

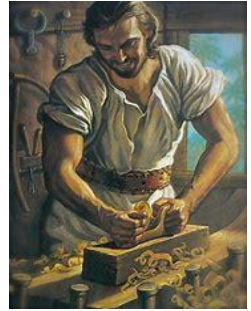


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February 20th, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

† FEBRUARY 20TH, 2022 †

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions
Mon. Feb. 21st	Private Mass			For Marilyn Cole
Tues. Feb. 22nd	Private Mass		Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	For Aloyzas Toleikis
Wed. Feb. 23rd	Private Mass		St. Polycarp, Bishop	For Marguerite Higgins
Thurs. Feb. 24th	Private Mass			For The Sick
Fri. Feb. 25th	Private Mass			For The Homeless
Sat. Feb. 26th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For All Lay Ministers
Sun. Feb. 27th	St. Joseph Church	10am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday		10 am Mass Sunday	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR				
GREETERS				
USHERS				
READERS	Frank McNamara		John Ratchford	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS				
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy		Deacon Roy	
Cleaning of Church	Team		Team	
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk		Calvin Gracie	

PARISH NEWS

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are now available at the entrance of the church.

Furnace Fund

As you may know, we are in need of a new furnace for our church. Under ordinary circumstances we do not fundraise, but this is an example of extra ordinary circumstance. If you are able to help out during these difficult times, you can place your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it and place it in the collection basket. For those who do not have an envelope number, you can write your name and address on the envelope and a tax receipt will be issued to you. Donations can also be dropped off at the office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Ash Wednesday

Mass times for Ash Wednesday will be :

Wednesday March 2nd at **12:15pm.** and **6:30 pm.**

Church capacity is now at 150 people. Social distancing and mask wearing are still required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For the Peace of Christ

God, my Father,
 From You I have my being.
 Be close to me and hear my prayer.
 Look upon me in my moments of need,
 for You alone can give me true peace.
 May I share in the peace of Christ.
 Gifts without measure
 flow from Your goodness to bring me peace.
 My life is Your gift.
 Guide my life's journey,
 for only Your love makes me happy.
 Keep me strong in Your love
 and give me Your grace.
Amen.

What was the fall of the angels?

This expression indicates that Satan and the other demons, about which Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church speak, were angels, created good by God. They were, however, transformed into evil because with a free and irrevocable choice they rejected God and his Kingdom, thus giving rise to the existence of hell. They try to associate human beings with their revolt against God. However, God has wrought in Christ a sure victory over the Evil One.

Further reading: CCC 391-395, 414

HALL NEWS

Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free.

The finance committee created *new hall envelopes* that are available. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU

February 13th, 2022

Envelopes		2125.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		30.00
Candles		75.00
Faith Formation		
Fuel		265.00
Total		2495.00
Hall Fund		70.00
Preauthorized Debit		
Furnace Fund	February 13th	790.00

DIOCESAN NEWS



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(Pastoral note

2/2022)

February 11, 2022 (Our Lady of Lourdes - World Day of the Sick)

My Dear Clergy and My Dear People,

In providing a COVID-19 update on Wednesday, Premier Tim Houston and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that the province will enter Phase One of a three phase re-opening plan with less restrictive measures effective Monday, February 14, 2022.

We will need to continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing but now faith gatherings indoor and outdoors may have up to 50 % capacity. Congregational singing is permitted with masks. Wearing a mask is required when performing except when musicians are singing or playing a wind instrument. Masks are recommended for choirs.

Weddings and funerals may be celebrated following the same protocols of 50% capacity including visitation and receptions with

social distancing and masks. Congregational singing is permitted with masks. Masks are recommended for choirs.

Our regular faith services do not require proof of vaccination but weddings and funerals still do, unless there are only there are only 25 people or less in attendance. Proof of vaccination is not required for officiants. Receptions and visitation are only permitted with proof of vaccination.

I support these directives and I instruct that our churches follow these provincial protocols. Please find details of this re-opening plan with the following link at <https://novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/>

Let us entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who assist the suffering to Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm.

Fraternally in Christ,

+ *Wayne Kirkpatrick*

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Welcome to our Synod Update!

We invite you to use and share this information in your parish bulletins, website, social media, handouts and mailouts.

If you have any questions or requests, please contact me at any time.

With thanks,

- Jennifer

on behalf of the diocesan Synod team

Pray - CLICK - Share Your Story

with our online Synod survey, available in English and French.

Between the pandemic and this stormy winter, connecting with each other in prayer, words and actions is more challenging than ever. Your participation in this survey will provide valuable information for the Synod and an opportunity for you to be heard.

This survey is anonymous. Information collected in this survey will be compiled with data acquired through all individual and group engagements during the Synod journey into a 10-page summary report that will become part of Canada's submission to the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome in 2023.

Find the survey, in English and French, on our website:

www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch.

How Do We Walk Together as Church?

Embracing Pope Francis' New Call to Synodality
Online event with speakers Dr. Moira McQueen and Dr. Massimo Faggioli

Wed., Feb. 16, 12 -1 pm (Atlantic time)

What is synodality, and why does it matter to ordinary Catholics today?

Join authors Moira McQueen and Massimo Faggioli for a robust conversation on the topic of Synodality and how the faithful at all levels can participate in Pope Francis' call to solidarity and contribute to a rich reflection on a vibrant future for the Catholic Church.

Event is free with registration:

[https://mailchi.mp/bayard-inc/explore-bidens-first-100-days-rsvp-today-830723?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/bayard-inc/explore-bidens-first-100-days-rsvp-today-830723?e=[UNIQID])

Walking Together: A Primer On The New Synodality, by Dr. Moira McQueen

can be purchased from the Emmaus Centre bookstore.

To place your order, email: irene@dioceseofantigonish.ca

or phone 902-539-6188 or toll free 1-800-656-5311 ext 241

Engagement resources for hosting parish and community conversations

A facilitator's guide and sample conversation tool are now available.

These tools can be used for virtual or in-person conversations.

The presentations have been creating in our diocesan online learning platform, the same system being used for the Finding God Online catechetical program and our virtual mental health and Advent resources.

To view the Synod presentation tools:

- Navigate to: <https://dioceseofantigonish.constantlearning.net/redeem>
- Enter your email address and password (create one if you're new to the system)
- Enter the code: 4VKICDIM If you need help logging in or have questions about the resources, contact Debbie Aker, daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca or Norma Blinkhom, norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Remember ...

Synod Posters and Prayer Cards

are available to parishes in both English and French, free of charge.

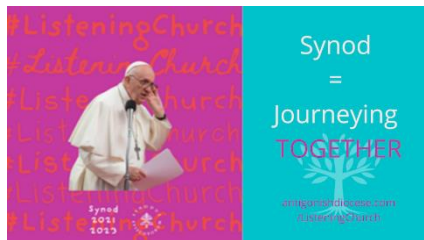
Does your parish need some, or need more?

Contact Jennifer with your order: 902-759-2181

or jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Thank you for joining us on this journey!

See you next Wednesday.



Synod = Journey Together

Pray Connect Share Your Story

www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch

CWL AND KOC NEWS

Pick-Up of Christmas Ornaments

The CWL would like to thank everyone who made a purchase during our 2021 Christmas Ornament Campaign. These funds allow us to meet parish and community commitments. The packaged ornaments have been grouped alphabetically, and are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please note that any orders not picked up by the end of February, the beginning of Lent, will have their tags removed and will be donated to the local Food Bank for 2022 Christmas distribution.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Depot of St. Vincent De Paul will be closed until further notice.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Cross Cemetery-would like to advise the public that due to the extreme icy roads at Holy Cross Cemetery, chains have been put up to stop traffic for the safety of all concerned.

Daniel MacKeough
Chair Holy Cross Cemetery

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than in attempting to satisfy them."

John Stuart Mill

Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Canada Suicide Prevention Service

1-833-456-4566 or Text. 45645

Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line: Call/text: 1-888-837-7678

info@abuse-free-sport.ca

www.abuse-free-sport.ca

Compassionate Community Care 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

End Human Trafficking

<https://blocktraffik.org/>

