



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Tue-Fri: 9:00AM
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: 3:15PM - 3:45PM

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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."





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2nd Sunday of Lent
March 5th, 2023

COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 19th 2023:

Total Collection: \$4788.00

February 26th 2023:

Total Collection: \$5078.00

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN...

Let us pray also for our deceased parishioners and family members who have died:

John Joseph MacDonald, uncle of Joan Gillis, Fr. Bernie MacAdam, Marie Linden

Jeffrey Ernest Myette, husband of Darlene Myette, Antigonish

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the Risen Lord bring peace to all their families and friends.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS

Please pick up your tax receipt at Chancery Office, 168 Hawthorne Street.

KID'S BULLETIN

The Kid's Bulletin is available at the entrance to the Cathedral. Please share them with your children and grandchildren.

SAVE THE DATE - GUEST SPEAKER ON MAID (MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING)

April 29 and 30th, 2023

Deacon Larry Worthen, Christ the King Parish, Dartmouth will be with us at weekend masses in April.

He will share thoughts on MaiD and the widening legal euthanasia eligibility.

More details will be available as the dates approach.

FASTING CHALLENGE FOR SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Fast from worry...trust in the Lord

EMAIL AND SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Please write your name, address and email on the Sunday donation envelope. This will assist in recovering any lost computer data due to the flood earlier this month.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Paper copies of the Eucharistic Minister Schedule will be in the vestry. Please provide your email to admin@saintninian.ca so we can update the electronic distribution of future schedules. The schedule is also available on our website: saintninian.ca/resources

ST. NINIAN PLACE SURVEY

A survey asking parishioners their opinions regarding the renovations in Saint Ninian Place has been circulated. If you have not received the survey by email, but would like to contribute your thoughts and ideas, please visit our website saintninian.ca. The link to the survey can be found in the Home Page.

The information collected will be shared with relevant committees.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Break Open the Word is held every Wednesday at 9:30AM in the chrch vestry. We pray using Lectio Divina to meditate on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action;
he always needed to be doing something.
So on Mount Tabor, instead of contemplating
in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord,
he wanted to build three tents.

There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder,
for adoration in the presence of God.

A time to heed the words of the psalmist:

"Be still, and I know that I am God."

Sometimes we are too busy.

We would be better to be silent,

to be listening, to be wondering,

to be adoring in the presence of God.

DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH COUNCIL FOR D&P

Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

Today, we would like to invite you to participate in our Share Lent campaign. Our theme for 2023 is Create Hope: Stand for the Land.

What would you do if people showed up heavily armed at your front door, and demanded you leave your home? What if they represented a powerful corporation or had the police with them?

You might feel shocked, scared or angry. You might react with violence. Or you might comply, afraid for your family's life and future. This is not a choice anyone should have to make.

Every other day, a land or human rights defender is killed for defending his or her community's land and rights. Many more are forced from their homes by corporations and governments seeking to profit from oil, gas, mining and energy. Their way of life has become threatened: their waters are polluted, their forests are destroyed, and their land is seized or made uninhabitable.

In the face of this, you might ask: what can we do? Well, at Development and Peace we choose to support grassroots organizations that defend the dignity and the rights of the poor. These are our partners. Every day, thousands of faithful women and men heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, as Pope Francis exhorts us to do. Every day, they mobilize to speak out against injustices inflicted upon the poorest of the poor.

Every day, they call on us for support, for solidarity and for commitment. They "Stand for the Land", and we must stand with them.

We invite you to learn more about our campaign. There are resources on Development and Peace's website at devp.org. Together, we will learn about the lifesaving and life-changing work of our partners in places like Colombia, Honduras and Cambodia. We ask that you consider financially supporting our Share Lent campaign or becoming a monthly donor. Your donations can be the difference for many between life and death, dignity and social inequality, hope and despair. Our partners are strong, but they cannot do this work alone. No one can. Together we can take a stand for human dignity, create

ORANGE BARREL PROJECT (IN SUPPORT OF ANTIGONISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICE)

Now that our barrels are located at the Church, our donation count has increased. The donation for the month of December and January was \$400.10.

More information is provided in a letter from Peter and Jeanne which is available at the entrance to the Cathedral. For more information, please call Peter or Jeanne at 902-631-0568.

Thanks for the support of our organization.

Religion Classes:

**Religion Classes Grades 3 to Grade 6:
Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Antigonish
Educational Centre.**

**Religion Class Grade 2 (1st Communion): Next
class March 5th, at Noon. Class will be held in
the Church, please use the front doors of the St.
Ninian Cathedral.**

**Children's Liturgy: Sundays during the 10:30AM
Mass in the Vestry. All are welcome.**

A message from Fr. Danny...

Our Lenten journey continues into this second week. It's always surprising how life becomes so full of distractions especially during Lent. Between parking issues, income tax receipts, loss of data, even our parish team can become absorbed with life's demands. We are working between the Cathedral and the Chancery and using our cars as temporary offices. It can test our own patience during a season where we are called to pause and reflect. It's an interesting time, to be sure.

A time of self reflection can be part of the desert experience and we can find comfort through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am available any time to talk or to receive the sacrament by appointment. It's okay if you are nervous or been away for a time, we can start with a conversation and go from there!

I invite you to come to Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays. Please feel free to come for a few minutes for quiet prayer. You will see other parishioners in quiet prayer - you don't have to stay long but even a few minutes can be a wonderful experience. We are praying "Mary's Way of the Cross" as our Station of the Cross prayer program. Every Friday night at 6:30pm, you are asked to join in this devotional prayer.

Lent always seems like a time of second chances. The booklets, "40 Days of Faith, Hope and Love", were hoped to be distributed on Ash Wednesday. We have them now and they are available at the entrance to the Cathedral. We have a second chance now to use these daily reflections and prayers as we continue into Lent.

We continue to hear from parishioners regarding their ideas on how to move forward from the flood. For example, we are looking at plans for the kitchen thanks to the subcommittee who reviewed the kitchen and facilities. We are so grateful for so many volunteers and their ideas. We are also grateful for your understanding with booking spaces for prayer groups, parish meetings, and especially grateful for your patience with accessibility issues. It is very much appreciated.

As we continue into this second week of Lent, let us always remember these words from Gospel of Matthew: "Lord, it is good for us to be here".

God bless,

Fr. Danny MacLennan
Rector