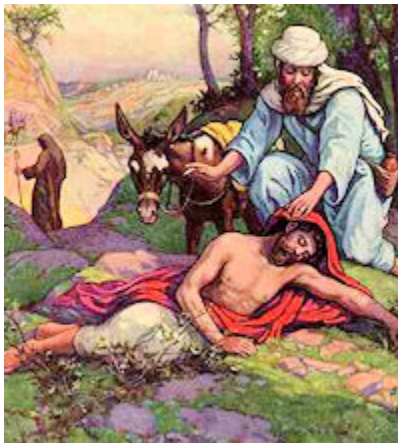


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October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Previous Calendar: Feast of Christ the King; Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these (Mk 12:28-31)."

A reminder to pray for the [Poor Souls in Purgatory](#) from November 1 to the 8th.

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from Deuteronomy 6:2-6. Moses, having received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai, set about teaching them to the Israelites.

The **Second Reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 7:23-28 where he continues to show the superiority of Jesus over the high priests of the Old Testament.

The **Gospel** is from Mark 12:28-34. The personal lesson which comes over loud and clear for every sincere Christian from today's gospel, is that the solid foundation of our Christian religion is love of God and neighbor. As our Lord says: "there is no other commandment greater than these." All the other commandments are expansions of these two and indications of how we are to put these two

commandments into daily practice. For example: why am I forbidden to murder my neighbor? Simply because he belongs to God; it was God who gave him his life, and God has commanded me to love and respect him. Taking his life is interfering with God's rights, and disobeying him as well. Likewise, the prohibition of idolatry, refraining from insulting God's name, keeping the Sabbath day holy are the principal ways of indicating how we should love God.

One may ask: how can I love God? He is infinitely perfect, he needs nothing from me, what therefore can I do for him? I can understand loving my neighbor—for a neighbor can need help, advice, encouragement and consolation. I can prove my love by giving these to my neighbor, but God has no such needs. It is quite true that true love is not theoretical but pragmatic, it means doing some good for somebody. While the infinite God has no needs that I can supply, he has claims on my service, on my respect, on my gratitude—claims so basic and so great that I must be ready to suffer persecution and even death rather than deny or dishonor him (Mt. 5: 10; Lk. 6: 23). It was God who gave me existence and every gift that I have. It was God, through the incarnation of his own divine Son, who made me his adopted child and heir to heaven. Everything that I am and have and hope to be, I owe to God's generosity; therefore, he has an unquestionable right to my gratitude, my reverence, my respect—these are the ways in which I can show my love for him.

The keeping of God's commandments, the prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition which daily we offer, the attendance at Mass and other liturgical functions, these are the means God gives us of showing our love, our recognition of total dependence on him and our gratitude for all he has done and is doing for us. God does not need any of these signs of our submission and reverence and respect, but we need them absolutely, for they are the means he has given us of fulfilling his purpose in creating us—to share his eternal glory with him. To love God then, is not an obligation imposed on us by some demanding superior but a privilege granted us so that we can become worthy of the greater gifts he has in store for us.

Loving our neighbor—and in the Christian code this means all men no matter what may be their color, race or religion—is, according to our divine Lord, another most effective way of proving to God that we love him. Because of our common humanity we should be inclined to help our fellowmen, our neighbors, but the Christian law spiritualizes this natural inclination, by commanding us to help our neighbor because he is God's child. We are all fellow-children of God, members of the one family. Our heavenly Father loves each one of us and wants our salvation. If we love our common Father we will do all we can to help his other children also to attain salvation. It will earn for us God's favor.

If we observe these two commandments we are "fulfilling the whole law and the prophets,"; we are serving God and showing our gratitude to him for all his goodness to us. The Christian who is following Christ in love is already active in the earthly kingdom of God and traveling safely toward God's eternal kingdom of peace and happiness.

--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

Tuesday, November 2, 2021**All Souls Day**

HGA 11:00 AM

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

SP 11:00 AM

For the intention of George Bourque who
is recovering from surgery in Halifax

Friday, November 5, 2021

No Mass at HGA

Weekend Liturgy**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

SH Mass 4:00 PM

HGA Mass 5:30 PM

+Monica, Pearl & Simon Mombourquette

Sunday, November 7, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

SP 10:30 AM

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

October 24, 2021 receipts**Holy Guardian Angels**

Envelopes & Loose \$642.00

Candles 24.90

Total \$ 666.90

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,065.00
Candles	6.00
Cemetery	20.00
Cemetery Road	50.00
Special Offerings	196.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,337.00</u>

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 720.00
Donation	444.00
Mission Sunday	10.00
Roof	400.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,574.00</u>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

HGA will be having their all souls celebration on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 11:00 AM Mass.

SP will be having their all souls celebration on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 10:30 AM Mass.

Mass and candle lighting ceremony for deceased members of SJB Parish since November 2, 2020 will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM in the church.

Commencing November 9, 2021 SJB 4:00 PM Mass on Tuesdays will be held in the vestry except for November 16 candle light Mass for all souls.

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**

Religious Christmas Cards for sale: There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca. You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered several mixed packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10. **Phone 902-587-2517** for more information.

L'Ardoise Social Action Weekend is Saturday, November 27th and Sunday, November 28th. Our annual Food Drive will take place on Saturday, starting at 10:00 A.M. from Point Michaud to Grand Greve. On Sunday we will have a Bake Sale from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Lower level of the Community Center.

St. Peter's Parish Council next meeting will be held November 15, 2021 at Eva Landry's house at 6:00 PM

The mother of Father Mariadoss fell and broke her hip. She had successful surgery but parishioners are asked to pray for her as she continues her recovery. Thank you and God bless you.

Sunday Missals for 2021-2022 have been ordered and will be in sometime in November.

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>

For the Synod process and resources:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/synod2021/>

Oct. 26, Nov. 2, and Nov. 9 from 6:30-8:30 pm

The Catholic Church and Residential Schools:

What We Know, What We Need to Learn

at Bethany Resource Centre (Sisters of St. Martha, Antigonish)

The finding of unmarked graves attached to residential schools has brought into sharp focus a chapter in the history of the Catholic Church in Canada that has been devastating to Indigenous people. Martha Justice Ministry is inviting you to three two-hour sessions, facilitated by Sr. Donna Brady, to explore the history of residential schools and our involvement as Church.

Session 1: Discovering together our common understanding of the Church's

involvement with residential schools and the questions we have.

Session 2: The Doctrine of Discovery and its implications for the relationship between Church, State, and Indigenous people.

Session 3: Moving toward reconciliation; what is the invitation for us as Catholics?

To register or for further information, contact Darlene O'Leary, phone: 902-863-3218; email: justice@themarthas.com

Mass For Shut-Ins

New Season Under Way

Mass airs on CTV on Sundays at 11:30 am, and can be watched later on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w>

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
