



# SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia

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## MASS TIMES

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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5th Sunday of Lent  
March 26th, 2023

## COLLECTION INFORMATION

March 19th 2023:

Total Collection: \$6,258.00

## THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING UNDER HEAVEN...

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

John Plunkett Tompkins, Antigonish

Gerard Anthony MacDonald, Westville, brother of Verna Mahaffey

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.

## Holy Week Schedule

Mass of Chrism, Monday, April 3rd: 3pm

Weekday Mass, Tuesday, April 4th: 9am

Weekday Mass, Wednesday, April 5th: 9am

Holy Thursday, April 6th: 7pm

Stations of the Cross for Children, Good Friday, April 7th:  
11am

Good Friday, April 7th: 3pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8th: 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th: 8:30am and 10:30am

## Confession Times

(Visiting Priests assisting)

Saturday, April 1st: 10am - 1pm

Saturday, April 1st: 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Wednesday, April 5th: 6pm - 7pm

Or by appointment: [pastor@saintninian.ca](mailto:pastor@saintninian.ca)

## MASS OF CHRISM

Chrism Mass is celebrated by Catholics around the world during Holy Week. This celebration highlights the connection of the local Bishop with the people of God through his Priests. At this

Mass two key events take place: all Priests renew their promises to serve the people of God and the Bishop blesses the holy oils (Oil of the Sick; Oil of the Catechumen, Oil of Chrism) to be used

in the various sacraments for the year. Gathering with the Priests, blessing the oils, and sending them to the various parishes across the diocese emphasizes the unity of all the faithful in our diocese under the leadership of our Bishop. Participating in the Mass of Chrism is the opportunity to be together with parishioners from across the Diocese for a Eucharistic Celebration.

Bishop Kirkpatrick has asked the Chrism Mass be celebrated in the Cathedral every year. In the past it was celebrated every second year in the Cathedral with a parish being selected on the alternate year. Moving forward, different parishes who are celebrating anniversaries will be the host of the Chrism Mass. This year, Holy Guardian Angels Parish, L'Ardoise is celebrating 200 years and is hosting this year's celebration.

What can I say to you, my friend,  
In your hour of grief?  
Just a word from my heart.  
In the midst of your sorrow seeds are being sown -  
Seeds of consolation, hope, resignation, and even gratitude.  
This winter will pass,  
And spring will again visit the garden of your heart.  
You will see these seeds grow, blossom and bear fruit.  
Then your sorrow will turn into joy,  
A joy no one will be able to take from you.

### **FASTING CHALLENGE FOR FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

Fast from self-concern; turn to seeds of consolation, hope and gratitude.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Thank you to all who participated in praying the "Stations of the Cross" as part of their Lenten journey. This prayer gathering conclude Friday, March 31, 2023. Next year, we might look at praying the "Stations of the Cross" as part of the weekday mass during Lent - perhaps on a specific weekday with mass to follow. This might help people attend who have evening commitments or difficulty travelling at night.

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, 30 March at 7pm  
Saint Ninian Place Boardroom

### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

Break Open the Word will be held on Thursday, March 30th after the 9am mass.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27 TO 31**

Tuesday, March 28 - Paul MacDonnell

Wednesday, March 29 - Patricia Muir

Thursday, March 30, 2023 - for CWL members current and deceased

Friday, March 31 - Rod Ferguson

### **KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 1105**

Council meets at 7pm on the first Sunday of each month. We will be having and exemplification (welcoming 2 excellent people) into the Knights of Columbus. That will be at our meeting on Sunday the 2nd of April. If anyone is interested in joining the Knights; please call Elliott at 902-863-8495.

### **FREE BOOKCLUB FOR KIDS**

A book a month from birth to 5 years will mailed directly to your home. Sign-up free to all Antigonish Town and County kids. Paper registration forms are available at the library.

Online registration is

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/ca/affiliate/nsantigonish/>.

### **REQUESTS FOR MEETING SPACE**

If you are looking to book St. Ninian Place for a date later in the year, email [saintninianplace@saintninian.ca](mailto:saintninianplace@saintninian.ca). If you require a space to meet in the shorter term, please send an email to [admin@saintninian.ca](mailto:admin@saintninian.ca) as we will try to accommodate in the temporary spaces.

## Religion Classes:

Religion Classes Grades 3 to Grade 6: classes continue Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30PM at Antigonish Education Centre. Last class is April 5th.

Religion Class Grade 2 (1st Communion): Next class April 2nd, at Noon in Cathedral. This will be the last class.

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Communion: Sunday, April 16th at 1030AM mass

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

# *A message from Fr. Danny...*

We are coming into the last weeks of our Lenten Journey. Thank you for your participation in the liturgies and prayer gatherings. It looks like we are becoming a full house again!

We introduced praying for someone we see at Mass as part of our Lenten prayer practice.

People have commented that they may not know the name of their prayer partner, but they were so happy to pray for the person in their pew or someone they saw coming into church.

This might be an initiative that you take on throughout the year.

On behalf of all parishioners, we are so pleased to welcome Father Juan Diego, CFR, and Father Roch Mary Greiner, CFR, to our parish community. Please join me in extending our highland hospitality to them as they lead us in this week's Mission.  
**CIAD MILE FAILTE**

As we approach Holy Week, with all the liturgies and planning details, people are wondering if it is tiring for me. Of course there is much to do but we do it together! We know it is a special spiritual time, and despite the busyness, it is spiritually uplifting and life-giving for us all.

Carrying the cross on Holy Friday is a special gift for me as I feel I am carrying the cross for all of us as we acknowledge that through the cross we are saved.

The cross loses its weight as we approach the empty tomb and become a resurrection people.

I wonder what parishioners ponder when the cross is comes up the aisle at Holy Friday service?

We trust our stormy days are behind us and that spring will soon be enjoyed. Our upcoming celebration of Easter celebrates new life and we can see that we are moving in that direction.

God bless,

Father Danny MacLennan  
Rector

## Parish Lenten Mission

Sunday, March 26, 6:15pm

Pizza, Friends & Friars

Youth (age 15 and older) and Young Adults

Room 018, St. Ninian Place

Monday, March 27,

9am Weekday Mass with Mission Priests presiding and preaching at Mass.

Coffee and chat to follow in vestry

7pm The Eucharist: Pledge of Future Glory

St. Ninian Cathedral

(Talk and Sacrament of Reconciliation; no Mass)

Tuesday, March 28

9am Weekday Mass with Mission Priests presiding and preaching at Mass.

Coffee and chat to follow in vestry

7pm Becoming Eucharistified: The transformative power of His presence

St. Ninian Cathedral

(Talk and Sacrament of Reconciliation; no Mass)

Wednesday, March 29

9am Weekday Mass with Mission Priests presiding and preaching at Mass.

Coffee and chat to follow in vestry

7pm Forgiveness: The gift of true healing

St. Ninian Cathedral

(Talk and Sacrament of Reconciliation; no Mass)

*This will conclude the mission with a Eucharistic Healing procession and Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.*