

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2022

The Memorial of the [Guardian Angels](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Today is [Respect Life Sunday](#), with the whole month of October being dedicated as Respect Life Month.

From Living with Christ, September 2022, expressive of the theme of the readings:

“What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless.” St. John Paul II

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the Prophecy of *Habakkuk*, 1:2-3, 2:2-4. This prophet wrote about 600 B.C. shortly before the Babylonian invasion of Judah and the capture of the city of Jerusalem. Political intrigue and idolatry were widespread in Judah and Jerusalem at the time. The prophet is arguing with God about this state of affairs—why should God allow these things to happen? God tells him, he has prepared a severe punishment for Judah and its wicked inhabitants but the just will be saved.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to Timothy*, 1:6-8, 13-14. This second letter to Timothy, Bishop of Ephesus, was written by St. Paul from his Roman prison where he was spending his second and last term. It was written about 66/67 A.D. and in it Paul is most anxious that Timothy should come to him in Rome. He does not forget to urge on his beloved convert the need to continue preaching and preserving the faith which he had learned from his father-in-Christ.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke*, 17:5-10. Although Christ was speaking to the Apostles, His words apply to all of us, each in his own station in life. Following the example of the Apostles, we must all pray for greater trust in God. Most of us are inclined to forget God and his providence when our earthly affairs are going well. How often do we thank Him when we are enjoying good health, and when our home-life and business are going smoothly? How many of us Catholics make a novena of thanksgiving for all the gifts we have received and are receiving daily from God's providence. How many, rather, pat ourselves on the back for what we claim as our own successes? It is only when a storm arises in our lives that we think of Him. Remember that storm on the Lake of Gennesaret. The Apostles were rowing cheerfully across the lake. They were probably telling tall yarns about the size and the number of fish they had caught there in their day. They may have been striving against one another to show who was the strongest oarsman. They did not

seem to notice that Jesus was sleeping soundly in the bow of the boat. They thought of Him only when the storm arose, and then when they realized that they were in danger they shouted to Him for help (Mk. 5 : 37). They didn't realize that both the calm and the storm were under His province.

Too many of us also, forget God and fail to give Him the thanks and the credit for our well-being which we owe him. We rush to Him only when trouble strikes. In His infinite goodness He often answers such panic prayers. If, however, we had thought of Him every day and realized His place in our lives with how much more confidence would we then approach Him in our hour of special need? If our own personal lives were stronger how much more readily would we accept the adversities and the trials that He sends us or allows to befall us for our eternal good? We can all ask God today to "increase our faith."

As regards our work for God's kingdom and for the salvation of ourselves and of our neighbor we are, like the Apostles, servants of God, and we should be proud of our status. We should be glad, that is, that He allows us to cooperate with Him in the building of His heavenly kingdom. Are we really dutiful servants in this regard? Let us ask ourselves seriously today: What have I done up to now to help to make God known to my neighbor who is ignorant of God and never thinks of what will happen him after death? I may not be able to put in words very clearly what I know and believe about God and the future life, but I can speak to Him far more convincingly by my way of living, by my daily actions.

The sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor without going on the foreign missions. There are pagans and unbelievers, often such through no fault of their own, and there are many lax Christians all around us. We should, and we can, have an effective influence on them and on their eternal future, if we ourselves live our Christian lives as Christ expects us to do. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, a truly unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles, coming from a sincere layman can do more good than a series of sermons given by a renowned theologian in the parish church.

Look around you today. Think of your fellow-workers and those living in your own street. Many of them need help and need it badly. You can help them, God expects you to help them. It is His plan for getting you to help yourself to get to heaven. If you fail to cooperate with God by helping to bring His stray children back to Him, you may find that you will be a straying child on your day of reckoning. God forbid.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office:

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, October 7, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Saturday, October 8, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM _____

+ Albany & Rose Sampson & family members

Sunday, October 9, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Mary & Ken Cosman

SP 10:30 AM

+ Vincent Zapulla

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

September 24, 2022

No Mass

St. John the Baptist

September 25, 2022

No receipts

St. Peter's

September 25, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 295.00

Canadian church 105.00

Total \$400.00

COMMUNITY NEWS

From Bishop Kirkpatrick

Indigenous Reconciliation Collection Begins this weekend in our diocese

Pope Francis during his penitential pilgrimage to Canada gave a heartfelt and solemn apology to Indigenous Peoples on behalf of the Catholic Church and called on us to continue to assist survivors and families in healing from the traumas they have suffered. Together with every Canadian diocese, the Diocese of Antigonish has committed to raising revenue for the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund over the next 5 years. Money collected in Nova Scotia will be used here to support local projects and programs to promote education and healing.

Envelopes are being provided. Donations may also be made through the Donate link on our website: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com>: specify 'Indigenous Reconciliation Fund' in the parish box or comments.

For more on Truth and Reconciliation in our diocese:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>

SP Parish Council: We would like to announce that three people have been nominated and have been accepted to Council by acclamation. Special thanks are extended to Blair Landry, Richard Landry, and Alfred Sampson for allowing their names to stand.

St. Peter's Lions' Club

L'Arche Variety Concert will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at the St. Peter's Lions' Community Hall. A free will donation will be accepted at the door and a 50/50 Raffle will be held. All proceeds will be going back to L'Arche, Cape Breton.

HGA: L'Ardoise Acadian Festival wrap up meeting will be held on Sunday, October 2 @ 1:00. Financial statement will be available at this time for those who may have any questions. Hope to see you there.

Cape Breton Ostomy Support Group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022 at 2pm – 4pm at the South Bar Fire Hall, South Bar This is a support group for those that have or will have an ostomy. Guest Speaker: Greg Cromwell, Coloplast representative. For more information contact Stasia at 902-562-1367

Thank you

Stasia Digout

Congratulations: The Officers and members of the K of C Council wish to extend our most sincere congratulations to the L'Ardoise Jolly Club on the celebration of their 50th anniversary. Your half century of service is an inspiration to us all, encouraging us to do more to serve our communities.

The philosophy of Charles Schulz, The creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.

Ponder these questions.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.



How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers.

They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies.

Awards tarnish ...

Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.



Pass this on to those people whom you keep close in your heart

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today.

It's already tomorrow in Australia!"