

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10*. To help us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, the Church recalls the prophecies of the great Isaiah on each of the four Sundays of Advent. To encourage the Chosen People who, because of the bad example of their worldly leaders, were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh their true God, the prophet reminds them of him who is to come. This was 700 years before Christ came, but it was a reminder that God, who had called Abraham and had made him the father and founder of the Chosen People some thousand years previously, had not forgotten his promises. He would fulfill his word. He would one day send them a ruler, a king, who would rule and

judge with justice because he would have the true spirit of the Lord. He who was to come would set up a kingdom of peace, not only for the Chosen People but for all men. The kingdom he was to establish would be for Jew and Gentile.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 15:4-9*. St. Paul is telling newly converted Christians, converted Christians of Rome, many of whom were Jews, that the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament are still a source of instruction, encouragement, and hope. The call of Abraham and the promises made to him, and to his descendants, were fulfilled in the coming of Christ. Christ was the glory of the Chosen People—the fruit of centuries of preparation and expectation—but he brought the knowledge and blessings of the true God to the Gentile pagans also. Henceforth, all men are brothers of Christ.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction. Add to this what has been written concerning Christ's coming among us, with his teaching and promises, and we Christians surely have an inexhaustible source of encouragement and hope. To help us prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas, the Church brings before our minds sections of the Old and New Testaments, which should inspire us with new faith, hope and charity. Faith in God, who always fulfills his promises, hope for our eventual salvation, and charity, or love for God, who has done, and is still doing, such wonderful things for us unworthy men. This charity and love of God must spill over on our neighbor, if it is sincere, for as St. John tells us, the man who says he loves God and yet hates his neighbor is a liar (2 Jn. 4:20).

The **Gospel** is from the *Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12*, an angel announced to Zechariah, a priest of the temple, that he would have a son (even though his wife Elizabeth was barren and advanced in years). This son was destined to be the Precursor who would announce the proximate arrival of the long-expected Messiah. John, the name given him by the angel even before his conception, spent his youth and early manhood as a hermit in the desert of Judea, preparing himself for his exalted office. When God revealed to him that the Messiah was soon to begin his public life, John set out for the bank of the Jordan, where he began to preach repentance, in order to prepare the people for "him who was to come."

In this holy season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas. John the Baptist has words of advice and warnings for each one of us. He advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord," by true repentance of our past sins and a firm resolution to straighten "the ways of the Lord," that is, not to deviate from the true Christian way of life in the future.

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

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office:

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Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, December 9, 2022

HGA 11:00AM

+ Harry A. Sampson

Saturday, December 10, 2022

HGA 4:00 PM

+ Lorraine Pottie

SH 5:30 PM

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

November 26, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 696.75

Candles 22.00

Missals 65.00

Total \$ 783.75

St. John the Baptist
November 27, 2022

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| Envelopes & Loose | \$ 640.00 |
| Missals | 130.00 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>\$ 770.00</u> |

St. Peter's
November 27, 2022

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| Envelopes & Loose | \$ 1035.00 |
| Candles | 3.00 |
| Dues | 20.00 |
| Missals | 118.50 |
| Cemetery | 30.00 |
| Memory Tree | 765.00 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>\$ 1951.50</u> |

COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTED: Website Administrator: A volunteer Website Administrator is needed for our parishes. Mr. Mike Dallien was hired by Rev. D. Lamey and has served us well. Mike wishes to retire. Interested persons should please contact the office at 902-535-2053.

SP: A Christmas tree will be erected in St. Peter's Church again this year, from Nov. 27 throughout the Advent season. Each name received represents a donation. The names will be announced each week until Christmas. Charitable donation receipts will be issued. All funds raised go directly to St Peter's Parish. Donations may be dropped in the collection plate at Sunday Mass, emailed to memorytreestpeters@gmail.com, or dropped off at the glebe between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm Monday to Thursday. Security answer is memorytree. In the message space please add the name(s) that you wish to remember.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Tickets being sold on a Yamaha Clavanova electronic piano valued at \$3000. Draw date is December 15, 2022

SJB Operation Christmas Child: A sincere thank you to everyone who supported this project. This year 198 boxes were collected. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

St. John the Baptist CWL

SJB Memory Tree: Donations may be made in memory of a loved one. We will have the name placed on a dove, angel, or star; which will be placed on the tree during the Christmas season. Donations and names can be given to Marie Fougere or Mimi Fougere, or simply place the name and donation in the collection. Proceeds will help with purchases of heating oil for the church this winter. Thank you.

SJB: There are many great Advent Season resources online that offer Advent programs. By visiting the CWL Canada website you can view some of these program links under the Spiritual Development Communique. One such program is titled “Best Advent Ever” from Dynamic Catholic. You can register by visiting: www.dynamiccatholic.com. May your waiting bring you peace!

**Thank you and have a great day,
Valerie Cunningham**

HGA: Time changes for Mass at Holy Guardian Angels and Sacred Heart parishes.

December 10: HGA 4:00 pm. SH 5:30 pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Mass will be held at HGA 4:00 pm (children's Mass). Sacred Heart Mass 5:30 pm.

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 online 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 cards.

Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

HGA: Holy Guardian Angels 200th Anniversary next meeting is **Sunday, December 11th @ 1:00 P.M.** L'Ardoise Community Centre. Come and Share your ideas as we continue planning for 2023.

CHRISTMAS MAGIC

Come celebrate the magical talent of Paul Naas on December 17 at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 1452 Kings Road, Sydney River. Admission is free, we will accept good will offering in support of those suffering food insecurity. We will have Magic, Nativity play, fire trucks, food and fun! And of course, a special guest appearance by Santa. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, with the support of Our Lady of Fatima CWL, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River United Church, Kostume Kapers, Sydney River Fire Department.

Blessings,

Allyson Langley

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Secretary/Faith Formation Co-ordinator

CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis

Relaunches its newsletter *Encounter*

This revamped publication, supported by the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis, is inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*. It will serve as a source of information highlighting events, formation opportunities, recently released Church documents, and new resources as they become available.

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<http://eepurl.com/hGNOLr>

Dec. 11, 7 pm

St. Joseph Parish Bras d'Or

Christmas Concert Fundraiser

Bras d'or Hall, 24 Villa Drive

Tickets \$12.00 For tickets call the parish office at 902.736.9633

Talent Co-ordinator: Fred Lavery

Appearances by Children's Parish Christmas Choir, Aaron Lewis, Kimberly Fraser, Jenn Roland, Buddy MacDonald, MacArthur Dancers, Ian Aker & Fred Lavery, Hugh Toner, Dane Pedersen, Finney Boys, Father Godwin, Alan Gale, Andrew Doyle, St. Joseph Men's Choir, Ward Glogowski & Hughie MacDonald and Earl Warhus. 50/50 and Canteen Service Available. Accepting Food Bank Donations. Not to be missed Christmas Event of the Season!

The Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine will open for a Christmas Shopping sale for one day only: December 10th from 1 to 4 pm. all gift items in the shop will be 50% OFF.

The Shrine remains open for visitation year round.

Please call 902-945-2221 for inquiries or requests for enrolments in "Friends of the Shrine."