

Parish of Saint Leonard

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The Parish Church of Saint Leonard is located at 3180 Mount Carmel Avenue, New Waterford, Nova Scotia

Our Pastoral Centre is located at 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan, NS, B1H 1B2

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS - MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9:30 AM - 12 NOON

Our mission: To be a visible sign of the Body of Christ in our welcome, witness and celebration of all that we are as People of God.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

Reading I: *Numbers 11:25-29*

Reading II: *James 5:1-6*

Gospel: *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

Please Pray for the repose of the souls of the following people who have died since the last publication of our bulletin:

Lionel King, Lindsey McMullin, Elizabeth MacIntosh, Carl Skinner, Baby Parker Anthony Richards

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ

Our Gatherings for Eucharist

Saturday	4 p.m.
Sunday	9 a.m.
	11 a.m.



REGISTRATION FOR MASS

Parishioners are reminded of the necessity to register for Mass. Maximum capacity limits are in place and if these numbers are exceeded it puts us in jeopardy of losing our privilege to celebrate the Eucharist. These measures are for our safety, to slow the spread of COVID-19, and we MUST comply with the Health Protection Act directive and Public Health orders. Thank you for your cooperation. Be Advised: People who do not follow the public health measures can be fined. For example, the fine is \$2,000 for each person at an illegal gathering.

We Believe . . .

In today's Gospel, Jesus also teaches about the seriousness of sin. Our bodies, with which we are called to glorify God, are sometimes used for evil. Jesus does not suggest that we literally cut off our limbs, but uses hyperbole or exaggeration to convey that our love for God must be greater than our self-seeking. What aspect of my life needs to be "cut off" as it draws me away from God? What do I do with my hands, see with my eyes, feed into my mind or speak with my tongue that leads me to sin? Jesus calls us to radically transform our being, to use our bodies for love of God.

Upcoming Events

Faith Formation

Meeting for First Communion & Reconciliation Candidate's parents will take place Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Pastoral Centre.

Meeting for Confirmation Candidate's parents will take place on Wednesday October 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Pastoral Centre.

For more information, please contact Mary Clare Sampson at (902)574-8800 or email maryclaresampson9590@gmail.com

-Mary Clare, Faith Formation Coordinator

Church Cleaning

On Monday, September 27, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting at Saint Leonard Church for all those interested in forming a group to give Saint Leonard Church a sprucing up.

We will spend some time between now and Christmas to brighten our church.

Many hands make light work!



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FUNDRAISER CONCERT

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2021

PLACE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, NORTH SYDNEY

TIME: 7:00 P.M. DOORS OPEN 6:15 PM.

ADMISSION: GOODWILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT DOOR

50/50 DRAW

FEATURING: FIDDLERS, MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE

SOUND BY: RAILROAD RECORDING PRODUCTIONS

FOR INFO PHONE: KAY AT 902-794-3772

Parish Fundraiser

Money Flower Bouquet

There are 5 tickets left on the Money Flower Bouquet. The tickets are \$10, with a prize of \$500. If you are interested phone Viola 902-862-7366

Flea Market

A reminder of the Flea Market and Bake Sale **November 27, 2021** at the Gaul Centre with proceeds going to the Parish of Saint Leonard and Nora's Home.

If you have good quality used items in your home you no longer need, we would be happy to take them off your hands!

Items may be left at the Pastoral Centre, as the office is now open for drop offs.

Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. - noon

If you have any questions or concerns about the Flea Market, please feel free to contact

Viola Penny at 902-862-7366

Thank you so much for your help!

Have you checked out our parish website lately?

Did you know that you can ...?

- Read Our Online Sunday Bulletin
- Read about the Holy Sacraments
- Register to celebrate Holy Sacraments
- Apply for Baptism and Marriage Certificates
- Check for upcoming meetings & events
- Access Cemetery Mapping for all 6 cemeteries in New Waterford & Area
- View our beautiful stained glass

all by visiting

www.parihofsaingleonard.com ?

Check it out when you get a chance!

*No Scents Makes Good Sense!
Please be considerate of other parishioners who may be scents sensitive.*

Thank you!

**Office Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. – Noon**

If anyone has pyx at home they aren't currently using, could you please return them to the church or the Pastoral Centre at your convenience

Thank you, so much for your cooperation.

Supporting Ourselves as a Parish
Weekend of September 18-19, 2021

Envelopes (161)	\$4295.00
Loose	\$37.10

Total Donations:	<u>\$4332.10</u>

Parish will be closed Thursday, September 30, 2021 in observance of the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Donations to our parish are appreciated and can be submitted in the following ways:

Contribution Envelopes:
call 902-862-2255 to arrange

E-transfer:
bookkeeper@parishofsaintleonard.com

Pre-authorized Debit:
call 902-862-2255 to arrange

Mail:
5310 Union Hwy, River Ryan,
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BIH 1B2



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



September 30, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The creation of this federal statutory holiday was through legislative amendments made by Parliament. On June 3, 2021, Bill C-5, *An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code* (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation) received Royal Assent.

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and [Orange Shirt Day](#) take place on September 30. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day that honours the children who survived Indian Residential Schools and remembers those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, on her first day of school, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to raise awareness of the very tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors.

Former Residential School students can call [1-866-925-4419](tel:1-866-925-4419) for emotional crisis referral services and information on other health supports from the Government of Canada.

Peace & Development

In this Season of Creation, let's pray for social and environmental justice



The Season of Creation, which lasts from September 1 to October 4, is a time for the global Christian family to unite in prayer and action for the Earth, our shared home. This year, in the face of continuing environmental destruction, Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign is seeking to ensure that Canada and Canadian corporations are not complicit in any violations of the rights of the people and the planet while operating abroad.

To learn more about the campaign and to pray and act for the preservation of Creation, visit Development and Peace's new website. There, you will find a multitude of resources to help you live the Season of Creation to the fullest and to mobilize for putting people and planet first. Especially take a look at our compilation of prayers celebrating the Earth and invoking its protection! devp.org/campaign

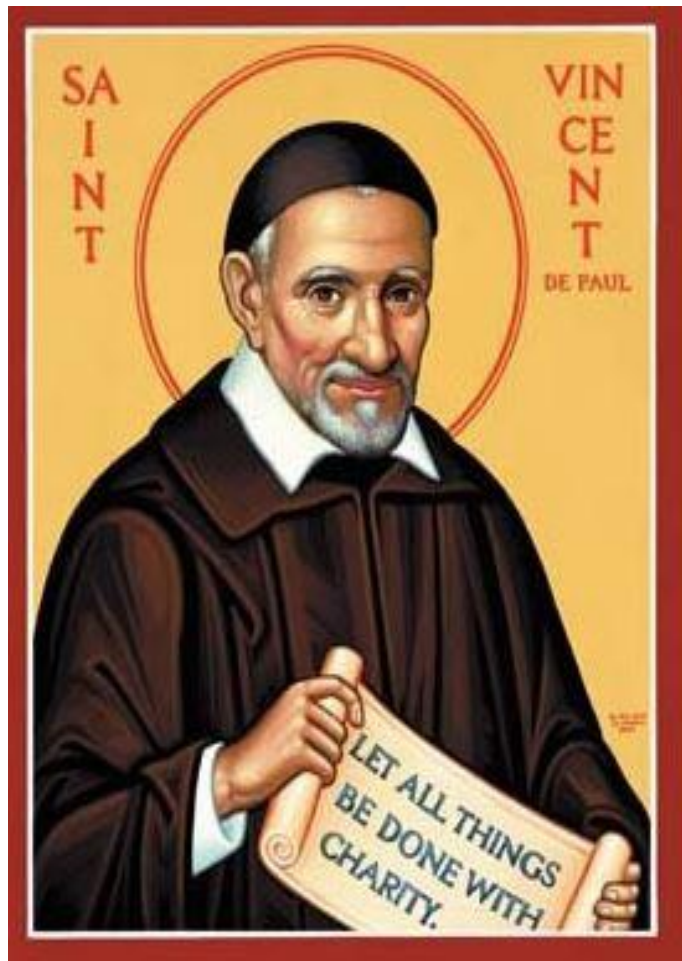
Saint Vincent de Paul, (born April 24, 1581, died September 27, 1660; canonized 1737; **feast day September 27**), French saint, founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists, or Vincentians) for preaching missions to the peasantry and for educating and training a pastoral clergy. The patron saint of charitable societies, St. Vincent de Paul is primarily recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor.

After founding the Congregation of the Mission in 1625, Vincent de Paul established in and around Paris the Confraternities of Charity—associations of laywomen who visited, fed, and nursed the sick poor. The wealth of these women, many of noble family, aided him in establishing the foundling and other hospitals.

With St. Louise de Marillac he cofounded the Daughters of Charity (Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul) in 1633. The association was patterned after the Confraternities of Charity and was the first non cloistered religious institute of women devoted to active charitable works. Saint Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of charities, hospitals and horses, among many other things.

“To serve the poor is to go to God.”

-Saint Vincent de Paul



Food Bank Donations

The **Saint Vincent De Paul Food Bank** is in need of cereal. The food bank is temporarily located at the back entrance of the Saint Leonard Parish Hall on Ripley St., in New Waterford from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout September. You may also leave donations at the Pastoral Centre during business hours.

Emergency Food Service

902-862-3779 (leave a message)

Thank you for your generosity!

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

ST. MICHAEL

ST. GABRIEL

ST. RAPHAEL



ST MICHAEL, glorious prince of heaven, protector of souls, I call on you to free me from all adversity and all sin, and to make me useful in God's service, obtaining from Him the grace of final perseverance.
Amen.

ST GABRIEL, glorious archangel, God's stronghold, I call on you to obtain for me the grace of being preserved from evil, victory over the devil and domination of my bad inclinations until the end of my life.
Amen.

ST RAPHAEL, glorious archangel, God's medicine and remedy, I call on you to heal all my body and soul's infirmities and help me flee from the sins that do such harm.
Amen.

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Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only **Michael**, **Gabriel** and **Raphael** are named.

Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the *Book of Revelation*, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. **Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century.** The Church in the West began to observe a feast honouring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness, and the restoration of the family fortune.

Michael's name means "who is like God." God gave Michael the responsibility of protecting us as God protects us. **Gabriel's name means "hero of God."** Gabriel is God's hero because he communicates God's message to people. We remember Gabriel best for being the angel who announced to Mary that she would be the mother of God's only Son. **Raphael's name means "God has healed."** In the Bible, Raphael heals a blind and is said to have stirred the water in a pool where Jesus healed a paralyzed man.

Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: **Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.** Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication, and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

On the feast day of the archangels, **September 29**, we remember that God's messengers guide us in our journey to everlasting life with our Father. **We can pray to Michael when we face temptation. We can ask to Gabriel to help us say "yes" to God as Mary did so many years ago. We can pray to Raphael when we are ill or know someone who is in need of healing.**

We honour the archangels as saints. They remind us that God is always with us and that God loves so much about us that he gives us special helpers to light and guide us.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Where to Get Support in Nova Scotia during COVID-19



1 MENTAL HEALTH MOBILE CRISIS TEAM
902-429-8167 or 1-888-429-8167 (Toll Free)

The Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team provides support for children, youth and adults experiencing a mental health crisis by phone 24/7 anywhere in Nova Scotia and a Mobile Response from 1 pm to 1am to most Halifax area communities.



2 KIDS HELP PHONE
1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868

Kids Help Phone is always there for you. No matter what you want to talk about. No judgment, totally private, 24/7. Live Chat is currently open daily from 1 am to 8 am to provide more timely access to support through their other services.



3 NSHA & IWK MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS INTAKE LINE
1-855-922-1122

If you need help with a mental health and addictions concern, Nova Scotia Mental Health and Addictions team can help. They're available to take your call Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm. The line is voicemail-only evenings, weekends and holidays.



4 CMHA NOVA SCOTIA
1-877-466-6606 (Toll Free)

CMHA NS continues to provide non-clinical mental health psycho-social support throughout COVID-19. They are committed to keeping communities and clients safe and their services supportive and welcoming. Visit novascotia.cmha.ca.



5 HEALTHY MINDS PATIENT NAVIGATOR
902-404-3504

Healthy Minds Cooperative is an innovative mental health cooperative providing a variety of peer-based services to people with lived experience of mental health issues and their families. HMC is available 9-5 Monday-Friday by phone and email.



6 STRONGEST FAMILIES I-CAN ANXIETY PROGRAM
1-866-470-7111 (Toll Free)

This program educates and teaches adults 18+ skills to overcome their anxiety, excessive worry, and learn how to cope with major life stressors. Participants are provided with access to a secure website, programming, and weekly phone support. Visit strongestfamilies.com.



7 211 NOVA SCOTIA

211 Nova Scotia is a free helpline that connects you with community groups, social services and government programs in your area 24/7. Support is available in over 150 languages. Call or visit ns.211.ca