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<u>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <u>August 7, 2022</u>

The Optional Memorials of <u>Saints Sixtus II and companions and St.</u> <u>Cajetan, priest</u>, which are ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of *Wisdom 18:6-9* and refers to the events of the Exodus, in which God showed his mighty power to save his chosen ones from their cruel enemies.

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul to the *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-11* and gives a definition of the virtue of faith, and an example of true faith as it can be seen to be active in Abraham and Sarah.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 12:32-48* and in a few vivid and expressive similes, our Lord tells the disciples and through them, all his followers, how they should conduct their lives on earth so that they would always be found in God's friendship when their call to judgment comes. In answer to a question put to him by Peter, our Lord says that more will be expected of those who have received greater gifts from God than of those who received lesser gifts.

This teaching of our Lord should make us all sit up and take serious notice. He has taken us into his household. He has made us his "little flock." We are invited guests in his home, his Church, rather than mere servants. He warns us today that we must always be busy about our vocation, about the reason why he invited us into his home. If we grasped clearly what that call of Christ means, what our Christian vocation is, we would hardly need today's warning. We are Christians, we are members of his Church, for our own eternal good. God, through Christ's Incarnation, has put us on the road to heaven. He is ever helping us on the way. Could we be so blind to our own welfare that we would risk losing the eternal life that God has in store for us, and for which He went to the extreme lengths of love? In our saner moments we would give an emphatic no to this question. Yet, we must look the real facts of life in the face. There are many Christians who are destined for heaven but who, in their folly, have left the only road which leads there, and are now traveling in the opposite direction.

Some of us here present may be among these foolish ones. We may have let this world get such a grip on us that we have no time or thought for the world that is to come. For such foolish people, and indeed for all of us, today's warning is that our call to judgment will come on each one of us like a thief in the night, at a moment when we least expect it. This need not be a sudden death. Of every thousand who die after long illnesses in our hospitals, there rarely is one who knows and admits he is about to die, so actually all deaths are sudden, that is, unexpected.

However the unexpected death, which we are sure to get, need not worry the ordinary good Christian. It is the unprepared, the unprovided death which must cause us anxiety. It need not, if, when it comes, it finds us living in God's grace, living the ordinary Christian life, doing our daily tasks but doing them as part of our duty to God. We have to take an interest in the affairs of this world, but the interest must never exclude our eternal interest. Instead it can and must help us toward the one real interest that man has in this life, that is, to earn his eternal life.

Take a serious look at your way of living today. Is your behavior in the home, in your place of work, in your recreation, in your relations with God —prayers and church attendance—and with your neighbor, it is such that you would change nothing in it, if you were told by God that you were to die tonight? If it is, thank God for it and keep on going; you are on the right road. If it is not, don't wait for God to tell you when or where you will die; he will not tell you. Put things right today, and then you need not worry when your call to judgment comes. Death will be graduation day for the good Christian—not examination day.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office: 902-535-2053 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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, August 9, 2022SJB4:00 PM

Wednesday, August 10, 2022SP9:00 AM+ Mike Sutherland

<u>Friday, August 12, 2022</u> HGA 11:00 AM

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Sunday, August 14, 2022SJB9:00 AM+ Margaret & Ernest BourqueSP10:30 AM	
<u>Receipts</u>	
<u>Holy Guardian Angels</u> July 30, 2022	
Envelopes & Loose Candles	\$ 1,146.25 26.25
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,172.50</u>
St. John the Baptist July 31, 2022	<u>.</u>
Envelopes & loose Cemetery	\$ 742.00 50.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 792.00</u>
<u>St. Peter's</u> July 31, 2022	
Envelopes & Loose Candles Cemetery Donation Cemetery Old Road Glebe Rent	\$ 1,230.75 6.00 100.00 20.00 300.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,656.75</u>

Saturday, August 13, 2022

4:00 PM

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance: Johnstown Parish Hall, 15290 Highway 4, Johnstown, Friday August 19th. Longest running Milling Frolic in Canada. Events include: Country Store, Fancy Booth, Bake Sale, Bingo, Straw Game, Lunch, Milling, Gaelic Singing and a Square Dance with Shelly Campbell and Allan Dewar. **NOTE:** The square dance this year will be a Family event, all ages are welcome. Time 7:00 pm - 1:00 am

Thanks Louise Campbell

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Mass of the Resurrection for Lenova Sampson of River Bourgeois will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at St. John the Baptist Church at 11:00 AM. Reception to follow at Tara Lynne Community Centre.

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The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market: Dates: July 30, August 13, 27, September 10, 24, October 8. The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. The outdoor market will run bi-weekly starting Saturday June 4th ending the season on Saturday October 8th, 2022.

In the Diocese

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Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Weekly Events:

<u>Fridays 3-5 pm</u>
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
<u>Sunday Mass</u>
9:30 am
Father Albert MacPherson, OSA is Chaplain of Our Lady of Grace
Monastery and Director of Our Lady of Grace Shrine
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Fougere at 902.623.0075

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August 15:

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