

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. John 13:34

Love is man's first and constant vocation. Love is the summary of the whole Bible. Love is the secret of the saints, the necessary way to God. It is the means to reveal God's heart to other men. But the beauty of God's love must show itself fresh and new in every Christian; for beauty, to delight and attract, must be fresh as the morning. Every deed of vital love, performed by us in our personality which nature and grace have fashioned, is like the morning of time itself. "God is love" in its mysterious fullness and infinite freshness. Utterly King and Lord, He unites the baptized of every nation in the one Mystical Body of Christ, by the one Holy Spirit, under the one Mother Mary.

Sunday Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from Acts 14:21-27. Last week we heard of St. Paul's experiences at Antioch in Pisidia during his first missionary journey. Their visit had ended on a sour note as Paul and Barnabas were expelled. The reading ended with "the two shook the dust from their feet in protest and went on to Iconium. Their disciples knew only how to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Today we hear of the conclusion of this first missionary journey where Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps back through Antioch in Pisidia on their way back to Antioch in Syria where they had begun their journey.

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of Revelation 21:1-5a. For the past three weeks we have had as our second reading an account of John's privileged vision of the heavenly liturgy where he has seen the eternal sacrifice being offered to God the Father by His Son, The New and Eternal High priest and sacrifice. We have heard also the prayers being offered by the faithful. We now go to the end of John's account as he describes the Heavenly Jerusalem. It was Jesus' mission to go to the earthly Jerusalem to offer His sacrifice — this shows us the path that we must follow to reach the Heavenly Jerusalem so that we can dwell with Him there forever.

The **Gospel** is from John 13:31-33a, 34-35. We are disciples, followers of Christ, but how many of us would pass the test that Christ himself lays down for deciding who are his true followers? The word "charity" unfortunately has come to have a very restricted meaning in our present-



day vocabulary. It signifies giving an alms, a gift of money to a needy person. This is but a very small part of the true charity, true love of neighbor which Christ made the distinguishing mark of the true Christian. He who truly loves his neighbor must be interested, first and foremost, in those things which concern that neighbor's most important purpose in life, his eternal salvation.

Here is where so many good Christians fail in true charity. Effective interest in missionary activity is a case in point. Practical help in parochial matters, taking part in the various societies which are intended to build up and strengthen the faith and the devotion of the members of the parish is another obligation of true charity. So many seem to think it is no concern of theirs but it is. Advising and encouraging, with true Christian kindness, a neighbor who is beginning to grow lax in his attendance to his Christian duties, or who is forming habits or alliances which, if unchecked, will bring misery and suffering to his family, and scandal to the neighborhood, and even the possibility of his own eternal destruction, is also an exercise of real Christian charity.

There are thousands of broken homes today which would not be broken if there was true charity in those homes not only in the heart of the offender but in the hearts of the offended. There are thousands in jails and in hospitals of rehabilitation today who would not be there if their families and neighbors fulfilled their obligation of Christian charity. There are many, far too many, lapsed Catholics in the world today, who would not have lapsed had true charity been practised by their relatives and neighbors. And, last but not least, there are millions of people who have remained outside the Church of Christ because the hall-mark of charity which Christ said was its distinguishing mark was tarnished or invisible. Each one of us could, with great profit, spend a few moments today looking into ourselves and comparing our thoughts and our words and our actions with the thoughts, words and actions of love which Christ expects from his followers.

It is never too late to mend. Begin today to take a true Christian interest in the spiritual fate of your family and neighbors. Where words have already failed perhaps, try prayer and example. The grace of God will cooperate with your sincere, charitable effort.

—Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

please call the office:

Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei

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 call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.

Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, May 20, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

+Joe, John & Murdock Rehberg

Saturday, May 21, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+Lawrence, Clara, Ralph & James Bona

Sunday, May 22, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+Eileen Yuille

SP 10:30 AM

* Special Intentions

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

May 7, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$928.00
Candles	34.00
Dues	5.00
Priesthood Education	5.00
Initial Offering	8.00
Share Lent	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00

Total **\$ 990.00**

St. John the Baptist

May 8, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 926.00

Total **\$ 926.00**

St. Peter's

May 8, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 770.00
Candles	32.00
Parish Dues	110.00
Cemetery fund	50.00
Cemetery Road Upgrade	40.00

Improvement fund	280.00
Altar Society	10.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,292.00</u>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thank you for supporting our ticket raffle on the Handquilted Queensize Quilt. The winner was Nathaniel Legere. Monies raised \$486.00. Quilt creator was Doris Carter and friends. Thank you for your creativity as it was much appreciated.

St. Peter's Parish Altar Society

SP: Next parish council meeting will be held on Monday May 16, 2022 in St. Peter's Glebe basement at 6:00 PM

SJB: **Mass of the Resurrection and burial** for +**Donnie Richard** will be on Friday, **May 27, 2022 at 11:00 AM**. Masks suggested but not mandatory.

For all parishes: The Richmond Co. Men's Choir is actively singing again. The men sing in a different parish in Richmond Co. one **Sunday/Saturday** of each month (excluding July & August). If you love to sing, come join us! We practice in Louisdale Church every second week from 7:15 PM till 8:15 PM. Our next practice will be on May 11th. Choir will be in Glendale on May 29th at 10:00 AM Mass.

Priests' retreat will be held from Monday, May 23 until Friday, May 27th via Zoom.

Retired Teachers Organization: A special presentation for retired teachers of Richmond and Inverness will be held on May 24th-10:00 am in the Shannon room of the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre. Executive Staff Officer, Stacey Samson, will be discussing "Carepath Services" including, Your Wellness Partner Program, Health Care Assist Programs, Cancer Assist Programs and Senior Care Assist Programs. All are encouraged to attend this important session.

Upcoming Events

May 15, 2 pm

St. Michael's Hall, East Margaree

Synod conversation hosted by the Margaree Family of Churches

Share your experience of Church and your hopes for the future with your fellow parishioners. There will be small group discussion as well as large group sharing. It will be an experience of listening to what others have to say with no judgment or critique in a safe environment. Your input is important for our Synod journey as a Diocese. All are welcomed to attend.

Wednesdays, May 18-June 1

Webinar series: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*

Deadline to Register: May 16

This three-part series will explore the call to be a synodal Church that listens and discerns together. Keynote speakers include His Eminence Gérald Cyprian Cardinal Lacroix, Dr. Moira McQueen, Mr. David Dayler, and Sister Chantal Desmarais, SCSM.

Link to
register: https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xYg1RDBCRueTvMI7Ga916Q

Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar.

Beginning 18 May 2022, the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a webinar series, For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission. This three-part series will explore the Church's call to synodality and its themes. Keynote speakers include, His Eminence Gérald Cyprian Cardinal Lacroix (June 1), Dr. Moira McQueen (May 18), Mr. David Dayler (May 18), Sr. Chantal Desmarais, SCSM (May 25).

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Friday, June 3

Deadline in our diocese for individual and group submissions to the Synod

Email: ListeningChurch@dioceseofantigonish.ca or jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Mail: Listening Church, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, PO Box 100, Stn A Sydney NS. B1P 6G9

Phone: Jennifer Hatt, 902-759-2181

Save The Dates!

Stay tuned for details

Sunday, June 5, 3 pm

St. Ninian Cathedral

Closing celebration for the diocesan listening phase of the Synod of Bishops

Mass celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, followed by a light reception

Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 pm

Holy Family Church, Sydney Mines

'Mama's Faith'

A tribute to mothers and their faith in stories and song

Pray- Connect - Share Your Story - Diocese of Antigonish

Welcome and invitation from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick: Synod = Journey Together Now through May 2022, our diocese is engaged in the Synod journey, inviting individuals and groups to share their stories, opinions, thoughts on the church past, present and future. Information gathered during this time will be compiled into a 10-page report

www.antigonishdiocese.com

www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch

The website of the diocese has many items, too many to repeat in a parish bulletin. Go to www.antigonishdiocese.com

