



SAINT NINIAN
CATHEDRAL PARISH
Antigonish, Nova Scotia



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
November 23rd 2025

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Monday- Friday:
8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
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MASS TIMES

Tues-Fri: 9am
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Carleton MacNeil

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**CEMETERY PLOT
ARRANGEMENTS**

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Our Mission Statement

"St. Ninian Cathedral is the Episcopal Seat for the Diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. We humbly welcome all who wish to nurture their faith through sharing the Word, breaking the Bread, and celebrating God's love for us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to worship and serve God through prayer and service to God's people, and by striving to live our lives in the likeness and image of God."

MASS INTENTIONS:

Tuesday: Catherine of Alexandria

Apollonia Scolieri- RIP

Phillip MacLeod - RIP

Souls in Purgatory - RIP

Wednesday

Anna Slegers - RIP

Murray Teasdale - RIP

James MacGillivray - RIP

Thursday

Mary Connolly - RIP

Margaret Cogger - RIP

SIL

Friday

Catholic Women's League, living and deceased - RIP

Geraldine Cameron - RIP

Lavonne Thompson - RIP

REST IN PEACE:

We remember **Sr. Isabel MacLellan, (Sister St. James Patrick), CND.** For 49 years Sister generously shared life with the folks of Antigonish. She taught the elementary students both in the classroom and as a reading specialist. After retiring from teaching, she continued to give of herself in various ministries at St. Ninian's Parish. Sr. Isabel, formerly of Skye Glen, will be buried from St. Marguerite Bourgeys Parish, Sydney, on Monday.

SQUARE SET CEILIDH: THIS SUNDAY!

November 23rd, 1:30-4:00pm

SNP

Mairi Rankin, Junior Fraser, Leona Williams.

Entrance \$10.

SUPPORTED BY MACGILLIVRAY FUELS

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP: THIS SUNDAY!

Join us Sunday, November 23rd after both Masses in SNP

Celebrating the Feast of Christ the King.

HEATHERON GROUP HOME CONCERT

Friday, November 28th

Heatherton Community Centre

Contact Brenda Berkvens:

brendamberkvens@gmail.com

LIGHTS OF LOVE CAMPAIGN 2025:

The RK MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation invites you to donate to provide "Resident Mobility companions" along with other needs not covered by day-to-day operations of the facility. For information about donations visit www.rkmacdonald.ca

KOC CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

Pick up from November 28th onwards at
57 The Heights Rd.

\$25 for decorated wreaths

\$18 for undecorated wreaths

Contact Casey: 902-863-3234

IMPLICATIONS OF AI: THIS TUESDAY!

November 25th, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

SNP

This year's Vicar of the Founder Lecture features Fr. Philip Larrey, Ph.D., a Catholic priest, author, and professor of philosophy at Boston College. His scholarly work focuses on the philosophy of knowledge, critical thinking, and the impact of the digital era on society.

ADORE MORNING OF REFLECTION:

Saturday, December 6th, 9am-12pm

SNP

The day will begin with Mass, followed by reflections, discussion, and prayer. Coffee tea, and light refreshments will be provided.

CALLING ALL WOMEN TO JOIN OUR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Do you want to share your faith and work with other women to make a difference in the community in hours that work with your schedule? If the answer is yes, please consider joining the CWL of St. Ninian's Parish. Membership envelopes and information will be distributed in next week's bulletin. **For any questions, contact Toosje Van De Sande at 902-863-3234.**

MAID - A CATHOLIC RESPONSE:

Bishop Kirkpatrick has requested that every parish affirm that all life is sacred from conception to natural death and that Medical Assistance in Dying, also known as MAiD, is contrary to our Christian faith. Brochures titled 'A Catholic Response to Medical Assistance in Dying' are now available on our website:
<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/medical-assistance-in-dying-a-catholic-response/>

MEMORIAL BOWS:

Honour a loved one this Christmas by purchasing a memorial bow to adorn the trees in our church. Envelopes are available at the church entrance and can be placed in the regular collection. All proceeds are in support of
St. Ninian Parish Foundation Ceiling Campaign.

LIONS PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday Nov 30 from 9-12

13 Highland Dr Ext. Donations at the door for our local Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund. 50/50 tickets available also!

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING:

**Thursday, November 27th
Office Board Room**

ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30TH:

Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year of the Church. The cycles are broken into periods A, B, and C, and we are moving into year A, meaning the majority of the Gospel readings will be from St. Matthew.

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

November 16th, 2025

Sunday Collection: \$7735.25

Diocesan Levy: \$20

Priest's Pension: \$190

Pre-authorized payments (November): \$11,632

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CHEER:

St. Vincent de Paul are accepting requests for their Annual Christmas Cheer. Please call 902-863-8050. Cut-off date is December 12.

BOOK OF ALL SOULS:

We have placed our book of the names of the deceased at the main doors of the cathedral where you can place the names of your deceased loved ones. During the month of November we will remember them in all of our masses.

PASTOR'S PICKS:

This week the Holy Father spoke about the need for parish formation around the liturgy and encouraged us to learn more about the Liturgy of the Hours. Pope Leo went on to say the aim is "to foster the fruitful participation of the people of God as well as a dignified liturgy that is attentive to different sensibilities and sober in its solemnity."

To help us better understand the liturgy check out Elements of the Catholic Mass on Formed. The series is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass and consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos. There is even a study guide for each episode.

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Sunday after 10:30am Mass

Exploring our Catholic Faith

Tuesdays at 3:30

Vestry Prayer Group

Tuesday at 6:30pm

Religion Classes

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday at 7:00pm

Rosary

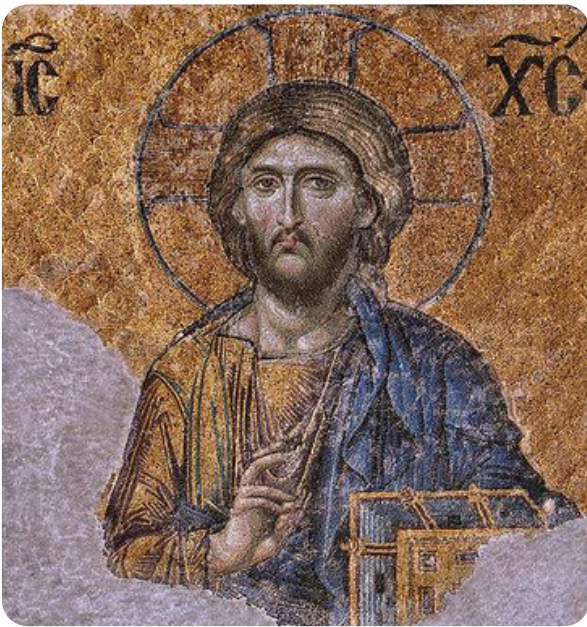
Wednesday after 9am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9am Mass until 3pm



O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray;
May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.

Amen.

Message from Fr Danny

We have come to the end of the church's liturgical year with the solemnity of Christ the King. In today's gospel we see how Jesus reigns not from a throne in a palace but from the cross. It is from this place that God's plan of unconditional love, mercy and forgiveness is put into action.

It's been a full and beautiful liturgical week. Many were deeply moved by the relics from the Martyrs' Shrine. It was especially meaningful to welcome so many from our Mi'kmaq communities, some dressed in traditional dress, paying respect to St. Kateri Tekakwitha. It was the first time they were able to venerate the relic of St. Kateri which made it so extremely moving. I was grateful to see so many from my former parish in Waycobah First Nation. Thank you to all from our parish who gathered with the wider diocese to pray, to seek healing, and to venerate the relics. Special thanks to the KoC for guarding the relics.

On Wednesday, we came together again to remember all who have died this past year those buried from the Cathedral parish, the St. FX Chapel, St. Martha's Chapel, as well as those whose funerals were held through the local funeral homes. It was a tender time of remembrance.

On Mondays and Thursdays, the skirl of the pipes and the steady beat of the drummers continue to fill the air in SNP, always a joy, and it's never too late to join in. This Sunday, we look forward to a Ceilidh with Mairi Rankin, Junior Fraser, and Leona Williams. We're blessed to have Mairi with us she's usually off touring with her band, Beòlach.

On Thursday evening, the Sisters of St. Martha hosted the priests of the diocese for a beautiful dinner as part of their 125-year celebrations. Sr. Brendalee and the Sisters, true to their Martha hospitality, offered warmth, welcome, and inspiring reflections from Marielle and Sr. Jovita. They really are something special.

Although early I must confess I'm loving seeing the Christmas lights on, the beautiful window displays in town shops, and trees decorated in family homes. Enjoy the parade!

God Bless, Father Danny



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
OF WELCOMING
REFUGEES.



THE LIGHT WE SHARE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 2025
7:00PM

SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL

FEATURING

ST. NINIAN'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

ANTIGONISH CHORAL ENSEMBLE

MARY BETH CARTY, JOHN PELLERIN, HEATHER MACISAAC

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: EMERY VAN DE WIEL

ADMISSION BY DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS TO
C.A.R.E & S.A.F.E



A CONCERT OF SACRED CHRISTMAS MUSIC