



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH


Antigonish, Nova Scotia

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 15, 2023

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 9AM - 12PM  
(902) 863-2338

For more information, refer to our website:  
saintninian.ca

 facebook.com/stninian.cathedral

## MASS TIMES

Tue-Fri: 9:00AM

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM

## NEW POLICIES AT ALL HOSPITALS

With new policies taking place at all hospitals- we are asked to respect the privacy and wishes of the patients when it comes to visits from clergy or parish hospital teams. If a patient wishes a visit, they are to call the parish office.

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

**October 9th, 2023:**

Sunday Collection: 5708.00

Pre-authorized payments (Oct) \$10,031.00

## THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN

Let us pray for our deceased family and friends

Francis MacDonald, Antigonish

Aileen Williams, James River

John William "Bill" Cameron, Ashdale

## SUNDAY MISSALS 2023-2024

Books will be available at the entrance to the Cathedral.  
\$5.00 each (envelope provided).

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST OCTOBER 21, 2023

Last Weekend Before the Prayer Breakfast Pick up your  
Tickets at the Parish Office  
8am, St. Ninian Main Hall. Guest speaker: Terry Broussard  
\$25.00/Ticket. Catered by Mary Grace  
Tickets available from Kenny Stewart 902 870 3354  
or Parish Office

## MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 17-20, 2023

### Tuesday, Oct 17

Elizabeth Taylor, r.i.p.

Buddy MacLean, r.i.p.

### Wednesday, Oct 18th

John Webb, r.i.p.

Aileen Williams, r.i.p.

Karl Knox, r.i.p.

### Thursday, Oct 19th

Evangeline Mass, r.i.p.

Aileen Williams, r.i.p.

### Friday, Oct 20th

Jean Babin, r.i.p.

Elizabeth Taylor, r.i.p.

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY SAINT NINIAN PRAYER CARD AND HYMN

Please refer to the prayer card located in the pews.

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY QUILT RAFFLE

Tickets at the Parish Office. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: SEPT 27TH TO NOV 5TH

Due to the annual Life Chain being cancelled because of road construction, after morning Mass on Tuesdays, the rosary will be prayed for the intention of the sanctity of human life.

## BE AMBITIOUS FOR THE HIGHER GIFTS

A Charism is a supernatural grace bestowed upon each of us by the Holy Spirit at Baptism so that we can bring the love and healing presence of Christ to others. We welcome you to check out Page 3 of the Online Bulletin.

*A message from  
Fr. Danny...*

Today's readings may challenge us to reflect on the ways we show up for God - and ways we may fall short.

We are members of God's chosen people baptized into the life of Christ and his church. May our minds and hearts be open to God's gracious invitation.

I write this as I prepare for my trip to Toronto.

Many thanks to my brother priests,  
Fr. Dan MacDonald, Fr Donald MacGillivray  
and Fr. Gary MacPherson for covering  
the weekend masses and funerals.

These priests have had to change their schedules  
and make homily preparations,  
so I thank them deeply.

Antigonish will be busy this weekend with  
StFX Homecoming and the CWL Bazaar.  
I wish all the best to all involved in these events.

The crows have returned to town and will be  
roosting in the trees at the Cathedral. I was told  
the reason for the return of the crows is to have  
the warmth from pavement and buildings, so  
much for me thinking it was for my homilies!

Have a great weekend.  
God bless,  
Father Danny

PARISH MEETINGS

Tuesdays

Prayer Group at 6:30pm in the Vestry  
All Are Welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul (first Tuesday of month) at 7pm

Wednesdays

Saint Ninian Choir rehearsal at 7pm in the church

St. Ninian Parish Foundation

October 24, 2023, 7pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grade 2 classes are starting Sunday Oct 15th at 11:30am-  
12:15 St. Ninian Place lower level.

We will have registration starting at 11:10am.  
\$10 per child/\$15 for a family.

Grade 7 & 8 classes started this Wednesday  
6:30pm-7:15 pm at St. Ninian Place lower level.

Grades 3-6 are Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm at  
Antigonish Education Centre.

For Confirmation classes contact  
[religioused@saintninian.ca](mailto:religioused@saintninian.ca) for a registration form.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - SEEKING FURNITURE  
DONATIONS

Bed, sofa, table and chairs are the urgent needs.

No appliances please!

902 863-8050

ST. NINIAN PARISH COMMUNITY  
FUNERAL RECEPTIONS MEETING

Thursday October 19, SNP Main Hall at 6pm

There will be an upcoming meeting to brainstorm how we,  
as a parish community, can move forward with providing  
funeral receptions.

Everyone is open to attend.

Call Valerie 902- 870-1907

DINNER & AUCTION

There will be a dinner auction on Saturday, October 21st at  
the St Andrews community center. This auction  
is a fundraising event for the grade 10 and 11  
École Acadienne de Pomquet Europe trip. Doors open at 5  
pm. This a silent and live auction event, with additional  
activities. The hot meal will be prepared by Mary Grace.

Tickets are 30\$. They are for sale at Hawthorne  
Convenience and Antigonish 5 to 1\$.

# Be Ambitious for the Higher Gifts

Charisms are graces given to us at Baptism (and Confirmation) so that we can bring the healing presence and love of Jesus Christ to others. Jesus said **"Each has his own special gift (charism) from God, one of one kind and one of another"** (1 Cor 7:7). **"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same spirit... To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, to another the utterance of knowledge"** (1 Cor 12:4, 8). Without the charisms we could not speak of the Church as a body because each of us has a unique gift (charism) given to us by God and a mission essential to bringing everyone into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Everyone has at least one charism and most people have two or more. We experience real joy, a sense of purpose, and a feel as if we've found our place in the world when we exercise our individual charisms. We are more effective and fruitful than we could ever be on our own because of the Holy Spirit having been poured into us. We are called to exercise our charisms at work, with family and friends, in the parish and in the broader community. Charisms generally manifests when we have developed a close relationship with God, often after a spiritual awakening or conversion experience, and when we meet the person who needs the gift because charisms are always for others.

Charisms are not natural talents. They can't be inherited from our parents, although they sometimes work together with your natural gifts. They enable us to be agents of God's mercy, love, beauty, truth, and healing.

**In the next few weeks, a summary of various charisms will be presented in the Bulletin for you to reflect upon in order to discern where the Holy Spirit is gracing your life and equipping you for His mission:**

**Teacher:** A person with this charism empowers others to learn information or skills because it will change their lives. They thrive on witnessing the great "Aha!" moment, when the learner grasps the implications of some new knowledge or skill. The information or skill being taught can be religious or secular, and the charisms can be used to teach either individuals or groups. Those with this charism concentrate on two things: (1) the content they wish to teach and (2) how best to get that content across to the person who needs to learn it. Even people, who normally do not like the subject, will suddenly find it surprisingly interesting. Teachers often find themselves making lesson plans in their heads, as soon as they have learned something new themselves. (Possible Expressions of the gift: Public School teachers, religious education, creator of educational curriculum, home-schooling parent).

**Hospitality:** Empowers someone with this charism to be a generous channel of God's love by warmly welcoming and caring for those (individual and groups) in need of food, shelter, and friendship. A person with this charism may welcome many individuals but they always see you. Hospitality can be exercised whenever people gather and is a very valuable charism for building community. It is beneficial in preparing people to evangelize because it engenders trust, curiosity, and openness.

**Leadership:** A person with this charism contemplates the world about them asking, "What can we do together to change things for the better?" When a disciple with this gift shares a vision, many find it so compelling that they want to join the effort to make the vision a reality. They typically found vision centered groups or organizations - St. Ignatius of Loyola gathered six men who became the first Jesuits. (Possible expressions of the gift: Pastor of a mission based church, vision-casting teacher/preacher).

Source: **Fruitful Discipleship**, Sherry A Weddell