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October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (Mk 10:35-38).

Today is the feast of [St. Ignatius of Antioch](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 53:10-11, and is the conclusion of the fourth Suffering Servant Song; Christ's divine gifts become our means to salvation.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16 and discusses how Christ, our high priest, is greater than the priests of the Mosaic Law. Our confidence is based on Christ's high priesthood. He is the perfect priest because He is merciful and compassionate. As man, He has experienced the sufferings that affect us, although He was free from sin. Since He knows our weaknesses so well, He can give us the help we need, and when He comes to judge us, He will take that weakness into account. We should respond to the Lord's goodness by staying true to our profession of faith. A Christian needs to live up to all the demands of his calling; he should be single-minded and free from doubts.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark, 10:35-45. Our own natural inclination most likely would be to react like the other ten Apostles and become vexed with James and John and to tell them what we thought of their selfish worldly ambitions. However, our Lord's gentle answer: "you do not know what you are asking" shows us that ignorance of the nature of the kingdom he was going to set up, was the cause of their very human ambitions. They, with the other Apostles, had still the common Jewish idea of the messianic kingdom. They thought the Messiah—and they were now convinced that Jesus was the promised Messiah—would set up a political kingdom in Palestine, oust the pagan Romans and eventually extend his kingdom to all nations. That this kingdom he would set up would be universal, extending to all nations, was indicated in almost all the messianic prophecies in the Old Testament, but that this kingdom would be spiritual, not political, was not grasped by most of Christ's contemporaries including the Apostles.

Jesus, knowing that his Apostles still had this wrong idea, was gentle with James and John. He took this opportunity to tell them that he would set up a glorious kingdom but that his sufferings and death would be a necessary prelude to its establishment. He had already referred to his sufferings and death three times, but the mention fell on deaf ears. Their argument was: how could he suffer death when he has still to establish his earthly kingdom? The truth in fact was that it was by means of his sufferings and death that he would establish his glorious kingdom. He challenged the two Apostles then to know if they were willing to pay the price for a high place in his glorious kingdom: were they prepared to follow him through suffering and death? He accepted their affirmation, knowing it to be true, but told them their position of honor depended on his Father's decision. Once they realized the nature of his glorious kingdom they would be the last to look for positions of honor in it.

While no Christian today thinks that Christ came on earth in order to make us wealthy, happy and prosperous during our few years on earth, there are, unfortunately, many Christians who are unwilling to accept Christ's teaching that the way to heavenly glory is the way of the cross. "All this and heaven too" is their motto. It would, of course, be marvelous if all our days on earth were days of peace, happiness and prosperity to be followed by eternal happiness when we "shuffle off this mortal coil." But any man who has the use of reason sees that our world is inhabited by weak, sin-inclined and usually sinful mortals, himself included—weak mortals who can and do disturb the peace and harmony that could regulate our mortal lives. There are "accidents" on our roads and highways every day of the year, frequently causing death or grave injury to hundreds. The rules of the road, if kept by all, would prevent ninety-nine percent of such accidents—the other one percent are caused by mechanical failure. Would any man be so naive as to expect that we could have even one day free from car accidents?

Because man has a free-will, he is liable to abuse it by choosing what is sinful and wrong. Most of the crosses and trials we meet in life are caused by violations—by ourselves and others—of the rules of life and the laws of charity and justice. To prevent this abuse of free-will, God would have to deprive men of that essential gift which, with his intellect, makes him a man. Likewise, we could prevent all road accidents by removing the steering wheels from cars but then we would have no cars. Let us face the fact, almost all the hardships and sufferings which we have to bear in life, are caused by the unjust and uncharitable actions of our fellowmen and even God himself, following his own wise pattern of life for men on earth, cannot prevent such evil actions.

Would God want to prevent all such injustices and all this inhumanity of man toward his fellowman? Not that he approves of it, much less causes it, but can he not have a purpose in permitting it? How would we, his children on earth, earn heaven if this world were an earthly paradise? What loving father would keep his children from school because they found it a hardship, and when they could be so happy playing at home all day and every day? School is absolutely necessary for those children's future, and it is because fathers are truly kind to their children that they compel them to undergo this temporary hardship. God is the kindest of fathers. He wants us all in heaven. He has mapped out the road which will lead us there. He allows these hardships to come our way so that we can prepare for our real future life.

With James and John, let us tell our divine Lord that we are ready to follow him on the path to Calvary; that we are ready to drink the cup of sufferings which he drank and to be immersed in the sorrows which he endured. He went through all of this for us; we are doing it for our own sakes. He carried the real cross—ours is light when compared with his; furthermore, he will help us to bear our daily trial and struggles. How could any Christian become weary and fainthearted when he has Christ helping him on the road?

--Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

please call the office:

Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.

Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Richmond Villa 10:30 AM

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

SP 9:00 AM

+Jacob Battiste

Friday, October 22, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, October 23, 2021

SH Mass 4:00 PM

HGA Mass 5:30 PM

+ Leo Longaphy

Requested by Aunt Alice Sampson

Sunday, October 24 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

+Madeline Lafford

Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office, not with Fr. Yake.

October 10, 2021 receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose \$683.00

Candles 11.00

Total \$ 694.00

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,110.00

Candles 3.00

Cemetery road 370.00

Needs of Can. Church 20.00

Total \$1,503.00

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose \$ 706.00

Cemetery 50.00

Total \$ 756.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To view updated information for East Richmond Catholic Parishes please use eastrichmondatholicparishes.com rather than searching for St. Peter's Parish.

Operation Christmas Child: We will be participating in this project this year. However, there has been a delay in the shipping of the shoeboxes and they won't be available in the churches until the weekend of October 23rd. In the meantime you could start your shopping early for the items for your box. Boxes will be sent to Central America and West Africa. The return date for the boxes is November 14. Please support this worthy cause. **St. John the Baptist CWL**

Parishioners wanting to host family funeral receptions –

Food caterers in the St. Peter's area are listed below, **please notice this corrected list:**

- Louie's Cosy Corner Restaurant, 9985 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-3195
- Foodland Supermarket, 10004 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-2277
- Tim Hortons, 9966 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-3773
- Robins Donuts, 10041 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-623-0259
- Bras D'Or Lakes Inn, 10095 Grenville St., St. Peter's, 902-535-2200

Sundays with Fr Patrick and John Ratchford

7 pm on Facebook Live

Featuring conversations about church teachings and issues

Join live or watch later on Fr Patrick's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

Mass For Shut-Ins

59th Season Begins Oct. 17

Mass on Oct. 17 will air on CTV at **9:30 am for that week only.**

The regular schedule of Sundays at 11:30 am will resume Oct. 24.

Clergy, groups, and music ministers interested in recording episodes are invited to book their time by contacting Nick Vince, Mass for Shut-Ins Coordinator, at 902-539-6188 or toll-free 1-800-656-5311 ext 222, or email nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Questions? Contact Fr. Patrick O'Neill, producer, Mass for Shut-Ins, at (902) 562-9810

This October Jesus Youth Nova Scotia

Is organizing a one-day event for the youth around Sydney. This will be a beautiful fellowship gathering with some spiritual content and a way to know Jesus better.

Date: 23rd, October 2021

Time: 10am-3pm

Venue: Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier, Sydney.

For more information-feel free to reach out to us through this Facebook page or by email-jesusyouthns@gmail.com or contact 9025490493.

Come let's feast on God's love!!!

More for youth:

From the Catholic Register

Pilgrims flock to beatified teen's tomb in Assisi ahead of feast day

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

- October 12, 2021

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ROME -- Thousands of pilgrims have flocked to the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the 15-year-old Italian teenager whose use of technology to spread devotion to the Eucharist prompted Pope Francis to hail him as a role model for young people today. In a statement released Oct. 11, the Diocese of Assisi said that since his beatification one year ago, an estimated 117,000 pilgrims visited the teen's tomb in the Shrine of the Renunciation at the Church of St. Mary Major in Assisi.

The diocese also said that in the lead up to Blessed Acutis Oct. 12 feast day, hundreds of pilgrimage groups have registered to receive a catechesis on the beatified teen's life.

"Every day, I meet families, young people, groups of visitors from every part of Italy, and after the reopening (of the country), from different parts of the world," said Capuchin Father Carlos Acácio Gonçalves Ferreira, rector of the Shrine of the Renunciation.

"Carlo is a phenomenon of holiness that touches everyone, that pushes young people to approach the church, who helps those who are far from the faith," Father Ferreira said.

Before his death from leukemia in 2006, Acutis was an average teen with an above-average knack for computers. He put that knowledge to use by creating an online database of eucharistic miracles around the world.

In "Christus Vivit" ("Christ Lives"), Pope Francis' exhortation on young people, he said the teen was a role model for young people today who are often tempted by the traps of "self-absorption, isolation and empty pleasure."

"Carlo was well-aware that the whole apparatus of communications, advertising and social networking can be used to lull us, to make us addicted to consumerism and buying the latest thing on the market, obsessed with our free time, caught up in negativity," the pope wrote.

In February 2020, the pope formally recognized a miracle attributed to Acutis' intercession and in October that year, the teen was beatified during a Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis.

According to the Diocese of Assisi, an estimated 48,200 pilgrims visited Blessed Acutis' tomb in August, the height of the tourist season; visitors came from Italy, France, Slovenia, Germany, Spain and Malta as well as Brazil and the Philippines.

In preparation for his feast day, a prayer vigil was held Oct. 11 at the Cathedral of San Rufino in Assisi, followed by a morning Mass presided by Capuchin Father Marco Gaballo, vicar of the Capuchins' Central Italy province.

For the feast day, Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi was scheduled to celebrate Mass at the cathedral.

All events were to be streamed live on the diocese's Facebook page and website, www.diocesiassisi.it.