

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes  
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## Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations

### Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from *Acts 13:14, 43-52* and the event described takes place in the middle of St. Paul's first missionary journey. Paul and Barnabas quote Isaiah 49:6 in support of their decision to preach to the Gentiles. The Isaiah text referred to Christ, ...but now Paul and Barnabas apply it to themselves because the Messiah is "light for the Gentiles" through the preaching of the Apostles, for they are conscious of speaking in Christ's name and on his authority. —*The Navarre Bible—Acts of the Apostles*

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of *Revelation 7:9, 14b-17*. Last week we heard St. John describing his vision of the heavenly liturgy where he saw the Lamb of God in the Holy of Holies in His perpetual offering to God, the heavenly offering of Jesus Himself which we join at every Mass. Today we join St. John as he again views this heavenly liturgy and describes the Church in heaven (what we call the Church Triumphant) as it glorifies God.

The **Gospel** is from *John 10:27-30*. This Sunday is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus intended the beautiful parable of the Good Shepherd with its many consoling truths and promises for men of every century, including the twentieth. We are all too prone to evaluate the words of the Gospel in an exclusively historical sense. The liturgy's primary aim is to portray the present, not the past, to give grace and life along with history. You must, therefore, give the parable a present day context, apply it personally. After each sentence stop and say: Christ is doing this today — and to help me. The parable brings to our attention three consoling truths: Christ gives His life for His sheep; He remains with them constantly through the bond of grace; He will not rest content until there be but one flock and one shepherd.



Now how do these points affect me personally? a) My Shepherd's death means my deliverance—why, even at this very moment of Mass, redemption's graces are flooding my soul. b) Between Christ and myself there must exist a closer intimacy than even that between brothers, relatives, or friends. c) It is through Christ's efforts that I have been brought into the fold, and He is ever striving to make me a more perfect member of His flock.

In order to realize these ends, Christ instituted His Church. This Church is His representative. There we may approach Him, there He is close to us, there He continues His presence: "I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." Through the Church He speaks to us; in the Church flow the rivers of

grace from Calvary's Cross; by means of the Church Christ seeks to become united personally with each of us. Oh, if we only would regard the Church as Christ mystically present in our midst! At this point I would like to single out two ways by which Christ fulfills His office of Shepherd in the Church, viz., through His words and through His very body.

The words He spoke will never die. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Christ's words are as pregnant with life now as when they were first spoken. They give us the mind of our Good Shepherd as He instructs, warns, and consoles us; they are the words of a father, a mother, a brother, a friend, a judge. Once upon a time Christ's words performed miracles, they have not lost their power! "Young man, I say to you: arise. This day you shall be with Me in paradise." Treasure Christ's words most highly.

Christ's body in the Eucharist gives flesh to His words in the Gospel. Never disjoin one from the other. For together they constitute our most valuable earthly treasure, together they give us the whole Christ. What He promises in the Gospel He fulfills in the Eucharist. And thus the Mass, comprising the word and the body of Christ, brings Him completely to us. In the Gospel He says, "I am the Good Shepherd"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice the Good Shepherd becomes present. In the Gospel He proclaims, "I lay down My life for My sheep"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He pours His life into our souls. In the Gospel He tells us, "I know Mine and Mine know Me"—in the Eucharistic Sacrifice He fulfills His claim: Whoever eats My flesh abides in Me and I in Him. In the Gospel He says, "Other sheep I have ... them also must I bring"—through the Eucharistic Sacrifice He builds up His flock, gathering stray sheep into the fold.

These, then, are our two greatest treasures, Christ's words and Christ's body. By embracing both we embrace our Savior whole and entire.  
—*The Church's Year of Grace*,

## **Schedule of Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, May 10, 2025**

**SJB** **4:00 PM**

+ *Harold Landry*

**SP** **5:30 PM**

+ *Claire LeBlanc*

### **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**SH** **9:00 AM**

+ *Melvina Pottie*

**HGA** **11:00 AM**

+ *Dave Kemp*

### **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

**SJB** **4:00 PM**

+ *Whitney Boudreau*

### **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

**SP** **9:00 AM**

+ *Clem Burke*

Friday, May 16, 2025

HGA 11:00 AM  
+ *Jessie & Germaine Durant*

Saturday, May 17, 2025

SJB 4:00 PM  
+ *Chad Landry*  
SP 5:30 PM  
+ *Claire LeBlanc*

Sunday, May 18, 2025

SH 9:00 AM  
+ *Clem Burke*  
HGA 11:00 AM  
+ *Lawrence, Clara, Ralph & James Bona*

## Receipts

### St. John the Baptist

April 19, April 27, May 4, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 2,200.00
Easter Weekend	480.00
Development & Peace	340.00
Easter Sunday	690.00
Cemetery	575.00
Donations	200.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 4,485.00</u>

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### St. Peter's

April 27, May 4, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 2,090.75
Candles	48.50
Share Lent	5.00
Good Friday	55.00
Parish Dues	420.00
Initial Offering	5.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 2,623.35</u>

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### Holy Guardian Angels

April 27, May 4, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 535.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 535.00</u>

## **Community Notes**

**COMFORT TEA** ... Come For Tea - May 21, 2025: We all experience many types of losses throughout our lives. To promote awareness of the impact of grief, you are invited to join us for a beverage and sweets. You may bring a friend, photo, memento, or memory to share or just be with others who understand. 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025 at the Johnstown Parish Hall, 15290 Highway 4, Johnstown, N.S. Sponsored by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society and Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association Healing Pathways. All are welcome.

**Tea and Tunes** Sunday May 25 Bonnie Brae Club St Peters 2-4 Wayne Bona, Tyrone David, Mannie Bourgeois and Evelyn MacRae. Admission \$5. Half and Half Tickets sold Light Lunch will be served

**HGA:** L'Ardoise Acadian Festival is inviting applications for a Summer Student to assist with activities related to our annual Festival and other Community Center chores. This employment opportunity is for a total of 8 weeks at a pay rate of \$15.70 per hour. Deadline for applications is May 31st. and contact can be made with Nicole Eissan Bona @ 902-293-6651

**My name is Rachel Ann Jacob.** I will be working at Emmaus Centre for a few weeks for the summer. Just wanted to let you know. I will be answering the mail and calls here as well.

**Nature Conservancy of Canada** suggests leaving lawns alone in May. This campaign aims to help pollinators, like honeybees and bumblebees by letting green spaces grow during the month of May to promote healthy habitats for our native pollinators. Pollinators play an important role in our environment by promoting the healthy production of many plants and crops. Letting our green spaces grow allows pollinators to thrive and do their good work.

**K of C** : Msgr. Donald MacPherson Assembly 2997 will hold a VERY IMPORTANT MEETING on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Mabou Parish Hall. The future of our assembly will be discussed. All members are urged to attend.  
Paul P. Boudreau, Faithful Navigator

**K of C meeting** will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Glebe at 6:30 PM

### **K of C crab draw winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Murphy (10 lbs. cooked)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Landry (10 lbs. uncooked)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conrad "Connie" Burke (10 lbs. uncooked)

### **RICHMOND RTO - AGM**

RTO Breakfast Meeting

May 20th - Louie's Cozy Corner

St. Peter's 9:00 AM

*ALL RTO Members Welcome!*

**Four candidates will be making their First Communion on May 18, 2025** at HGA Mass at 11:00 AM. They are: Kiden Stevens, Cian Greene, Abby King-Young (all from HGA) and Adeline Sampson of SJB.

**We want to hear from you!** – An open call to housing developers, people with experience, and those who are interested in housing development.

As part of the Strategic Plan Refresh, Richmond Municipal Council is committed to:



Encouraging housing development across the entire housing continuum



Identifying and leveraging funding opportunities to support housing initiatives

Our goal is to ensure that everyone with an interest in housing development has the opportunity to participate. Whether you're a seasoned developer or simply passionate about finding housing solutions in our community, we want to connect with you.

Please contact us at [clerk@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:clerk@richmondcounty.ca) for more information.

Let's work together to support housing development that meets the needs of all Richmond County residents.