



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9th, 2021

MASS TIMES—TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

MON-FRI	No Mass
SATURDAY	4:00 PM
SUNDAY	8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we did not have a Sunday Collection this week.

If you would like to continue supporting our Parish during these uncertain times, please mail your donation to:

St. Ninian Cathedral
P.O. Box 1628
Antigonish B2G 2L8

You can also contact Paula Kirk to learn how to e-transfer or set up pre-authorized debit.

Pre-authorized debit: For the month of May 2021, we will receive 87 donations totaling \$7,786 equaling \$1,557.2

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” 1 John 4:7



We believe that God is love so love must be God. When we see love in the world we see God. That is a powerful thing that we believe and it can inspire us to reach out in love to others. If we want to see God all we need to do is love.

COVID –19 UPDATE

Masses are suspended for the two-week lockdown period. However, we will proceed recording the radio mass, which will air on Sundays at 8:25AM on 98.9 XFM.

The Parish Office will remain closed to the public for this period. If you require any assistance, please contact the Parish Office by email (see below).

NEW EMAILS

- + Fr. Donald MacGillivray: pastor@saintninian.ca
- + Paula Kirk (Parish Manager): paulakirk@saintninian.ca
- + Front Desk (Manoela Strehl): admin@saintninian.ca
- + Leonarda MacNeil (Religious Ed.): religioused@saintninian.ca
- + Deacon Henry van de Wiel: deaconhenry@saintninian.ca

MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Mass for Shut-Ins will be aired on CTV every Sunday at 11:30AM. I am sure this will be much appreciated if people are unable to attend their parishes due to limited numbers allowed in buildings.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

If COVID restrictions allow we will have our Annual Parish Meeting of **May 30, 2021 at 2PM** upstairs in Saint Ninian Place. At this meeting we will present the parish financials for 2019 and 2020. Further the pastor will give his report.

Annual Meeting Saint Ninian’s Cemetery Care Company, May 30, 2021 at 2PM.

This meeting will take place just prior to the annual parish meeting upstairs in Saint Ninian Place.

(902) 863-2338

121 St. Ninian St, Antigonish NS

MON-FRI 9:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00-4:00PM

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ST. NINIAN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Communion Class (Grade Two): Parents will be contacted regarding Celebration of the Sacrament.

Grades 3-6: In-person classes are finished until the fall.

Confirmation Classes: Classes are finished.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP WAYNE KIRKPATRICK

With their third COVID-19 update in two days, Premier Iain Rankin and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Strang announced a province-wide shutdown for the next two weeks effective today [Wednesday, April 28th].

The directive mandates that there be no in-person faith gatherings in the province for the next two weeks. I support this shutdown and direct that our churches remain closed to the public until further notice. Our diocesan and parish offices will be closed to the public during this time.

The new variants of this pandemic have been spreading rapidly. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus by staying home and limiting our interaction with others. Our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, we pray that the patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally,
+ Wayne Kirkpatrick
(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Our Diocesan Youth Ministry is seeking young people aged 12-24 to join a series of virtual conversations about issues important to them in 2021 and how we as a faith community can respond to them. Next sessions are on May 8th.

Please check our Facebook page for more information.

FOOD BANK—URGENT !!!

The Antigonish Community Food Bank is in need of clean plastic and glass bottles with lids (all sizes). Thank you very much!

PANDEMIC PRAYER INVITATION:

NS Covid cases have risen in recent weeks. Through the media you have likely heard the firsthand testimonies and pleas from Doctors, and Nurses in other Provinces and countries describing the enormous stresses on Health Care workers particularly in hospitals when Covid case numbers increase dramatically. Hopefully, we are all doing our part to keep everyone safe and praying for all essential workers who are providing for our needs. In responding to the above testimonies, for the next month, **I invite interested people to sign up and join me on an on-line Prayer Group (using Zoom) to pray the Rosary daily with Scripture Readings for our local Doctors, Nurses, and all Health Care workers**, particularly those serving on the front lines in our hospital, their patients, and families. Our prayers are needed.

Please contact me at religioused@saintninian.ca or call and leave a message at 902-863-2338 extension #3. If you are interested in supporting this ministry but do not have Zoom or computer technology, let me know. Thank you.

Leonarda MacNeil, ofs Director of Religious Education & Covid Coordinator

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY IN MAY FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

Pope Francis is requesting that during this month of May, particularly dedicated to Our Lady, the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic. Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church while offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day. Among the Marian shrines chosen is that of Notre-Dame-du-Cap, in Trois-Rivières (Québec).

Daily prayers will be live broadcast through the official online channels of the Holy See. Further details are available on the Pontifical Council's website:

<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en.html>

"But in the heart of all this turmoil, we must not be demoralized; if men have the power to destroy, Our Lord's hand is infinitely more powerful to build. We need only be faithful to Him and let Him work." - St. Francois de Laval