

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

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The Most Holy Trinity

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is *Deuteronomy 4:32-34; 39-40*. In today's reading from the book of Deuteronomy we see how privileged the Chosen People of Israel were, how wonderful God had been in his dealings with them, and how all he asked for in return was that they should keep his commandments, which were for their own good....They quickly forgot all that he had done for them and turned to adore lifeless idols, pagan "gods" who could not help either themselves or anyone else. This was ingratitude and meanness of a high order, but let us remember that everything that God did for the Jews, he did for us, too. Through his dealings with them he was preparing the way for the Incarnation.

The **Second Reading** is *Romans 8:14-17*. In today's four verses, St. Paul stresses the change which Christianity has brought to Jew and Gentile. Man is no longer a slave of sin or of the world: he has been made a son of God through Christ's life, death and resurrection and is therefore a freeman... If we can—and we can and should—call God our Father, Abba, it is because the Holy Spirit moves us to do so and the Holy Spirit does this because we have indeed been made sons of God by the incarnation of his Son. Because we are adopted into God's household, heaven is our inheritance provided we obey Christ's commands.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 28:16-20*. The reason why these five verses, that conclude the final chapter of St. Matthew's gospel were chosen for today's Mass is evident. The three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are mentioned by name in this pericope.

All those who would enter the new kingdom of God, the Church, were to be dedicated in the ceremony of baptism to the Blessed Trinity; they were to enter into a fellowship with the three divine Persons. Whether Christ himself gave the exact words for the form of baptism does not concern us here, but from 2 Cor. 2:21, it would appear that this form was in use from the earliest days of the Church. We are aware that we ourselves were dedicated to God in our baptism and

destined to have an eternal fellowship with the Trinity in heaven. We are aware, too, of the part played by the three divine Persons in making that eternal happiness and friendship with the Trinity available to us. While the essence of the Trinity, or the way in which there can be three Persons in the one God, is a mystery which our limited minds cannot even begin to solve, we have no hesitation in accepting the existence of this deepest mystery of our religion. It was no less an authority than Jesus Christ himself who revealed it to us. With his guarantee for its truth, we are left in no doubt as to the existence of this mystery. We can safely wait for a greater, if not a complete understanding in heaven.

Today, as we honor the Blessed Trinity, our predominant thought must be one of gratitude to each of the three Persons for all they have done and are still doing for us. First, to God the Father, who in his love planned not only our creation as intelligent human beings, the highest and noblest of his creatures on earth, but planned to give us adopted sonship as well. Secondly, let us show our deepest gratitude to the all-obedient, all-loving Son of God, who carried out to the letter the divine Father's plan for our adoption, by sharing with us our humanity so that we could share in his divinity. Thirdly, let us be eternally grateful to the Holy Spirit—the fruit of the love of Father and Son—who has come to dwell in the Church and in each member of the Church, in order to fill our hearts with a true love of God, and to direct our faltering steps toward the everlasting happiness which awaits us beyond the grave.

We know only too well how unworthy we are of this love of the Blessed Trinity which has been poured out on us. The greatest saints were unworthy of this infinite love. Our unworthiness should not, and must not, stop us from availing ourselves of this divine love and from doing what we can to prove how we value and sincerely appreciate the love and goodness of the Blessed Trinity for us. In return for this love, Christ asked us, his followers, to keep his commandments. This is the one genuine proof we can give of our gratitude for all that these Three Persons have done for us.

We are so weak that we often let the passing things of this world turn our thoughts and actions away from God and from our own eternal interests. We forget Christ and his commandments at times and let the world rule our hearts and minds. However, even for sinners like us there is hope and encouragement in the infinity of God's love. Let us not forget it: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit know all our weaknesses, they knew them before they arranged to make us sharers in their own eternal happiness. They know, also, that those of us who try and try again to rise above our human weakness will finally share with them their heaven.

This possibility is open to all of us. The Blessed Trinity will excuse nobody from heaven. If some fail, the fault will be entirely and completely their own. May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit grant us the courage and strength to overcome our human weaknesses! May they give us the grace to live and die in their love so that we may share their eternal kingdom of happiness!
—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Cycle B, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office:
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Mass Schedule

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM
+ Peggy Collet

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

SP 9:00 AM
+ Peggy Collet

Friday, May 31, 2024

HGA 11:00 AM
+ Gwen Mombourquette

Saturday, June 1, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM
+ Stella Doutaz

SP 5:30 PM
+Eva Landry

Sunday June 2, 2024

SH 9:30 AM
+Eric Johnson

HGA 11:00 AM
+Irene Briand

Receipts:

St. John the Baptist

May 18, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$	655.50
Donations		100.00
Cemetery		50.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>805.50</u>

St. Peter's
May 18, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 761.00
Candles	13.00
Parish Dues	230.00
Maintenance	155.00
Papal Charities	210.00
Cemetery	50.00
Truth & Reconciliation	10.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,429.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
May 19, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 859.00
Candles	34.50
Dues	20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 913.50</u>

Community News

HGA: A L'Ardoise Acadian Festival meeting will be held on Monday May 27@ 6:00 PM. The festival is only nine weeks away and there are still some areas where help is needed. Hope you can attend.

First Communion certificates are ready and can be picked up at the glebe on Wednesday or Thursday between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

Weekend Mass at Cape Breton Regional Hospital

Fr. Anthony Eboh, who has taken over as Chaplaincy for the CB Regional Hospital, has begun celebrating Mass at the hospital on Saturdays at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Welcome to the new adventure of CND sisters during the visitation weekend (May 31st- June 2nd)! We are inviting young women (20 to 45 years old) to discover our mission and our history with Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys! And why not discover yourself? You will enjoy:

- Pilgrimage to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys museum
- Adoration and personal prayer time
- Renewal of sisters' vows
- Presentations and exchanges
- Karao-praises and quiz with sisters

PS: The discovery weekend is free of charge and we can cover the travel expenses if needed.

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**A User's Guide to lead reflection
on the CCCB Pastoral Letter to Young People**

Inspired by Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation to Young People, *Christus vivit*, the CCCB's *Pastoral Letter to Young People* invites young Catholics in Canada to live their faith in an extraordinary way, encouraging them to strive toward holiness, and assuring them of the steadfast support and accompaniment of their Bishops along their individual journeys of faith.

The new User Guide, along with the Pastoral Letter itself, as well as a video and social media tool kit, are all available in English and French on the CCCB website.

in English: [Pastoral Letter to Young People](#)

in French: [Lettre pastorale aux jeunes](#)

Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon David Rankin
St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish May 31, 3:00 PM