

Father Lazarus Guria

Introducing our new parish priest



Fr. Lazarus was born in Assam, India, on February 7th, 1968. He has three brothers and one sister. His parents were quite religious, which led to his decision to enter the priesthood. He was ordained in Assam, India, on May 4th, 1997.

He worked in Assam for a number of years, as school principal, parish priest, and social worker. He first came to Antigonish in 2010 to study community development at the Coady Institute, and stayed on here to help with the priest shortage in the Diocese.

He served as parish priest in Cape Breton (Frenchvale, Iona, Christmas Island, Boisdale, and Baddeck) for six months, before being transferred to St. Ninian's Cathedral, where he served as associate pastor for two years. From there he moved to Guysborough for a year. He was then transferred to Ingonish for five years, serving the parishes of St. Peter (Ingonish), St. Joseph (Dingwall), and St. Margaret (St. Margaret Village), before coming here to serve our three parishes.

His parents and siblings are still alive, and living in India. Because of the distance, and the cost, he is only able to go back there for vacation every two years.

He enjoys reading, walking, music and keeping up with current affairs. He is keen to visit people in the parish who are sick or housebound, and unable to get to mass. If you have friends or relatives who would appreciate a visit, email him at lazguria@gmail.com or contact him on his cell phone at 902-776-0228.

