

All Saints Parish

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday



"7 Churches, 1 MISSION, Stronger Together"

Holy Week

Holy Family, Amherst | St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins | St. Brigid's, Parrsboro | St. Thomas More, Pugwash | St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert | St. John the Baptist, Springhill | St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge

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Pastors: Fr. Charles Udeh and Fr. Anthony Aguka

Deacons: Howard Gotell and Mike Lynch | **Caretaker:** Laurie Perry | **Operations Assistant:** Raissa Hart

MASS TIMES

Saturday, April 12

4pm - River Hebert
(Reconciliation before mass)
4:30pm - Amherst
6:30pm - Streets Ridge
(Reconciliation after mass)

Sunday, April 13

9am - Parrsboro
9am - Pugwash
11am - Springhill
Reconciliation
11:15am - Amherst

Tuesday, April 15

No masses - Chrism Mass at
St. Mary's Basilica, Halifax

Wednesday, April 16

12:15pm - Amherst

Holy Thursday **Mass** - April 17

6:30pm - Amherst
6:30pm - Parrsboro

Good Friday **Passion** - April 18

3pm - Amherst
3pm - Parrsboro

Easter Vigil **Mass** - April 19

8pm - Amherst
8pm - Parrsboro

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Family, Amherst: **No adoration Monday, April 14 or 21**

Following mass, Wednesday, April 16 at 12:15pm, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 6 PM. All of our parishioners are invited to spend quiet time with the Lord prior to the beginning of the Easter Triduum celebrations in All Saints Parish.



COLLECTION UPDATE - APRIL 5/6

Total Weekly: \$4,640.45 Weekly Budget: \$5,128.85 UNDER \$488.40

Amherst: \$3,195.05 Pugwash: \$287.30 Streets Ridge: \$130.00 Joggins: \$159.25 Springhill: \$263.85

Parrsboro: \$420.00 River Hebert: \$135.00 Shared: \$50.00

Prayer

Heavenly Father, through the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we pray for the grace to understand your will for our parish, All Saints Parish. You call us to embrace the "New Evangelization" and to be laborers in your vineyard. We are mindful that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelization without whom we labor in vain. And so, we ask you to breathe into us your Holy Spirit as in a new Pentecost that we may experience the depth of your love and be filled with the faith and apostolic zeal we need to share the good news of Jesus, your son.

Amen

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SICK

Eva O'Byrne; Doug Pineau; Pansy Pye; Geri Smith

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Welcome to the Family - We would like to have you join our faith family by going to our website and filling out the parishioners welcome form at www.allsaintsparishcc.ca, or pick up a copy at your local church. If you have any questions about our community or how to register as a family member, please contact the Central Office at 902-667-2523.

Baptism Preparation – If you plan to celebrate the Baptism of your child this coming year, we invite you to pick up (or request to be mailed) a baptismal preparation package. Baptism preparation courses are run throughout the year. Please contact the Central Office and we will be happy to assist in registering you for the next available session.

Baptisms Celebrated during Mass - Our practice is to celebrate baptisms with the whole community so all can participate, enjoy and welcome the children into our family of God. Celebrating this sacrament with the faith community is an important first step in a child's faith journey.

SSVP - Holy Family SSVP meetings usually take place on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30pm. New volunteers are always welcome! Reach out to the central office if you'd like more information!

Truth & Reconciliation - Generally, we meet at Holy Family Church on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:30am. Come and See what we're all about!

Prayer Group Ministry - **No prayer meeting Thursday, April 17 due to mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM. Prayer meetings resume Thursday, April 24 at 7 PM.**

Youth Faith Formation

First Reconciliation Classes

(For those eligible)

April 13
April 27 } **10-11am**
May 4 }

Sacrament: May 10

First Communion Classes

(For those eligible)

~~**April 6**~~
April 13 } **10-11am**
April 27 }

Sacrament: May 4

EDGE!

Next session May 3!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



With joyful hearts, we welcome Jodie Simon and her son Quincy as members of the church at the Easter Vigil celebration at Holy Family Church on April 19, beginning at 8pm. Quincy, 12 years old, will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time. Jodie will be Confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time. Frank Allen and Jillian Chappell will act as godparents and sponsors.



ASParish Truth & Reconciliation

Helping Mother Earth

Seed collection is as important for our forest as it is important to the future of Mother Earth and all the creatures living upon her. It helps in preserving not only flora species but also the language, culture and traditions of our Indigenous partners. -Mary Knockwood, Canadian Forest Service Indigenous programs coordinator.

Indigenous Peoples have long been leaders of seed collection as part of the long tradition of protecting and preserving the physical and natural environment. Indigenous worldviews are holistic: trees are just one part of Mother Earth's living ecosystem. As a result, by collecting and preserving tree seeds, **the Indigenous Seed Collection Program's** work has the wider effect of also protecting the animals, plants and other living beings that depend upon trees for survival and well-being.

The Indigenous Seed Collection Program continues to evolve and adapt as new Indigenous knowledge is shared.

Read more about [Sowing the seeds of Indigenous knowledge](#)

Source: Canada.ca/NaturalResourcesCanada/NaturalResourcesandIndigenousPeoples



Week In Advance Readings—Take Time in Prayer

April 20, 2025

The Resurrection of the Lord

FIRST READING—ACTS 10.34a, 37-43

PSALM—118 “*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*”

SECOND READING—COLOSSIANS 3.1-4

GOSPEL—JOHN 201.-18++

“According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.”

MASS INTENTIONS—ASPARISH

If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one, contact the Central Office. The stipend is \$10.00

DAY	DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS FOR	PRIEST	OFFERED BY
Saturday	12	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle	Chiara Della Rossa (Living)	Fr. Anthony	Adam and Rachel Hunter
	12	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Pauline Comeau	Fr. Charles	Anita and Glen White
	12	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Pauline Pettigrew	Fr. Charles	Judy Napadek
Sunday	13	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Kateri Della Rossa (Living)	Fr. Anthony	Adam and Rachel Hunter
	13	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Doris Murray	Fr. Charles	Dianne and Wayne Shrum
	13	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Doris Murray	Fr. Anthony	Frank and Joan Allen
	13	11:15 am	Holy Family	Thanksgiving for our children	Fr. Charles	Chris and Anna Tota
Wednesday	16	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Stu McFadyen	Fr. Anthony	Steve Cullen
Thursday	17	6:30 pm	Holy Family	Holy Thursday	Fr. Charles	
Thursday	17	6:30 pm	St. Brigid's		Fr. Anthony	
Friday	18	3:00 pm	Holy Family	Passion	Fr. Charles	
Friday	18	3:00 pm	St. Brigid's		Fr. Anthony	
Saturday	19	8:00 pm	Holy Family	Easter Vigil	Fr. Charles	
	19	8:00 pm	St. Brigid's		Fr. Anthony	
Sunday	20	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Pauline Pettigrew	Fr. Anthony	Barbara McLeod
	20	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Gus Gosselin	Fr. Charles	Joan Tapuska
	20	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Denise Dorn	Fr. Anthony	George Dorn and Family
	20	11:15 am	Holy Family	Viola Corbett (Living) for her love and faithfulness	Fr. Charles	Mary Lewis

Mass intentions scheduled on days when mass is unexpectedly cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date.



Thank you for your generosity!

**Share
Lent 2025**



**Development
and Peace**
CARITAS CANADA



Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the ***Turn Debt into Hope*** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, **our parish has collected \$1,080.00** This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

In Our Communities...

Our Local Food Banks

As we prepare to celebrate Easter joy with family and friends, remember those in need. Your local Foodbank continues to provide for those in need each week. As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord this Easter, remember donations of non-perishable food items to your local Foodbank. Bring your donation to your church.

Stewardship Corner

Palm Sunday begins the Lord's journey to the Cross and beyond. Easter Sunday celebrates the joy of Resurrection and the beginning of a New Covenant with God. Our Easter celebration includes the Holy Spirit's arrival to the apostles and others at Pentecost. That same Spirit remains with us each day of our lives. This Spirit strengthens modern day disciples to spread Good News with faith and conviction. May that Spirit inspire us to share gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure with one another. -Deacon Howard

Amherst Ministerial: Holy Week Events

Ecumenical Holy Week Service: Monday, Apr. 14-Thursday, Apr. 17, 12:10 to 12:30pm, Christ Anglican Church

Good Friday, April 18: Outdoor Way of the Cross, 11am, beginning at Trinity St. Stephens Church Amherst. (The service will stop at Holy Family to pick up participants.)

Easter Sunday, April 20: Sunrise service, 7:00am, Victoria Park. A light breakfast follows at 1st Baptist Church. Join the Amherst Ministerial in making this the holiest of weeks in our community.

HALIFAX PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP

May 2-6, 2025

PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP!

In Canada, about 300 innocent children are aborted every single day. Do you want to learn how to defend these innocent pre-born children, and have meaningful conversations on abortion and the dignity of human life? Join for training and hands-on experience doing pro-life outreach in Halifax, NS from **May 2-6 (with a May 2-3 weekend option)**. You can learn pro-life strategy and apologetics that will equip you to reach our culture to change minds and save lives.

Application deadline: April 25th.

See www.endthekilling.ca/halifax

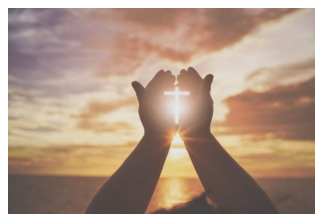
Parish-wide Retreat Appreciation

We appreciate all who attended our parish-wide retreat, placing emphasis on God's Love and Hope. We thank Gerard MacDonald, our guest speaker who guided our day together preparing us for our Triduum celebrations.

To prayer group members, and those who provided us with snacks and lunch, your efforts to are much appreciated.

May we trust in God's Love and the source of Hope each day of our lives.

Amen.



In Our Communities...



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EWTN family viewer services representatives are ready to help with whatever your needs may be. It's easy, fast and family friendly.

Hearing Aid Batteries

Do you or someone you know need hearing aid batteries? We have been gifted quite a few size 312 batteries and would love for you to have them!

Contact the central office if you'd like to have some.



Caretaker Job Posting

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church of All Saints Parish is hiring a caretaker who has a background or experience in janitorial/ maintenance work. This is a part-time permanent position with daytime hours weekdays Monday to Friday with occasional weekend hours. Candidates will be required to have a criminal record check as well as a vulnerable sector check.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Education High School Grade 12 or equivalent.
2. Experience Work in janitorial / maintenance of similar nature preferred, but other related job experience may be acceptable.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Salary and benefits established on an annual basis by the Church Life Committee
2. Hours of Work: The normal hours of work for the caretaker will be 5 hours per day (8:00 am-1:00 pm) during the week for a total of 25 hours per week. Hourly pay is \$17.50 per hour. Funerals, weddings and special events that require the caretaker on weekends may be extra time with payment for services only as arranged with the responsible organization or party.
3. Probationary period is six (6) months from start date. Annual performance appraisal shall be completed by Dec 31st each year.

Please send resume to office@allsaintsparishcc.ca

5th Annual Daughters of Zion Women's Conference

This year's theme is, "Daughters of Zion Arise for Your Hour has Come." We are living in the most significant hour in Church and world history and God is calling His beloved daughters to step into the fullness of their calling as women. The weekend will consist of anointed throne room worship, dynamic life-changing talks, prayer ministry for healing and breakthroughs, Holy Mass, Adoration and fellowship with sisters in Christ from throughout the Atlantic region. You will be equipped to step into the fullness of your personal calling, assignments and mission in this late hour of salvation history.

This year's Conference will be held at the Travelodge by Wyndam (formerly the Wandlyn Inn) in Amherst.

Conference Registration Rates

Early-bird special - \$179.00 until **April 21st** (Extended deadline!)**

Regular Registration - \$199.00 after April 21st

Payment is by e-transfer or cheque. There will be no on-site payment for registration

To Register Contact: Rhonda-Lynn Clarke – 902-448-3660

For more information, visit <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/regional-events-2/item/5th-annual-daughters-of-zion-womens-conference?highlight=Wvj3b21lbjdzliwY29uZmVvZW5lZSld>

Hail Marys

All of 2024: 58,129 | First quarter of 2025 (Jan/Feb/Mar): 3,703

Donations for the purchase of Easter flowers can be made in your name or in memory of someone. Please put your name on the envelope and a note inside indicating the name of the person for whom the donation is made. A list of donors will be posted in the bulletin.

HOMILY OF PALM SUNDAY, YEAR C.

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 22 “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Luke 22.14-23.56

Theme: We are saved by Love

Beloved friends, this week we recall the passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The fact that Jesus could and did suffer means that he understands our suffering, and gives a meaning to it by showing that it is the price of love and the path to glory. In the fragile humanity which he shared with us, he bore the wounds of love and fidelity. No one has greater love than the one who lays down his life for his friends. (John 15:13). It is this love we are celebrating this Holy Week.

In the midst of the passion, we see how Jesus cared about others – about the women of Jerusalem who sympathized with him, about the thief, and of course about his mother. It speaks volumes that from the depth of his own pain he could feel the pain of others and reach out to them. He died praying for those who put him to death. He did not close or harden his heart to his executioners. He prayed for them, saying: *“Father forgive them for they know not what they do”* (Luke 23:34).

The late, great Archbishop Helder Camara said that some people are like sugar-cane; even when crushed in the mill, completely squashed, reduced to pulp, all they yield is sweetness. This is whom we are called to be to one another following the footsteps of our Lord Jesus. His passion gives us courage, strength, and hope in our sufferings because it stems from love and he endured it with love. So, my dear friends, we are saved not by his suffering but by his love. No one wants to suffer. It only makes sense to suffer for love. Jesus, the good shepherd died for love of his sheep. It is love that makes our sacrifices holy and fruitful.

“There is nothing terrible about suffering a bit on earth if it has taught us how to love.” (Carlo Carretto).

May God fill us with the grace to publicly bear witness to his passion and resurrection by our way of life. **Amen.**

HAPPY PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY TO YOU, BELOVED IN CHRIST.
SEE YOU ALL IN THE TRIDUUM CELEBRATION.



Holy Family Church, Amherst



Holy Family CWL

Next executive meeting: May 7, 2025 - 10:30am

Next Regular Meeting: May 14, 2025 - 6pm



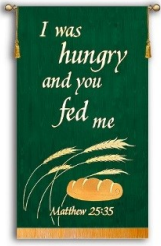
Knights of Columbus Council 2916

Next regular meeting: April 24, 2025 - 7pm

Prayer Wall



We remind parishioners of the prayer wall located in the gathering space of our church. Your prayer intentions can be placed anonymously on the wall with the materials provided. Parishioners are invited to view the intentions and include them in your personal prayer. All intentions will be brought forward as an offering on Pentecost Sunday 2025.



Food and Fellowship!

Join us for **curry chicken** on April 15! Lunch is served from 11:30am to 1pm. Cost is by donation.

See you there!

****There will be no luncheon on Tuesday, April 22****

St. Brigid's, Parrsboro

St. John the Baptist, Springhill

FRIENDSHIP CAFE

APRIL 24

ST BRIGIDS HALL

340 MAIN ST

12:30-2:00

\$5.00

Enjoy an afternoon with friends and family at our cafe which will feature cakes of many kinds plus a nice cup of tea or coffee



No evening mass on

Tuesday, April 15 or 22!

See you on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30pm.



Good Friday Collection



Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 18, 2025

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be

Saint Vincent de Paul - Job Opportunities

Vice President (acting) for St Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council (HPC)

If you are looking for a way to use your skills and at the same time live your faith through helping others – the position of vice president (acting) is available. The role involves attendance at monthly meetings totaling 4-8 hours. Other primary duties include collaboration with the executive members, committee leadership, updating and reporting on the Strategic Plan, annual activities report and participation in the management and planning for the council.

Should you want to support those most in need in our communities with your talent or for more information please contact: **Ray Burke 902-646-0155 President SSVP-HPC**

Treasurer for St Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council (HPC)

Our volunteer treasurer position is open. One should be a CPA or someone with experience in bookkeeping, business administration or financial management.

Operational work includes preparing cheques and deposits. Duties include oversight of a contracted bookkeeper who would prepare financial statements via Quick Books. There would also be involvement in strategic and operational discussions with two meetings per month.

The total monthly time commitment is estimated at 15-20 hours per month.

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Paid Bookkeeper Position: St. Vincent de Paul – Halifax Particular Council (HPC)

HPC requires a part-time bookkeeper experienced in the following: Quick Book entries and transactions, bank reconciliations, month end close, payroll for 2 employees with CRA and HST returns, support in the preparation of treasurer reports and potential ad-hoc related functions.

The ideal candidate should have post-secondary education, or equivalent professional experience. Knowledge and skills include a minimum of 2 Years working experience with bookkeeping, Quick-book and MS Office (Especially Excel, Power point and Word)

A highly organized and experienced individual with not-for-profit sector experience is an asset.

They must understand budget preparation and demonstrate advanced digital literacy.

This is a freelance position with an estimated 30 flexible hours per month, working remotely in Halifax, NS. Salary up to \$1200 per month based on experience.

Submit resume to hpc.ssvp@gmail.com or call Ray Burke 902-646-0155 President SSVP-HPC