

## St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes

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### March 24, 2024 Passion (Palm) Sunday

Today is **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

#### Who Are We before Jesus Who Triumphs and Before Jesus Who Suffers?

by [Pope Francis](#)

##### DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

Pope Francis Homily for Palm Sunday 2014

##### DESCRIPTION

On April 14, 2014, in St. Peter's Square Pope Francis began the rites of Holy Week with the solemn liturgical celebration of Palm Sunday and the Passion of the Lord. The ceremony began with the blessing of the palms and the olive branches placed beside the obelisk in the Square, carried in procession to the entrance of the basilica. The young people of Rome and other diocese took part in the celebration, in relation to the 29th World Youth Day, which this year takes the theme, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven". The Pope based his homily on the question, "Who am I, before my Lord? Who am I, before Jesus Who enters Jerusalem on this feast day? Who am I, before Jesus Who suffers?"

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This week begins with the festive procession with olive branches: the entire populace welcomes Jesus. The children and young people sing, praising Jesus.

But this week continues in the mystery of Jesus' death and his resurrection. We have just listened to the Passion of our Lord. We might well ask ourselves just one question: Who am I? Who am I, before my Lord? Who am I, before Jesus who enters Jerusalem amid the enthusiasm of the crowd? Am I ready to express my joy, to praise him? Or do I stand back? Who am I, before the suffering Jesus?

We have just heard many, many names. The group of leaders, some priests, the Pharisees, the teachers of the law, who had decided to kill Jesus. They were waiting for the chance to arrest him. Am I like one of them?

We have also heard another name: Judas. Thirty pieces of silver. Am I like Judas? We have heard other names too: the disciples who understand nothing, who fell asleep while the Lord was suffering. Has my life fallen asleep? Or am I like the disciples, who did not realize what it was to betray Jesus? Or like that other disciple, who wanted to settle everything with a sword? Am I like them? Am I like Judas, who feigns love and then kisses the Master in order to hand him over, to betray him? Am I a traitor? Am I like those people in power who hastily summon a tribunal and seek false witnesses: am I like them? And when I do these things, if I do them, do I think that in this way I am saving the people?

Am I like Pilate? When I see that the situation is difficult, do I wash my hands and dodge my responsibility, allowing people to be condemned – or condemning them myself?

Am I like that crowd which was not sure whether they were at a religious meeting, a trial or a circus, and then chose Barabbas? For them it was all the same: it was more entertaining to humiliate Jesus.

Am I like the soldiers who strike the Lord, spit on him, insult him, who find entertainment in humiliating him?

Am I like the Cyrenean, who was returning from work, weary, yet was good enough to help the Lord carry his cross?

Am I like those who walked by the cross and mocked Jesus: "He was so courageous! Let him come down from the cross and then we will believe in him!". Mocking Jesus....

Am I like those fearless women, and like the mother of Jesus, who were there, and who suffered in silence?

Am I like Joseph, the hidden disciple, who lovingly carries the body of Jesus to give it burial?

Am I like the two Marys, who remained at the Tomb, weeping and praying?

Am I like those leaders who went the next day to Pilate and said, "Look, this man said that he was going to rise again. We cannot let another fraud take place!", and who block life, who block the tomb, in order to maintain doctrine, lest life come forth?

Where is my heart? Which of these persons am I like? May this question remain with us throughout the entire week.

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Also read the [History of Palm Sunday](#) by Fr. Francis X. Weiser

## **Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

Please call the office:  
902-535-2053

### **Receipts:**

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

**March 16, 2024**

Envelopes & Loose           \$    933.00

Lenten Project  
“Operation Smile”                   50.00

**Total**                                 **\$   983.00**

#### **St. Peter’s**

**March 16, 2024**

Envelopes & Loose           \$       645.00

Candles                                 16.00

Share Lent                               415.00

**Total**                                 **\$   1,076.00**

#### **Holy Guardian Angels**

**March 17, 2024**

Envelopes & Loose           \$   1,095.65

Candles                                 39.00

Share Lent                               50.00

Donations for Priesthood         100.00

**Total**                                 **\$   1,284.65**

## **Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

SJB                                       4:00 PM

+ *Beverly Johnson*

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

SP   9:00 AM

+ *Beverly Johnson*

**From Bishop Kirkpatrick**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of Canada

Dear Clergy

Congratulations to Deacon David Rankin who passed his Jurisdiction Exam yesterday. He will be ordained as a priest for our Diocese on Friday, May 31, the feast of the Visitation of Mary at St. Ninian Cathedral at 3 pm.

Deacon Tom Sylliboy of our Diocese, along with Manson Gloade from the Archdiocese of Halifax / Yarmouth have been appointed to serve as the two Atlantic representatives on the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council. The Council consists of other regional representatives, including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit members, along with a balance of male and female members and the inclusion of Elders. We congratulate Deacon Tom and thank him for agreeing to serve on this National Council for a three-year renewable term.

Three International Priests will be arriving after Easter.

Father Rowland Uzoma Agomuo from the Diocese of Aba, Nigeria will arrive on April 3. He is age 41 and he was ordained August 14, 2010.

Father Isidore Chidi Enyinnaya from the Diocese of Umuahia, Nigeria will arrive on April 4. He will be arriving on his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday and he was ordained July 18, 1998.

Father Anthony Ndubuisi Eboh from the Diocese of Umuahia, Nigeria He will arrive sometime after Easter. He is age 52 and he was ordained July 13, 2002.

There are a few more priests who will be arriving in the coming months. We are most grateful to our International Priests for their faithful service in the Diocese.

The CCCB Ad hoc Committee for the Preparation for the Jubilee 2025, is pleased to announce a two-part webinar series titled, "A Great Symphony of Prayer" which will enable the faithful in a meaningful way to participate in the Year of Prayer which was announced by Pope Francis on 21 January 2024. The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Professor at St. Augustine's Seminary will present eight English-language webinars on prayer. Four webinars will be offered on Tuesday, April 2, 9, 23 and 30 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Four more webinars will be offered on the Thursdays in October. Check our website to register.

The Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization released "Teach Us To Pray," a guidebook on prayer for Christians, as the Church prepares to celebrate the 2025 Jubilee.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/info/2024/02/21/240221a.html>

I look forward to seeing you at the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 25 at St. Ninian Cathedral at 3 pm. As part of their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Ninian Cathedral will be highlighted this year. Reception to follow.

Please remember to contact Nick Vince at [nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca) or call Pastoral Centre 902-539-6188 Ext 222 or toll free 1-800-656-5311 **to confirm you will be attending the luncheon** at St. Ninian Place prior to the Mass of Chrism. Please advise him if you have any food allergies or dietary needs.

Holy Week will soon be upon us, leading to the dawn of Easter, a springtime season of renewal and new life. May the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ fill your heart with hope and purpose this Easter season.

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

Bishop of Antigonish

# Holy Week Celebrations

## Chrism Mass

Monday, March 25, 2024, at 3:00 pm

Celebrated at St. Ninian Cathedral

Notes: Parishioners of all parishes are welcome to join all Holy Week celebrations.

: Following the instructions on the Sacred Triduum from the Clergy Days, November, 2023, and with the Bishop's permission, the following schedule is close to the ideal.

This year the Sacred Triduum will be held at St. John the Baptist Church.

## **Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)**

Thursday, March 28, 2024

No foot washing

**SJB**

**4:00 PM**

## **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)**

Friday, March 29, 2024

**SJB**

**3:00 PM**

## **The Resurrection of the Lord**

### **At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Saturday, March 30, 2024

**SJB:**

**8:00 PM**

## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 31, 2024

**SH 9:30 AM**

**HGA 11:00 AM**

**+ *Manny Mombourquette***

**No weekday Masses Monday, April 1-Friday, April 5**

## Community Notices

**HGA:** The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 11 am for everyone but especially for those who are unable to attend the Good Friday 3pm service at St. John the Baptist Church, River Bourgeois. Our HGA church will be open from 10 am until 6 pm for anyone who would like to pray in silence. Welcome all.

**SJB:** Parishioner David Sampson wrote the following about his recent African adventure:

“In February 2024, I had the privilege of being part of a medical/dental outreach to remote villages of Uganda and Kenya in Africa. I had unexpectedly run into Dr. Gary Sampson while he visited SJB parish with the men's choir. He spoke of the outreach he was doing and indicated that my experience in servicing dental equipment would provide a valuable asset to the team. The equipment had to be set up, maintained, taken apart and packed up at every clinic. I also supported the operators by doing some chairside duties.

This outreach was provided by a Canadian NGO charity, BRIDGE TO HEALTH MEDICAL AND DENTAL. Bridge to Health (BTH), works with local governments and health professionals to provide services to remote and underserved areas. We were there by invitation and under the direction of local African health authorities. BTH volunteers worked alongside local doctors and dentists, third and fourth year students and volunteers. Services provided were medical (included Aids and cervical cancer screening), dental, as well as eye exams. There was also a Pharmacy on site to assure patients were able to get medication. BTH provided referral services, if necessary, and helped patients with travel costs in specific cases.

Most days consisted of travel to site, set up equipment for clinics, providing patient care, disinfecting and preparing equipment for transport to the next clinic. Additionally, each day had its own challenges; rain and wind, lack of or no power, setting up generators, repairing and maintaining equipment damaged by handling and transport, or just plain logistics. Getting everything to work together was sometimes an issue. Some of the clinics we set up were in health centers that did not have electricity or indoor plumbing. The team strove to see as many patients as possible and treated 350 to 400 each day in the clinics.

The need for health services, in these remote villages, was overwhelming. The area we were housed in Uganda is comprised of 84 islands. Kalingala was our main camp and after two days working there we had to travel to a new village each day. Two of the days we travelled by boat and then the rest of the time it was by road. We were told that there are two doctors and a traveling dentist in the area that services up to 80,000 people. These doctors are expected to perform minor surgeries, C Sections, etc.

People are concerned about their health but don't really have access to health care. When we arrived at each venue there would be a large tent full of people waiting. In one instance there were pregnant women who had slept in the grass outside to be sure they were seen. Triage would register each patient by taking vital signs and information as to the most pressing issues of the day. From there patients were taken to holding areas to get in line for their specific concern.

I was mainly involved with the dental care. We set up for and provided fillings and cleanings but extractions (pulling teeth) were the most commonly performed procedures. The hygienists also went to local schools to provide oral health instructions and fluoride treatments. All children were provided with a toothbrush kit as well.

What I learned:

- The African people are happy and friendly and are proud of their culture and that includes sharing whatever they have and have great respect for their elders.
- Water is an issue. I found myself always planning on where to get my next bottle of water. As a visitor to the area, it was important to drink only bottled water with double seals.
- Awareness of the privileges, services and freedom of movement that I take for granted in Canada
- Do the best I can with what I have, given time and resource limitations.
- There is a variety of religions and denominations present; all had equal access to the care provided through BTH.”



Date - May11, 2024.

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