

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes  
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**April 13, 2025**

## **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

### Meditation on Holy Week

Now we enter the holiest part of Lent. The Church has prepared us step by step for this sacred experience. A steady crescendo in the liturgy has been taking place since Ash Wednesday. Each week the sound rose higher, and louder. Although Mother Church often spoke about the Cross and the resurrection, she did so in veiled signs and figures, as if she feared exposing a most precious object to profane eyes. Not until this moment does she remove the curtain. Now we see the Holy of Holies; and more than that, we are asked to participate in the most sublime drama of religious history.

The greatest and holiest of weeks is about to begin. We should not call it a week of mourning, for Cross and resurrection are inseparable. Christ's redemptive work did not end with death, it continues on in the victory of His resurrection. Therefore, we must not separate the passion from the resurrection, but rather regard the Cross as the way to Easter victory.

The liturgy does not make this week one of sorrowful lamentation or tearful sympathizing with our suffering Lord. That was the medieval approach. No, through the whole week there runs a note of victory and joy, a realization that Christ's sacred passion was a prerequisite to Easter glory. We cannot understand the Church's liturgy unless we keep this in mind.

There is no day in the entire coming week when the theme of Easter and victory does not resound loud and clear. Think only of *Palm Sunday* with its homage to the King; of *Holy Thursday* with its solemn Mass and consecration of the Holy Oils; of *Good Friday* with the solemn exaltation of the Cross; of *Holy Saturday*, the beginning of the Easter solemnities.

Four days take on special importance, viz., Palm Sunday and the sacred Triduum. The remaining three days, Monday through Wednesday, do not differ radically from other days in Passiontide. Palm Sunday may be called the golden gateway leading to the holy mysteries of Easter.

—*Dr. Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace: Septuagesima to Holy Saturday*

### Schedule of Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

SJB

4:00 PM

+ *Marilyn Rose Touesnard*

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

9:00 AM

SP

+ *Bertha Burke*

**Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

HGA 4:00 PM  
+ *Melvina Pottie*

**Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025**

HGA 8:00 PM  
+ *Harold Landry*

**Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

SH 9:30 AM

+ *Isabel Johnson and Jessie Savoie*

SP 11:00 AM

+ *Claire Leblanc*

## **Receipts**

**St. John the Baptist**

**April 6, 2025**

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,008.00

**Total** \$ **1,008.00**

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**St. Peter's**

**April 5, 2025**

Envelopes & Loose \$ 923.50

Candles 16.00

Altar Society 10.00

Share Lent 541.00

**Total** \$ **1,490.50**

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**Holy Guardian Angels**

**April 6, 2025**

Envelopes & Loose \$ 592.75

Candles 19.55

**Total** \$ **612.30**

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## Community Notes

**HGA:** The Bingo that was scheduled for last Sunday is being held this Sunday, April 13th @2:00 P.M. L'Ardoise Community Centre.

**Sister Hazel Power** (S.S. Elizabeth Anna), age 94, who died at the CND Health Care Centre on Saturday, March 29, 2025. She was in her 71st year of Religious Life. Sister Hazel's life and her loving commitment to God was expressed through her life of mission and service within the Congregation of Notre Dame. Hazel's career in the field of education spanned 38 years as teacher, librarian and administrator in various Sydney schools.

### Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to [Commissariat.ca/supporting-us](https://Commissariat.ca/supporting-us) and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m., Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

## **MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND**

P.O. Box 120, Arichat, Nova Scotia, B0E 1A0

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1. ***West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peters and Richmond County Land Use Bylaws***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond intends to consider and, if deemed advisable, to approve amendments to the Land Use By-laws for *West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peters and Richmond County* by

Reverting the period for appealing a variance in the requirements of the corresponding land use by-law from twenty-one (21) to **fourteen (14) days**. These amendments apply to all areas of Richmond County and the purpose of the amendments is to conform to the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Copies of the amending pages can be inspected at the Municipal Office or at the Eastern District Planning Commission, 606 Reeves Street, Unit 3, Port Hawkesbury between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays), online at [www.edpc.ca](http://www.edpc.ca).

Written or oral presentations (for or against the amendment) can be made before Municipal Council at a **Public Hearing** to be held:

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers, Richmond County Municipal Office**  
**2357 Highway 206, Arichat, NS**

Posted March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 on the Richmond County  
Webpage [www.richmondcounty.ca](http://www.richmondcounty.ca) and in Reporter newspaper April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>,  
2025 in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*.