



# Seven Ears of Grain

Diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada

**Week of May 6, 2024**

## **Sixth Week of Easter**

News to nourish bulletins, calendars, mind and spirit:  
diocesan, parish and community

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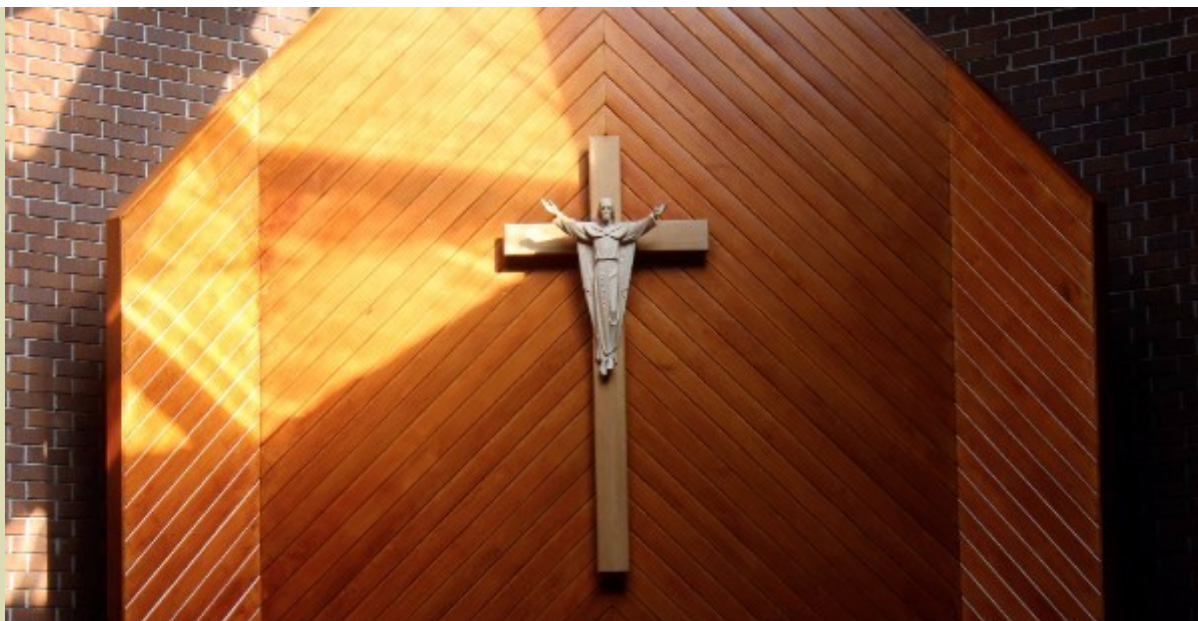
For all mothers both living and deceased: that they may be blessed for their loving service to our families as we celebrate Mother's Day this coming weekend, we pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pour toutes les mères vivantes et décédées : afin qu'elles puissent être bénies pour leur service affectueux à nos familles alors que nous célébrons la fête des Mères, nous prions le Seigneur.

**Seigneur, écoute notre prière.**

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## Liturgical Dates

**May 6**

St. Francois de Laval

**May 8**

Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

**May 10**

St. John of Avila

**May 12**

Ascension of the Lord  
World Communications Day

Canada Health Day

Mother's Day

**May 13**

Our Lady of Fatima

**May 14**

St. Mathias

**CCCB Liturgical Calendar**

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## **Daily Prayers for Our Clergy**

**May 6**

Fr. Stanley MacDonald

**May 7**

Fr. Angus MacDougall

**May 8**

Fr. Martin MacDougall

**May 9**

Fr. Everett MacDow

**May 10**

Fr. Angus MacGillivray

**May 11**

Fr. Donald MacGillivray

**May 12**

Fr. Daniel MacInnis

**May 13**

Fr. George MacInnis





## **Daily Prayers for our Communities**

**May 6**

Tracadie

**May 7**

Wagmatcook

**May 8**

Nyanza

**May 9**

Waycobah

**May 10**

Westmount

**May 11**

Westville

**May 12**

Whitney Pier

**May 13**

Albert Bridge

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## In the Diocese

### **Congratulations and Prayers to Recent and Upcoming Graduates**

St. Francis Xavier University celebrated its spring convocation on May 5.  
Cape Breton University convocation takes place May 15-17.

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**May 12**

### **World Communications Day**

This year's theme is ***Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart:  
Towards a Fully Human Communication***

Pope Francis writes:

*"The rapid spread of astonishing innovations, whose workings and potential are beyond the ability of most of us to understand and appreciate, has proven both*

*exciting and disorienting. This leads inevitably to deeper questions about the nature of human beings, our distinctiveness and the future of the species homo sapiens in the age of artificial intelligence. How can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?*

*Starting with the heart."*

**Read the full letter here:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20240124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>

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**Summer Job Opportunities:  
Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Sydney**

Curator/Researcher, Emmaus Centre

The successful candidate will organize and categorize existing materials and research and create a video library pertaining to these materials. This will provide a well organized and correlated resource base for our parishes. This position requires proficiency using Microsoft Power Point, excellent organizational skills, and the ability to carry out research on the Internet.

The position is an 8 week term position from Monday July 1, 2024- a statutory holiday – with the first day of work being Tuesday July 2, 2024 and finishing on Friday August 23, 2024.

The hourly wage is \$15.20 per hour, working 35 hours per week.

Client Service Clerk, Business Office

The successful candidate will be trained in the inventory and sales components of Sage 50 and our Office procedures and will be required to carry out the following tasks:

- Cashier
- Data entry
- Customer service
- Merchandizing
- Accounts receivable

The position is an 8 week term position from Monday July 1, 2024- a statutory

holiday – with the first day of work being Tuesday July 2, 2024 and finishing on Friday August 23, 2024.

The hourly wage is \$17.00 per hour, working 35 hours per week.

To apply for either position, please send your resume and cover letter to Debbie Aker at [daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca)

Interviews will be held for the position in early June.

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**May 21, 1:30-3:30 pm**

**TEA and TALK**

**Holy Redeemer Convent**

24 Neville St., Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office.

This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone

[902 270 4840](tel:9022704840) or [902 539 6331](tel:9025396331)

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**May 25, 9 am- 4:30 pm**

**Our Lady of Grace Monastery**

**Welcomes You To Learn About Your Charisms**

Charisms are divine gifts given to each of us at baptism. We are empowered to exercise these supernatural gifts as channels of God's love and redeeming presence, to build up the Church. The Charism of Healing, in particular, sparks faith in the community. Father Frank Pellerin will focus on both the scriptural and historical context for charisms. Cathy MacDougall will focus on the charisms displayed in the lives of the Saints and assist you in discerning your individual charisms using the St. Catherine of Siena Institute method. The day will end with a Healing Mass with Father Albert MacPherson, O.S.A. There will be a fee of \$25.00. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

For further information and to register, please call [\(902\) 968-1280](tel:9029681280).



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**May 31, 3 pm**

**Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon David Rankin**

**St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish**

Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick on the Feast of the Visitation. There will be a light reception to follow at St. Ninian Place.

All are also invited to his **First Mass at 4pm on Saturday, June 1** at 4:00pm (vigil for Corpus Christi) at his home parish, St. Mary's in Mabou.

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/84gSED3igMoVV99z9>

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CELEBRATING

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YEARS OF JOYFUL WITNESS

1849 - 2024

**Sisters of Charity - Halifax Celebrate 175 years  
of Presence and Ministry**

In 2024, the Sisters of Charity – Halifax celebrate 175 years as a religious Congregation. In 1849, the Sisters of Charity of New York missioned four Sisters to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Their arrival on May 11, 1849 on a Halifax wharf is our foundational moment. We began teaching and established an orphanage and hospital. As our Congregation grew from four Sisters to over 2500 professed Sisters, we expanded our ministries of teaching and healing throughout Nova Scotia, other provinces in Canada, the United States and Bermuda, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Belize and the continent of Africa. Today our 175-year legacy continues. Although we are fewer and less visible,

we stand together loved and energized by God's Spirit. We respond to the cries of people living in poverty--across borders, cultures and languages. We face the challenges that threaten this planet. We respond to evolving ways of seeing the world and the flourishing of all life. Our mission continues as we celebrate and give thanks for 175 years of service. "Charity is enveloped with faith and hope. We have been charity for 175 years and we will continue to be charity. We will give joyful witness to love with our every breath," says Sister Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, Congregational Leader.

**For more information:**

<https://schalifax.ca/>

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**May 13-19**

**National Family and Life Week**

The theme, "Love hopes all things," is drawn from the words of St. Paul: "[Love] endures all things, trusts all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7).

**Prayer intentions, activities, and more are available from the CCCB website.**

In English: [National Family and Life Week - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/national-family-and-life-week)

In French: [Semaine nationale pour la famille et la vie - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cecc.ca\)](https://www.cecc.ca/semaine-nationale-pour-la-famille-et-la-vie)

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**July 5-7**

**Steubenville Atlantic**

This year's Steubenville theme is ILLUMINATE!

In this present age, it's so easy to get caught in the darkness. We are all looking for a place to be welcomed. A place full of light! This year's conference will be all about finding that light in Christ.

For more information:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/atc/>

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**A User's Guide to lead reflection  
on the CCCB Pastoral Letter to Young People**

Inspired by Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation to Young People, *Christus vivit*, the CCCB's *Pastoral Letter to Young People* invites young Catholics in Canada to live their faith in an extraordinary way, encouraging them to strive toward holiness, and assuring them of the steadfast support and accompaniment of their Bishops along their individual journeys of faith.

The new User Guide, along with the Pastoral Letter itself, as well as a video and social media tool kit, are all available in English and French on the CCCB website.

in English: [Pastoral Letter to Young People](#)

in French: [Lettre pastorale aux jeunes](#)

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**Development & Peace – Caritas Canada concluded its 2023 mobilization campaign, Stand for the Land, on Wednesday, April 24,** by handing over to Her Excellency Beatriz Valle, Ambassador of Honduras to Canada, a letter signed by 52,629 Canadians that draws the attention of the Government of Honduras to the struggles of people in Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Since 2015, these communities have been protesting an open-pit iron mine that was irregularly set up in Carlos Escaleras National Park. Her Excellency said she was “touched by the solidarity expressed by the Canadian population towards the community of Guapinol, which is so far away.” She promised to pass on the message to her Minister of Foreign Affairs and to ask people in Congress to take up the Guapinol case with her government. This would never have been possible had it not been for the support of people just like you. A huge thank you for your faithful support to our Global South neighbours – well done, good and faithful.

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**Mass for Shut Ins  
now airing its 61st season**

Mass for Shut Ins airs Sunday mornings on the CTV channel and is available for viewing on demand on our [Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel](#).

We encourage all parishes and individuals to join us for the taping of the Masses every Saturday morning at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish in Sydney, at 10:00am. Contact coordinator, Nick Vince, at [nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca) for scheduling details or for donations.

[Watch on YouTube](#)



# In Our Parishes

**May 16 and May 19**

**John 3:16 Live Presentation**

**'For God So Loved the World'**

You are invited to experience the retelling of Eastertide (from Holy Thursday to Pentecost) in a new and personal way.

Using the Artwork of da Vinci, Caravaggio and others, Music from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, and Narration written by Dr. Glenn Byer, you will experience the journey of the Easter Season.

The coordinated performance will feature select projected artworks of Da Vinci and Caravaggio and others, a Choir and soloist, Brass Quartet, and organ.

**Presentation Dates:**

\*Thursday May 16th - 7:00 pm -Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount

\*Sunday May 19th -2:00 pm -Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney

All are welcomed to attend.

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**May 30, 2 pm**

**Divine Renovation DR Online Connect: Canada event -**

**"From Decline to Revival Charting a Path Forward"**

Discover effective strategies with Fr. James Mallon, aimed at guiding parishes from maintenance to mission. Hear a parish's success story in defying trends.

Engage in a 90-minute conversation with fellow mission-inspired Canadians, contributing to the Church's revival and growth through dialogue and prayer.

Register for this free event:

<https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/DR-Online-Connect-Canada>

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**Polish-Themed Radio Segments**

**Weekdays or On Demand**

Produced by the St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society, including parishioners from St. Mary's Polish Church in Whitney Pier.

Segments are on The Coast Radio 89.7 weekdays at 3:50 and 7:50 p.m. or any time at [coastalradio.ca](http://coastalradio.ca)

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**Entre Deux Rivières/Between Two Rivers with Fr Peter LeBlanc  
on CKJM FM: Coopérative Radio Chéticamp Ltée**

Uplifting reflections and spiritual music. Aired on 106.1 FM in Chéticamp, 92.5 FM in Pomquet and 97.5 in Sydney.

Listen via radio or the CKJM website:

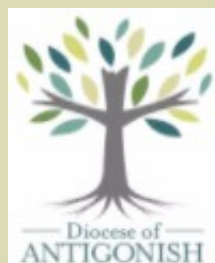
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**Why Seven Ears of Grain?**

As with all creations, it started with Genesis. Chapter 41 tells of Pharaoh's dream about seven ears of grain, some plump, some withered. Joseph's ability to understand God's message within the dream and share this with Pharaoh enabled them to prepare in years of abundance for the famine that followed. Hearing, trusting, following and sharing God's message sustains us in times of plenty and in times of trial.

Our weekly mailout shares word and deed of our faith in seven sections, and circulates every seven days. May it continue to nourish your bulletins, calendars, mind and spirit.





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