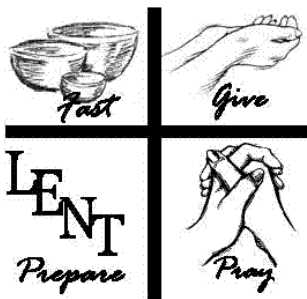


**THE BULLETIN FOR
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REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	St. Barra Parish St. Columba Church, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Barra Parish St. Andrew's Church, Boisdale	5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	6 p.m.
Sundays	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m.
Sundays	Queen of the World Wagmatcook	10:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020 -- June 12 - 14 -- Membertou, Sydney: *What does Pope Francis mean by Eucharist Culture attitudes?* **COMMUNION:** Pope Francis says that communion is established with the Lord and among the faithful at Mass where we are nourished by His body and blood. Archbishop Dunn stated “*Christ is present in our gathering (thus the importance of the ministry of hospitality), in the Word (thus the importance of the ministry of lector), in the ministry of the priest (thus the importance of ministers of service) and in his Body and Blood (thus, the importance of communion ministers). The Second Vatican Council proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is “the source and summit of the Christian life” for we all draw our very life from the Eucharist. From the Eucharist, we receive our spiritual power as Church and are then sent on mission to “go therefore and make disciples” (Mt 28:19).*” **SERVICE:** The Pope explained that the attitude of service impels the Eucharistic community to be present in places of frailty, under the shadow of the cross, in order to share and to bring healing. He said that through spiritual and corporal works, the balm of mercy can be poured in numerous places and situations, such as families in difficulty, young people and adults without work, the sick and the elderly who are abandoned, migrants experiencing hardship and acts of violence, and many other forms of poverty. In these places of wounded humanity, the Pope said, “*Christians celebrate the memorial of the Cross and make living and present the Gospel of Jesus the Servant, by spreading the seeds of a Eucharistic culture by becoming servants of the poor.*” **MERCY:** The Pope said we complain about the “*corrosive river of misery*” flowing through our society, such as oppression, arrogance, cruelty, hatred, forms of rejection and lack of concern for the environment. But, he said, this swollen river is powerless against the “*ocean of mercy*” that inundates our world. The Eucharist, he said, “*is the wellspring of this ocean of mercy that helps form the image and structure of the People of God suited to our modern age.*” The Holy Father hopes that a Eucharistic culture would be capable of inspiring men and women of good will in the fields of charity, solidarity, peace, family life and care for creation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place at St. Columba Church, Iona, on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. before the 4 p.m. Mass. We ask that the Altar Servers scheduled for the Saturday Masses be at the Church in time for the Stations of the Cross.

SHOUT FOR JOY YOUTH RALLY: The Diocese of Antigonish Youth Ministry Presents Shout for Joy Youth Rally on Sunday, April 26, @ 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Leonard's Pastoral Center, 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan, New Waterford. Free admission to the hottest Event of the Season for youth. Please register by April 1, by contacting Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on CTV.

THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held on Friday, March 6, at 2 p.m. at Alderwood, Baddeck. Theme for this year is "Rise, Take up Your Mat & Walk". Please join us for this Ecumenical gathering sponsored by Knox, Greenwood & St. Michael's.

ST. BARRA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place on Sunday, March 8, at 1 p.m. at St. Columba Parish Centre.

FAMILY SQUARE DANCE with Mike Hall on Saturday, March 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Branch 124, Grandona Legion, Iona. Come kick up your heels at our family square dance and help us reboot the square dance tradition of our area. If you don't know the set, don't worry. There will be coaches on hand to help you learn our local set. Come on out for an evening of culture, kinship and fun. This is an event for everyone. Admission: \$8 for 19 years and older. 18 years and under are free (must be accompanied by a parent/guardian). Hosted by Branch 124 Legion. Members and guests of all ages are welcome. The bar will be open. Thanks to Branch 124 Legion, Baile nan Gàidheal/Highland Village, and Iona Heights Inn, for their support of our dances.

A MEETING of the Boisdale Historical Society will take place on Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at the Boisdale Fire Hall. Everyone welcome.

YOGA at the Boisdale Fire Hall on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact Anita at 902-871-2074.

EXERCISE CLASSES for older adults (age 50+) on Thursdays, at 10 a.m. at the Boisdale Fire Hall. For further information, contact Marie at 902-578-9070.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are held in Boisdale, St. Andrew's Church - upstairs - every Friday night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Iona Parish Hall - every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please call 902-562-8019 for more information.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, Mar. 7 - 4 p.m. - Stations: Shelly. Readers - James, Peggy MacNeil. Eucharistic Ministers - Elizabeth (The Bread), Angela (The Cup), Florence (The Cup). Hospitality - Patsy & Lorne, Brad, John Neil. Altar Servers - Grace, Katherine, Simon. **MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, Mar. 7 - 5:30 p.m.** - Readers - Anita, Blaine. Eucharistic Minister - Blaine. Hospitality - Len. Altar Server - Emma. **MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, Mar. 8 - 9 a.m.** - Readers - Eileen M., Marlene MacL. Eucharistic Minister - Bernice Grant. Church Cleaner for the week of Mar. 1 - Jeanette MacDonald.

OFFERINGS St. Columba St. Mary's St. Andrew's St. Michael's (Feb. 22/23)

Envelopes	\$ 899.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 660.00
Loose	52.00	3.00	30.45	27.00
Direct Deposit	50.00	245.00		
St. Barra Cem	45.00			
Cemetery		10.00		
Initial Off.	10.00			
Building Fund	35.00			25.00