

**St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist
Parishes
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Deuteronomy 30:10-14* and is the final discourse of Moses, just prior to the selection of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. It is the conclusion of the covenant making ceremony.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of *Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20* in which he uses the occasion to instruct the Colossians and to restate for them the truth about the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ, as beginning and end of all creation. He was imprisoned in Rome when he wrote this letter but had learned about dangerous doctrines which had recently made their way into the church, threatening both faith and morals. False teachers were introducing a series of outdated Mosaic practices and an exaggerated emphasis on the role of angels as intermediaries between God and men, which threatened to undermine the true doctrine of Christ as the only mediator.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 10:25-37* and tells the parable of the good Samaritan. This passage is two-pronged. While providing a powerful lesson about mercy toward those in need, it also proclaims that non-Jews can observe the Law and thus enter into eternal life. Following other Fathers, St Augustine (*De verbis Domini sermones*, 37) identifies the good Samaritan with our Lord, and the waylaid man with Adam, the source and symbol of all fallen mankind. Moved by compassion and piety, he comes down to earth to cure man's wounds, making them his own (Is 53:4; Mt 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Jn 3:5). In fact, we often see Jesus being moved by man's suffering (cf. Mt 9:36; Mk 1:41; Lk 7:13). And St John says: "in this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 Jn 4:9-11).

This parable leaves no doubt about who our neighbor is — anyone (without distinction of race or relationship) who needs our help; nor about how we should love him — by taking pity on him, being compassionate towards his spiritual or corporal needs; and it is not just a matter of having the right feelings towards him: we must do something, we must generously serve him.

Christians, who should be disciples of Christ, should share his love and compassion, never distancing themselves from others' needs. One way to express love for one's neighbor is to perform the "works of mercy," which

get their name from the fact that they are not duties in justice. There are fourteen such works, seven spiritual and seven corporal

The spiritual are:

1. To convert the sinner
2. To instruct the ignorant
3. To counsel the doubtful
4. To comfort the sorrowful
5. To bear wrongs patiently
6. To forgive injuries
7. To pray for the living and the dead

The corporal works are:

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To shelter the homeless
5. To visit the sick
6. To visit the imprisoned
7. To bury the dead

—Excerpted from *The Navarre Bible*—*St. Luke*

Sacrament of Baptism

please call the office:

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Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please be advised that our last Pre-Marriage Program took place on May 28, 2022. Our agency has been providing this valuable program for over three decades to engaged couples that are marrying in the Catholic Church. At this time due to high demands in a variety of other programming and our provincial expansion, our agency is unable to continue providing the Pre-Marriage Program. We ask that you inform all the parishes in the Diocese so that they may make alternative arrangements for the couples that they are marrying.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Thursday, July 14, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

In the main church

Friday, July 15, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Saturday, July 16, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Gary Sampson

Sunday, July 17, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Wally Cook

SP 10:30 AM

+ Ignatius Burke

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

July 2, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 687.00

Candles 26.30

Candidates for priesthood 380.00

Total \$ 1,093.30

St. John the Baptist

July 3, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,410.00

Cemetery 20.00

Total \$ 1,430.00

St. Peter's

July 3, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 735.00

Candles 3.00

Cemetery Memorial Donation 65.00

Total \$ 803.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A celebration of life for Paula Kyte will be held at the Bras D'Or Lakes Inn on July 16th, from 1 to 3pm. All are welcome.

HGA: NOVENA to St ANNE:

From July 17 to July 25, we shall be having a novena to St Anne at 10:30 each morning at Holy Guardian Angels church. Everyone is welcome.

HGA: Planning for our 200th Anniversary of Holy Guardian Angels Parish continues with dialogue and exchange of ideas as we commemorate this significant milestone. The next meeting will take place on **Sunday, July 10th, L'Ardoise Community Centre starting at 2:00 P.M.** As we

reflect on so much history let us give thought to a theme for the anniversary.

The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market: Dates: July 16, 30, August 13, 27, September 10, 24, October 8 The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. The outdoor market will run bi-weekly starting Saturday June 4th ending the season on Saturday October 8th, 2022.

SJB: Weekday Mass at St. John the Baptist will be in the main part of the church until the fall.

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Summer Job Posting:

The Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Antigonish

Job Description – Reception Summer Student

Position Description:

Provides administrative support to various programs of the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Sydney. **Job Duties:**

Donations and receipts:

Maintain data base for all donations for Mass for Shut Ins, the Settlement Fund and Diocesan Operating Fund.

Copy and forward all cheques and cash to accounts receivable Clerk for posting.

Issue income tax receipts for any donations and bequests received. Coordinate with Managing Director/Financial Administrator for any larger donations.

Emmaus Center:

Provide assistance to customers coming to the Emmaus Book Store and process all sales for the book store (Retail operation)

Complete end of day reports to ensure sale and cash/debit/credit are balanced each day Assist in inventory control and shipping-receiving when required

Run monthly statements for customers which are to be mailed or emailed

Provide quarterly statements and invoices for internal customer accounts to proper program/department for payment.

Other Duties:

Receive and direct visitors following all NS Department of Health protocols.

Manage emails from Chancery, Liturgy and Bishop’s office for distribution to Priests, Deacons and other parish personnel on a timely basis.

Operate and maintain telephone system
Retrieve Mail for Business office, open and redistribute and complete proper information sheet with another person from the Business Office

Photocopy all cheques and forward copies to accounts receivable clerk for processing and ensure cheques are put in vault until they are deposited.

Operate photocopier and postage machine and coordinate service calls.
Order supplies as required. Maintain filing system for copies of cheques (Operating System only)
Provide administrative support for program directors and coordinators

Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

Should be enrolled in Administrative -assistant program diploma from a community college Demonstrated computer skills in Microsoft Office, including Access Data Base Experience with Sage an asset.

Knowledge and Skills:

Knowledge of the Diocese of Antigonish, Parishes and Programs
Strong organizational Skills

Other Requirements:

In accordance with policy all successful applicants will be required to complete a criminal record check

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From Bishop Kirkpatrik July 5, 2022

Pastoral Appointments

I am pleased to announce the following pastoral appointments. The appointments are effective on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, unless otherwise noted. I am grateful for the co-operation of our priests and deacons and the assistance of our Personnel Committee.

- Rev. Conrad Edwards**, Pastor of St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury to Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River
Rev. Joby Augustin, CFIC, Pastor of St. Peter, Port Hood, Stella Maris, Inverness, St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove to Pastor of St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury, and Holy Trinity, Waycobah
Rev. Dennis Lamey, Pastor of St. Theresa, Sydney and St. Mary Polish

Parish, Whitney Pier

to Pastor of Immaculate Conception, Heatherton, St. Andrew, St. Andrews, and Ste. Croix, Pomquet

Rev. Evo Di Pierro, Pastor of Stella Maris, Louisburg, St. Joseph, Albert Bridge, Immaculate Conception, Main-a-Dieu to Pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Sydney, and Administrator of the St. Mary Polish Parish, Whitney Pier

Rev. Alphonsus Iwuji, Pastor of St Peter, Ingonish, St. Margaret, St. Margaret Village, St. Joseph, Dingwall to Pastor of Stella Maris Parish Louisbourg, St. Joseph Parish, Albert Bridge, Immaculate Conception, Main-a-Dieu.

***Rev. Jonas Uwaezuoke**, Administrator of St Peter, Ingonish, St. Margaret, St. Margaret Village, St. Joseph, Dingwall

Rev. (Gustave) Daniel Tshimbalanga Musakay, CFIC, will become Pastor of Stella Maris, Inverness, St. Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove.

Rev. Godwin Obike, SMMM, Administrator of St. Joseph, Little Bras d'Or; St. Anne, Alder Point; St. Joachim, Boularderie will become Administrator of St. Leonard, NewWaterford

Rev. Chinonso Francis Alaribe, SMMM, will become the Administrator of St. Joseph, Little Bras d'Or; St. Anne, Alder Point; St. Joachim, Boularderie

***Rev. Victor Ozonoh** of the Diocese of Awgu, Nigeria will become Administrator of the St. Mary, Frenchvale, Mary Queen of the World, Wagmatcook, St. Michael, Baddeck, St. Andrew, Boisdale and St. Columba Iona

Rev. Richard Philiposki, S.Chr. (Society of Christ), from Diocese of Las Vegas appointed Chaplain to serve at St. Mary Polish Parish in Whitney Pier

Rev. Albert MacPherson OSA appointed Chaplain of Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Monastery

Rev. Bedford Doucette appointed as Producer for Mass for Shut-Ins

Rev. Conrad Edwards appointed as Provincial CWL Spiritual Advisor until June 2024.

Rev. Eugene Morris will serve at St. Peter, Port Hood, until an Administrator is appointed

* New priests who will be arriving to serve here

***Rev. Tom Stephan** from the Diocese of Miao, India

***Rev. Raphael Ikechukwu Nwokolo** from the Diocese of Umuahia, Nigeria

***Rev. Sunny Sebastian** from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, Kerala, India

***Rev. Macleen Anyanwu Ejiogu**, SMMM from Nigeria, coming in November

Retirement / Transfer / Leave of Absence / Sabbatical

Rev. James Oliver will retire as Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

We thank him for serving as Administrator these past few months

Deacon Leo Penny serving at St. Leonard, New Waterford has retired effective July 2, 2022.

Rev. Vargheese Varghese IMS, Pastor of St. Mary, Frenchvale, Mary Queen of the World, Wagmatcook, St. Michael, Baddeck, St. Andrew, Boisdale and St. Columba Iona will be transferring to Archdiocese of Halifax - Yarmouth to serve as Administrator of Divine Mercy Parish, Dartmouth

Rev. Andrew Gillies is granted a Sabbatical

Deacons

Deacon Michael McCarvill will serve at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

Deacon Lorne MacNeil will serve at St. Leonard, New Waterford

Deacon Berkley Guthro will serve as the Bishop's Delegate for Responsible Ministry

Deacon Barry Miller will serve as a member of the Diocesan Finance Council

Seminarians

Following his summer pastoral internship year at St. John the Baptist, New Glasgow with Father Thomas MacNeil, seminarian **David Rankin** will return to St. Augustine's Seminary in September for his third year of Theology

After completing a Spiritual Year at the Seminary, **Joseph MacMaster** will begin his first of Theology at St. Augustine Seminary, Toronto in September.

Executive Assistant to the Bishop

Cathy Walsh has retired effective June 30, 2022, as Executive Assistant to the Bishop but she will continue to serve when needed as Vice-Chancellor and Archivist.

Paula Kirk will serve as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop effective July 4, 2022

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Sea Sunday Message 2022 (10th July 2022)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, beloved chaplains, volunteers, friends and supporters of Stella Maris:

On the second Sunday in July every year Christian communities celebrate Sea Sunday. Today we call to mind the essential work of more than a million seafarers who work on ships transporting goods around the world every day of the year. Those who live inland rarely see ships or the seafarers who work on them. Even those who live on the coast usually only see a ship ‘out there’ on the horizon. **No-one can see the thousands of ships sailing over the horizon. They are invisible. But they are there. And so are the seafarers who work on board, not only keeping the world economy moving but also directly impacting upon the daily life of every one of us.**

Day in, day out, they provide the goods we use and consume, and without them the quality our lives would be considerably poorer. To understand how essential they are, we need only bring to mind the possessions in our homes and workplaces, and the food on our tables. Let us ask, ‘Where does it come from?’ It is seafarers who enable us to enjoy what we have. And we must remember that seafarers work every day of the week, every week of their contract, to provide everything we have. How much we want to say, ‘Thank you!’ Now is the time to try and imagine seafarers’ life and the daily challenges they endure for us.

Over recent years the maritime world has been hit by a series of crises. Increased demand for goods has led to more ships being held at anchorage for longer periods of time. The war in Ukraine means that ships now face the impossible task of navigating through the mines in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. Many vessels have been sunk and human lives have been lost during this unjust and immoral war. The global pandemic meant that over 400,000 seafarers have been stuck on board, unable to leave the ship at the end of their contracts and return home to their families. Instead, they continue to work every day becoming increasingly exhausted. Replacement crews have been unable to join ships which has spelled economic disaster for some because they have been unable to provide for the daily needs of their loved ones. In every case, seafarers have no choice. 2 Some shipping companies appear to be the only ones who have profited financially from the series of crises which have disrupted the global supply chain. It is regrettable, to say the least, that companies have only shared a tiny fraction of the exorbitant revenue they have enjoyed with seafarers or spent on improving welfare facilities in ports for the short period of time they are alongside. Companies may receive the money, but it is seafarers and their families who pay the price. It comes as no surprise that enforced extended contracts result in physical and psychological exhaustion which can lead to human error with dangerous consequences. Longer periods on board, enforced separation from their loved ones, and not being allowed to go ashore has led to seafarers feeling even more isolated and depressed than normal. We must remember that they, too, are human beings. They have the same needs as everyone else. The difference is that, being ‘invisible’, they are easily ignored. But we must not ignore them because we rely on them. We need them. Safe navigation, security and protection of the marine environment rely on seafarers enjoying good mental health.

The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) requires companies to provide decent and clean accommodation, nourishing food, a safe working environment, proper hours of work and shore leave. Sadly, the significant gains made since MLC came into force in 2013 have been seriously undermined. Let us take the issue of shore leave. The ability to leave the vessel and go ashore, if only for a short time, is crucial for seafarers’ wellbeing. Most of us take for granted the freedom we have to go outside, enjoy open spaces, place our feet on firm ground or soft grass and see

different people. But seafarers have no such freedom. They cannot leave the ship, and every day they walk on metal floors and see the same faces. The only way they can share in the freedom we enjoy is to have access to shore leave. They may only have a couple of hours but that can make all the difference.

At the height of the pandemic and before the vaccination campaign for seafarers began, governments and companies understandably cancelled all shore leave. Seafarers were required to stay on board to avoid infection and spreading the virus. But as the situation continues to improve around the world, countries are opening their borders and lifting restrictions. Most people are now able to move freely again. But not seafarers. And this is a gross injustice. Even though they are fully vaccinated, seafarers are frequently denied the free movement we enjoy. Why? Because several governments and shipping companies still refuse to allow seafarers to go ashore. To add insult to injury, some seafarers are allowed to go ashore if they are the ‘correct nationality’. This discrimination is as unjust as it is immoral. Everyone needs to remember that seafarers’ innate dignity as human beings must be respected. They must be treated equally, without any discrimination, and afforded the same opportunity to leave the narrow confines of the vessel and go ashore, if only for a brief time, to unwind and relax, wherever they are in the world. The pandemic must no longer be used as an excuse for banning the crew from going ashore. As long as they take the necessary precautions, seafarers have the right to put their feet on dry ground and meet people other than their colleagues on board.

Chaplains and volunteers of Stella Maris make an urgent appeal to governments and shipping companies around the world to ensure that seafarers have the right to go ashore! Today, on this Sea Sunday, we thank seafarers for their hard work. We pray that they remain strong in the face of difficulties and challenges in life. And we entrust to Mary, Star of the Sea, the commitment and dedication of the chaplains and volunteers around the world who serve them.

Card. Michael Czerny S.J.

Prefect