

# Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

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## Sacraments

### Baptism:

Three month notice and baptism preparation course.

### Marriage:

Six month notice and marriage preparation course.

Call the parish office for times and preparation and celebrations.

### Immaculate Conception

337 Pleasant St.  
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### Saint Anthony *Saint Faustina Mission*

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### Saint Paul

197 Windmill Rd.  
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### Saint Peter

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# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 20, 2019

Year C

**First Reading** Exodus 17.8-13

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 121

*“Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”*

**Second Reading** 2 Timothy 3.14-4.2

**Gospel** Luke 18.1-8

In this parable from today’s Gospel, the widow’s persistence in petitioning the judge is directed toward changing his mind so that he will act and render a just decision. Our prayer is not a matter of changing God’s mind, however. Persistent prayer is about faithful relationship to God that expands us and our expectations of how God is to act. God always acts justly. The challenge of the gospel is to keep on praying to a God who wills only good for us. Sometimes this requires that we must change our minds.

The obvious connection between the First Reading and Gospel is that both Moses and the widow persist in their petitions. But there are other connections as well: the widow and Moses are God’s “chosen ones”; the petitions are in line with God’s will; prayer petitions, when just, are always answered by our just and caring God.

We tend to be most persistent about what is most important to us. For example, we are persistent in exercise routines, athletic training, musical practice. So it is with prayer: we remain faithful and persistent in prayer when God is at the centre of our life and that for which we ask flows from deep faith that God always hears our prayers and answers them.

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## Parish Directory

### **Priests**

Fr Jim Richards, *Pastor*

Fr Nathanael DesRoches, FoH,  
*Associate Pastor*

Fr Charles Burke and Bishop Martin Currie,  
*In Residence*

### **Deacons**

Rev Mr Jack MacNeil

Rev Mr Bernie Young

### **Parish Staff**

Lydia Hood, *Pastoral Associate*

Sherri LaPierre, *Office Administrator*

Greg Becigneul, *Director of Music and Liturgy*  
(*Saint Peter*)

## Mass Times

### **Immaculate Conception**

Sunday.....11:00am

Monday.....7:00pm

### **Saint Anthony**

Friday.....9:00am

Saturday.....4:00pm

### **Saint Faustina**

Sunday.....1:00pm

### **Saint Paul**

Sunday.....9:15am

Tuesday.....6:30pm

Thursday.....6:30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Friday.....10:00am

### **Saint Peter**

Sunday.....9:30am

.....7:00pm

Tuesday.....12:00pm

Wednesday...12:00pm

Thursday.....12:00pm

Saturday.....4:00pm

**Reconciliation:** Prior to Sunday and weekday Masses or by appointment.

**Baptisms & Marriages:** Please call the parish office.

## **Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, December 12**

In his post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, Pope John Paul II joyfully welcomed the proposal of the Special Assembly for America of the synod of Bishops “that the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother and Evangelizer of America, be celebrated throughout the continent on December 12.” (see JOHN PAUL II, Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in America on the encounter with the living Jesus Christ: the way to conversion, communion and solidarity in America (January 22, 1999) no. 11*)

On March 25, 1999, by a decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the discipline of Sacraments, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, was inserted in the proper liturgical calendar of all dioceses of America.

More relevance to our Catholic community in Canada is that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) recently released a message for a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples to be observed on December 12<sup>th</sup>!

Their message highlights the Year of Indigenous Language as declared by the United Nations.

When we celebrate feast day of our parish patroness on December 12<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Guadalupe, we will pray for our Mi'kmaq brothers and sisters and the unique gifts and talents they bring forward to unite us all as God's children.

## **Alpha Leadership Team**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is looking to form a leadership team to oversee Alpha in January 2020, hosted at Saint Anthony.

Being a member of this team will include formation activities on the following dates: October 28<sup>th</sup>, and November 18<sup>th</sup> at Saint Peter hall. It is preferable if those on the leadership team have already completed the Alpha program; however, it is not necessary.

Responsibilities vary, and include: hosts, helpers, hospitality, tech, kitchen duty, prayer ministry, and promotions.

If this is of interest to you, or if you have questions, please call Lydia at 902-466-6183 x 222.

## **Advent Backpack Project Meeting**

It's that time of year again! Please come to our annual planning meeting which will take place on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Saint Peter office (10 Maple Street) for a one-hour meeting from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please try to send an alternate from your church.

## **Pre-Authorized Giving**

Thank you to all who presently donate to the church. Have you considered Pre-Authorized Giving?

This method ensures your donation is received, even when you are away from the parish.

We invite ALL PARISHIONERS to consider using this donation method.

New forms will be available at all churches to sign up for pre-authorized giving for Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

Donations are STRICTLY confidential. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

## **St. Vincent de Paul at Saint Peter and Immaculate Conception**

***Food donations needed:*** Special emphasis this week on canned milk, sugar and canned stews.

***Help needed*** – We are looking for an additional member for our outreach team to fill in for up to 4 months.

If you wish to learn more leave your name with Sherri at the Parish Office (902-466-6183) or call Anne MacIsaac (902-466-3144) or John MacKinnon (902-463-3284).

## **The Society of St Vincent de Paul at Saint Anthony**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an International Catholic Organization whose mission is: ***To live the Gospel message by serving***

***Christ in the poor with love, respect, joy and justice.*** Each Conference is composed of volunteers who dedicate their time and resources to help those in need in their community.

The Conference, at Saint Anthony, serves those within our Parish boundaries.

We operate a food bank and have a “food cupboard” from which we select a variety of staples such as cereal, canned goods (fruit, vegetables, soups etc.), pasta and other dried foods to suit the needs of the family.

We have been blessed for many years to have such wonderful support from our parishioners and are so grateful that it continues.

Thanks to everyone for keeping our cupboards full.

## **Are you coming to the Assembly of the People of God?**

The Assembly is 5 days away – are you joining us? We hope so!

This is a great event for parishes to gather groups of key ministry leaders, engaged parishioners, and other disciples of Christ to pray together and learn from one another.

This is the one time of the year that Archbishop Mancini gathers the whole diocese to come together to celebrate our accomplishments and discern the next steps in our efforts to renew and transform our Church.

All are welcome at the Assembly on October 25-26 at Mount Saint Vincent University.

**Registration deadline:  
Monday, October 21, 2019**

For more information and to register go to:  
[www.halifaxymouth.org/assembly](http://www.halifaxymouth.org/assembly)

## **Canada Needs our Lady at Saint Anthony**

Sending a big thank you to our Filipino community at Saint Anthony who each year organize our annual public rally to pray to our Blessed Mother as we gathered this past weekend to ask God to help Canada through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. It was a great turn out despite the weather and everyone enjoyed their meal at the hall which they had prepared.

At Fatima, the Blessed Mother promised that if we pray the Rosary, offer sacrifices, and make reparation to Her Immaculate Heart, there will be peace.

Our Lady of Fatima pray for us!!

## **Dartmouth North Family Resource Centre at Saint Paul**

Saint Paul will be collecting items each week to deliver to the Dartmouth Family Centre's trading cupboard, to help families in need within the Dartmouth North community and surrounding areas.

Items including unopened diapers, wipes, toilet paper, sanitary items, as well as non-perishable food items, are welcomed. Please drop your items in a box at the front entrance of Saint Paul church.

## **Transition Team Meeting**

The Parish Transition Committee meets at 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Saint Anthony Church hall.

## **Take Out Meals at Saint Paul**

Take-out meals – \$5 each

(All meals include a roll)

October 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Philly Steak Casserole

October 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Shepherd's Pie

## **Gardening at Immaculate Conception**

If anyone would like to volunteer to plant bulbs for the spring, please contact Liz at 902-462-0848. The flowers will look great next year.

## **Choir Corner at Saint Paul**

If you would like to join the choir, please contact Ern Reti, Choir Director at [ernoreti@eastlink.ca](mailto:ernoreti@eastlink.ca). Please put any hymn suggestions in the suggestion box or see Ern.

## **Food Bingo at Saint Paul**

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm.  
\$10.00 for 14 games.

## **Foster Child Collection at Saint Paul**

This collection will take place next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Birthday Cake at Saint Paul**

There will be birthday cake for all October born parishioners next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Halloween Looney/Tooney Coffee House at Saint Paul**

Please join us for our Halloween Loonie/Toonie coffee house on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. Best costume receives a prize of \$25. Come enjoy an evening of lively entertainment, 'open mic', 50/50 draw and door prize. Coffee, tea, etc. with sweets are available at a nominal price. \$2 entrance fee. Spread the word.

## **It's Yard Sale Time Again at Immaculate Conception**

We are having our fall yard sale on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All donations may be left on the stage downstairs. We are happy to announce that we will also have a **bake table**. Please see June if you have questions.

### **Books and Baubles Sale at Saint Peter**

The St. Vincent de Paul Books and Baubles sale will be held on **Saturday, November 2** (3 Crichton Avenue). Donations may be left at the main entrance to Saint Peter Church or at the Parish office during regular hours (Monday through Thursday 10am-2pm).

### **Family Mass at Saint Peter**

The next Family Mass is November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am. Immediately following, there will be tea and coffee served in the hall. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring your favourite treat to share with other parishioners. Call the office for details.

### **Rosary Prayer at Immaculate Conception**

We invite you to pray the Rosary with us each Sunday before mass. All are welcome to participate.

### **Women's Association Meeting at Saint Paul**

Sunday, November 3 following coffee hour.

### **Senior's Group Gathering at Saint Peter**

Our next gathering will be held on Tuesday, November 5. All Welcome.

### **Refugee Committee at Saint Peter**

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Community Handcrafters Show on Saturday. The vendors sold amazing products that were well worth coming to see. The generosity of the donations given at the door went beyond what we could have expected. The Knights of Columbus are great cooks and the food from the canteen received many compliments. Special thanks to all of you who came out to support us.

### **(F.O.O.D.) Feeding Others of Dartmouth at Immaculate Conception**

A big thank you to all who participated with the preparation of meals last Friday evening. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### **Time Change**

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 3. Clocks go back by one hour.

### **Development and Peace at Saint Paul**

As mentioned in recent Saint Paul bulletins over the last month or so, Catholic parishioners across Canada are being encouraged, thru the "For our Common Good" campaign to reflect on the struggles and challenges of the Amazon peoples. Commencing today, Saint Paul parishioners, along with our fellow Our Lady of Guadalupe parishioners, will be asked and encouraged to sign Solidarity Letters Petition, which will be used to let the Amazonian peoples that we are with them.

After mass starting today at Saint Paul, a D & P representative will be at the back seeking your support and signature.

### **Church Choirs at Saint Peter**

Choir rehearsals continue on Wednesdays in the church. Children rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5pm. Youth and adults rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-9pm.

Parents would consider the children's choir a positive experience for their young family members (ages 5 and up).

Choir members at a young age gain insights into the meaning of our liturgical practices while enjoying the pleasures of music and dance. The not so young but young at heart enjoy the pleasures of singing with others in choir. New choir members are always welcome.

The main purpose of our choirs is to offer a musical foundation for congregational singing. When the entire assembly of worshipers is engaged in the music, the liturgy begins to really make sense!  
Contact Greg at the office with any questions.

### **"Put On Love" at Saint Peter**

You have heard recently a new song that the choir is singing. It is called 'Put on Love' and was written by Kathy Powell. The text is based on Colossians 3:12-17. The words of the refrain are:

**'Overall clothe yourselves in love,  
to bind all together, to make them complete.  
Overall clothe yourselves in love.  
To make all complete, put on love.'**

Join the choir members when they sing this beautiful song.

## Men and Women Association at Saint Paul

PUZZLES: If you have any puzzles that you wish to donate, please bring them in as we are getting requests.

The Men's Assoc. will be holding their next bingos on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-4:00pm (\$10 - 3 cards). Tell your family and friends.

## Religious Articles Room at Saint Paul

The Religious Articles Room is open before mass each Sunday – candles, rosaries, cards, crosses, etc.

## Living With Faith Booklets at Saint Paul

October/November/December are now available for sale \$4.

## Thanksgiving Weekend Annual Food Drive at Saint Peter and Immaculate Conception

Thank You for your generous gifts that will help our society of Saint Vincent de Paul replenish their food shelves to serve the less fortunate more effectively. We hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving.

## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>:

Cost of \$2,135 (+ \$675 taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$200/p.)

**Info:** Hector Caissie at (506) 857-2295 or [hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca](mailto:hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca)

| <u>Date</u>                   | <u>Event / Meeting</u>                        | <u>Time</u>                            | <u>Location</u>              |
|-------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| Tuesday, October 22           | Transition Team meeting                       | 6:30pm                                 | Saint Paul                   |
| Thursday, October 24          | Lay Ministry Video Series (3 Crichton Avenue) | 7:00pm                                 | Saint Peter                  |
| Thursday, October 24          | Finance Council meeting                       | 7:00pm                                 | Saint Peter                  |
| Thursday, October 31          | Scripture Study-The Acts of the Apostles      | 10:15am-11:45am                        | Saint Peter                  |
| Friday/Saturday October 25/26 | Assembly of the People of God                 | Fri 6:00pm-9:00pm<br>Sat 8:00am-5:00pm | Mount St. Vincent University |
| Saturday, October 26          | Food Bingo                                    | 2:00pm-4:00pm                          | Saint Paul                   |
| Sunday, October 27            | Foster Child Collection                       | During mass times                      | Saint Paul                   |
| Wednesday, October 30         | Halloween Loonie/Toonie Coffee House          | 7:00pm-9:00pm                          | Saint Paul                   |
| Saturday November 2           | Yard Sale                                     |  | Immaculate Conception        |
| Saturday, November 2          | Books and Baubles Sale (3 Crichton Avenue)    | After the 4pm mass                     | Saint Peter                  |
| Sunday, November 3            | Women's Association Meeting                   | following Coffee Hour                  | Saint Paul                   |
| Tuesday, November 5           | Seniors Gathering                             | After the 12pm mass                    | Saint Peter                  |
| Thursday, December 12         | Feast Day: Our Lady of Guadalupe              |  |                              |

## **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada**

### *For Our Common Home*

This weekend we will speak at all the masses asking for your support for the Indigenous peoples of the Amazonian rain forest. Our signatures will send a message to the South American governments that we are concerned for the well-being of the rain forest and its peoples. The destruction of the rain forest will impact all of us, but particularly the people of Brazil and South America. The rain forest causes the formation of clouds which avert severe drought. The trees disperse the severe tropical downpours and without them the rain will wash the surface minerals deep into the ground forming a hard layer and making the soil infertile. There will also be soil erosion.

The indigenous SERINGUEIROS and MURA people are only two of the tribes being driven off their land and forced to move deeper into the forest and away from sources of water.

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* says "We are all journeying toward the final rest, the final sabbath of eternity where all things will be new and all people will find freedom and comfort. But in the meantime we must come together to take care of our home here on earth. May our work to save this planet, difficult as it is, never take away our joy. God gives us direction and light on the journey. God does not leave us alone, and his love pushes us to find new pathways forward. Praise be to Him!"

## **Archdiocesan Information**

### **Election Day 2019**

Election Day is on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>! As Catholics we are reminded that our actions matter and so does our vote. By voting we have the ability to turn our country's government towards greater justice. The fundamental message of Jesus over and over again in the Gospels is this: we are responsible for one another, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Know where the parties stand on the issues important to Catholics. Earlier this month the Archdiocese of Toronto hosted: A Federal Election Debate From a Catholic Perspective. This debate was recorded and can be found by clicking here or going to the Archdiocese of Toronto's website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

Another helpful resource is the 2019 Federal Election Guide, prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The guide's content offers a reflection on key ethical and moral issues that voters, especially Catholics, may want to consider. You can find the document on [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca). Make an informed decision and for heaven's sake, vote!

### **Diploma in Youth Ministry at AST**

The Atlantic School of Theology offers a part-time program of study leading to a Diploma in Youth Ministry. This program is designed for leaders of youth who wish to deepen and broaden their skills for ministry with young people.

The Diploma in Youth Ministry provides timely, effective, faith-based training for leaders of youth across Canada. Participants in the Diploma are given opportunities to build skills and confidence as well as networks of learning and support.

The Diploma program combines required and elective units of study with practical experience in the leadership of youth. Learning sites include the Halifax campus of Atlantic School of Theology, as well as locations across Canada in conjunction with national youth ministry networks. Some units are available via online study.

Bursary assistance is available.

For more information and application materials, please contact the Diploma Director: [youthministry@astheology.ns.ca](mailto:youthministry@astheology.ns.ca)

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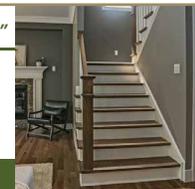


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