



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY APRIL 12-13TH

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 8:30am - 10:30am

MONDAY MASS OF CHRISM APRIL 14TH

3pm

TUESDAY APRIL 15TH

9am Mass

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH

9am Mass

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 17TH

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7pm

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 17TH

Passion of our Lord

3pm

EASTER VIGIL HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 19TH

8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20TH

8:30am & 10:30am



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COLLECTION INFORMATION

April 6, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$4813.00

Maintenance Fund: \$45.00

Development & Peace: \$290.00

Restoration Friends: \$50.00

Pre-authorized payments April: \$10942.00

FOUNDATION-CEILING REPAIRS

Envelopes: \$1420.00

MASS OF CHRISM

Join us Monday, April 14th, 3:00 PM here in St. Ninian Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass is a special annual Mass where our Diocesan gather together to receive the new holy oils for the year.

Priests renew their promises and the Bishop blesses three different oils that are then distributed to the parishes: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism. All are invited to a reception after the mass.

THE TRIDUUM "THE THREE DAYS" APRIL 17-18-19

Lent officially ends the morning of Holy Thursday but the Holy Days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday are also days of fasting and (Good Friday) fasting and abstinence (no meat).

- **Holy Thursday** - There is no Funeral Mass or daily mass celebrated on this day.
- Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM. Following the Mass there will be Adoration until 10pm in room 018 SNP
- **Good Friday** - There is no 9:00 AM Mass today. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 PM, including veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.
- **Holy Saturday** - A day of quiet and preparation. There is no liturgy celebrated during the day today.
- **The Easter Vigil** - 8:00 PM Holy Saturday evening begins with the blessing of the fire.
- **Easter Sunday** April 20th. Mass at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Join us at the Cathedral, Good Friday evening at 8:00 pm, for At the Foot of the Cross, a reflection on our Lord's Passion in music, words and silence. For more information, contact Janet at jbecigneul@eastlink.ca

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, April 14th 8:30am -12:30pm
Tuesday, April 15th 8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday, April 16th 8:30-4:30pm
Thursday, April 17th 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday, April 18th CLOSED
Monday, April 21st CLOSED

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED

Theresa Grace, St. Andrews

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Francis MacDonald, rip

Wednesday

Phil Murley, rip

BAPTISM BLESSINGS

May God's grace and love guide you always in your journey of faith.

Malcolm David MacLean, son of Barrett and Catherine

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, April 12 from 10am - 1pm

Two Priests available each hour.

Tuesday April 15th for 6pm-7pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025.

The Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday April 18th

EASTER FLOWERS AND DECOR

Easter Flowers and Décor: The great celebrations of Easter will soon be upon us. Your Easter flower gifts in memory of loved ones or in honour of the living will help us as we prepare. There are "flower envelopes" available or you can simply label your gift "Easter flowers". The names of all those honoured by your gifts will be posted in our church bulletin and will be remembered in the Easter Masses.

Thank you

COME DANCE WITH US

The second last of the winter/spring Square Dance/Ceilidhs for 2025 will be April 13th, from 1:30pm -4:00pm. Featuring Dara Smith-MacDonald, Natalie DeCoste, Junior Fraser and Leona Williams. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, students by donation, and children are free. A light lunch is offered through the afternoon. This event is supported by Mac Donald Chrysler.

HELP THE SAVE OUR CEILING CAMPAIGN

The campaign is trying to create a list of former parishioners who have moved away, but are still emotionally attached to St. Ninian's. This list would be used to individually contact them and ask if they are willing to assist the parish in raising \$750,000 to fix the ceiling that is in danger of falling down. We will consider this information confidential and it will only be used for that purpose. There are sheets on the back tables that parishioners may fill out and they will be collected immediately.

MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED

Mass of Chrism, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass will be livestreamed.

MAY 7, 2025

SPRING DEADLINE FOR BISHOP POWER FOUNDATION

The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that:

a) empower the poor and/or

b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or

c) aid the missionary activity of the church

Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants.

Deadline is May 7 for consideration this spring.

To apply or for more information, visit:

www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP!

In Canada, about 300 innocent children are aborted every single day. Do you want to learn how to defend these

innocent pre-born children, and have meaningful conversations on abortion and the dignity of human life?

Join for training and hands-on experience doing pro-life outreach in Halifax, NS from May 2-6 (with a May 2-3 weekend option). You can learn pro-life strategy and

apologetics that will equip you to reach our culture to change minds and save lives. Application deadline: April

25th. See www.endthekilling.ca/halifax

PASTORS PICKS ON FORMED

As we mark Jesus' entrance into the city of Jerusalem and celebrate Palm Sunday, we now enter Holy Week, the holiest of all weeks of the year.

This week on Formed check out

Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

and walk with Jesus into Jerusalem, to the Cross, and finally to the joy of the Resurrection!

For kids, check out

Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids' Holy Week & Easter

Special. Join Minno kids Margot, Lexi, Miguel, and Logan as they continue their journey through Jesus' life and learn the story of Easter. This gentle retelling—from Jesus' miracles to the greatest miracle of all—His resurrection, will help kids understand why Jesus came to earth to be our Savior and our friend.

Formed is a streaming service that helps dive into the beauty of the Faith at home, on the go, or from any internet-connected device.

Sign up for FREE at <https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish.

MEETINGS

Liturgy Meeting

Tuesday, April 15 at 2pm

WEEKLY EVENTS

Prayer Group:

Tuesday - 6:30pm- Vestry- All Welcome

OCIA Gathering

Tuesday at 7pm

Breaking Open the Word

Wednesday at 9:30 am.

ST. NINIAN CWL BURSARY

Applications are available at the back of the church. If you are a 2025 grade 12 graduate and meet the criteria, you are invited to complete the application and return it to St. Ninian's Place at the office clearly marked: CWL Bursary application; c/o Kim Grant, or mail it (address in application) by May 1st.

CAMINO NOVA SCOTIA

This summer we are offering Caminos along the South Shore of Nova Scotia and on the Western shore of Cape Breton Island, both of which highlight the seaside beauty of our beautiful province. Join us on pilgrimage and discover more about yourself in community, as you also discover the Gaelic, Mi'kmaq, and Acadian histories of the Land under your feet.

Visit www.caminonovascotia.ca for more information.

SALMON SUPPER.

Lismore & District Community Center.

Sunday. April 13th, 4 to 6 p.m.

\$20/adult. Take outs available. For further details call 902-926-2589.

FEDERAL ELECTION: APRIL 28

As the federal election approaches, just after Easter, parishioners may be asking you for resources or guidance as they discern who they will vote for. As with previous Canadian elections, the online source Catholic Conscience offers Canadian Catholics a non-partisan Catholic guide to the approaching election which is on their website now:

<https://catholicconscience.org/canada/federal/2025federal/>. There are also a number of resources and reflections to help people make an informed and faith.

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD 4PM MASS

We Will celebrate the

STFX University Graduating Class of 2025.

Students will fill most ministries, and we encourage members of the Cathedral Parish and the wider community to join us in celebrating the achievements of these remarkable young people.

As part of the procession, we will light the X candle, which will be placed in the sanctuary. We would like to invite any STFX alumni in the parish interested in lighting one of the candles to contact

Muffy McIntyre at mmcintyr@stfx.ca.

Message from Father Danny:

On this Passion Sunday, Jesus teaches us what to do when we are faced with destruction and our persecutors and broken hearts: into the hands of God the Father, we are to place our spirits. In taking refuge in the Lord and allowing Him to love us in our weakness, we allow God to fill us with the light of faith and hope of salvation.

April has not been very spring like. I dare say it's been the worst of our winter so far. But with the full moon falling on Thursday, maybe things will start to turn around. Easter is late this year, so here's hoping we are blessed with beautiful weather for the Easter weekend.

On Wednesday evening twenty five, well prepared children, received for the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I'm not sure what happened with my religious education program, but it was not until grade eleven or twelve that I had my first confession during a parish mission in Inverness. I can only conclude that I was a very good boy!

As we enter Holy Week and Easter we enter a special kind of stillness with deep spiritual significance. Although it looks like a busy time with the extended liturgies it is more spiritual as the liturgies themselves speak for themselves. It's like the world slows down just enough to allow more space for prayer, reflection, and meaningful connection—without all the commercial noise there is less pressure, fewer distractions, that tends to surround other holidays. Even family time feels like there's room for quiet moments instead of just rushing around.

The CWL have been finalizing plans for the Diocesan Convention to be held here on April 26. That same weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday and the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Rome. I'll also be presiding at the wedding of a St.FX graduate—a joyful occasion to look forward to. Have a prayerful and meaningful week.

*God Bless,
Father Danny*