Make a charitable donation and have your donation matched, doubling your gift. (Until Dec 15, up to \$20,000) <https://www.antigonishaffordablehousing.ca/donate-matching-fund/>
2. Bid on 30+ auction items. Something will suit your Christmas list or fill a need. Draw on Dec 1. <https://www.32auctions.com/aahschristmas2023>
3. Buy raffle tickets to win a mini-barn, a golf, hotel & supper package, or lobster to feed a crowd. Tickets on sale at Kent, Back East Seafood and Hometown Mini Mart in Antigonish.

Check [Facebook](#) for pop up sales. Draw on Dec 1.

Your support will make a huge impact for AAHS and our tenants, especially during the Christmas season.