

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2022

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Kings 5:14-17*. Elisha from Thisbe in Galaad is the first of the great prophets in Israel after the separation of Israel from Judah. He lived during the reign of King Achab (869-850), who married a daughter of the pagan king of Tyre. She introduced idolatry into Israel which Elisha fought fearlessly. He is credited with many miracles, one of which is related in today's reading.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 2:8-13*. In last Sunday's extract from this same reading, St. Paul exhorts his convert and disciple to be proud of the Gospel. He must guard the rich treasure of the faith he has received from Paul and hand it on to the next generation. Today, he reminds Timothy of the resurrection of Jesus, the crowning act of divine drama of our redemption.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 17:11-19*. The incident of the ten lepers happened as our Lord was on His way to Jerusalem, where He was to die on the cross so that we could live eternally. The Church brings it before our minds today, not so much to remind us of the mercy and kindness of Jesus to all classes, even the outcasts, as lepers were, as to make us see and be amazed at the depths of ingratitude to which men can sink.

This is but one of many such examples of ingratitude that occurred during Christ's public ministry, most of those He miraculously cured forget to thank Him. In today's incident there was one, and he was the one least expected to do so, who had the decency to return and thank his benefactor. This pleased our Lord and led Him to remark on the ingratitude of the others. "Were not all ten made whole, where are the other nine?"

He was surprised and also sad for their sakes, not for his own. They missed greater graces through this lack of appreciation and gratitude.

All ten showed great faith and confidence in Jesus' power to heal. They had not heard Him preach nor had they seen any of His miracles. They lived in isolation camps, yet they believed the reports they had heard. They all were very obedient too. They set off for Jerusalem to carry out the command of Jesus, even though their leprosy had not yet left them.

In all of this it was their own self-interest which came first in the minds of the nine Jews. Once they found their leprosy gone all they thought of was their own good fortune. Their Benefactor was quickly forgotten. The Samaritan's first thought, on the other hand, was of the one who had healed him. He was as delighted as the others with his cure but being generous and thoughtful for others, he felt it his

bounden duty to return and thank the man who had done him this miraculous good turn.

While we are ashamed of our fellowmen who were so ungrateful, and who treated the loving Jesus so shamefully, let us see if we have improved very much in our way of acting towards our Savior. Those Jewish lepers did not know that He was the Son of God who assumed human nature, became man, in order to raise us up to a new supernatural status. He gave them the gift of physical health for thirty, forty, or maybe sixty years more. We know that He has come to give us an eternal life — a life that will last forever, a life free from all troubles and worries "where all tears will be wiped away and death shall be no more."

With this knowledge then of what Christ means to us, of what His Incarnation has won for us, of the eternal freedom from all sickness and death which His human life, death and resurrection have put at our disposal, how can any real Christian ever cease thanking Him, could there be such a being as an ungrateful Christian ever on earth?

Unfortunately, there is not only one such ungrateful being, but there are millions of them. How many of us here present are numbered amongst these ungrateful ones? There are those of us who think of God only when we are in difficulties. While things are going well, when there is no sickness in the home, when our business is prospering, when there is peace all around us, how many times in the week do we say, "thank you, God, you are very good to me." When trouble strikes it is a different matter. We rush to church, we implore God to have pity on us, we make novenas to our special saints. This is not wrong. What is wrong, however, is that we forgot to thank God all the time that He was giving us spiritual and temporal favors.

Think for a moment. If those nine ungrateful lepers were struck again with disease some months later and returned to implore Christ for a cure, would you blame Him if He refused? Most of us would refuse. Yet we expect Him to listen to our urgent pleas the minute we make them, while we have not given Him a thought and never said one "thank you, Lord; while things were going well with us.

We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives—more grateful than we have been. He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be no admixture of sorrows. It is for that life that we are working. It is because there is a heaven after death that we are Christians. God has already done His part in preparing this heaven for us. He is assisting us daily to get there. We need a lot of that assistance and one of the surest ways of getting further benefits from God (as well as from men) is to show true gratitude for the benefits already received.

—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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Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699

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Sacrament of Confirmation

The bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those wishing to receive this sacrament who belong to the parishes: Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise, Sacred Heart, Johnstown, Barra Head, St. Peter's, St. Peter's, and St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois on Sunday, November 13 at St. Peter's regular 10:30am Mass.

Candidates should register at the parish office.

The Sacrament of Confirmation, along with Baptism and Holy Eucharist, is a sacrament of initiation. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are sacraments of healing, and the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders are sacraments of vocation.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, October 14, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Mass of the Resurrection

+Edna Martell

Saturday, October 15, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Charles & Sabine Sampson & family members

Sunday, October 16, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Lenova Sampson

SP 10:30 AM

+ Yvonne Sampson

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

October 1, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$829.00

Candles 41.25

Total \$ 870.25

St. John the Baptist
September 23 & October 2, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,665.00
Needs of Cdn Church	95.00
Cemetery	450.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 2,210.00</u>

St. Peter's
October 2, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$1080.00
Candles	6.00
Glebe rental donation	100.00
Canadian Churches	60.00
New donation	100.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,346.00</u>

COMMUNITY NEWS

From Bishop Kirkpatrick

Indigenous Reconciliation Collection continues 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/>

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.

Registration for religion classes grade 1-6 will take place Tuesday Oct. 11th in the globe basement St. Peter's from 3:30 to 4:30

HGA: The L'Ardoise Acadian Festival meeting was held last week. The financial statement was made available and once again our festival was very successful as we profited over 28 thousand dollars. Thanks to the many volunteers, community members, along with of our family and friends who made this event possible. Dates for next year's festival are July 27 - 30. Our next meeting will be held Sunday November 20. Hope to see you there.

HGA: 200th Anniversary Committee are sponsoring an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, October 29th from 9am until 2pm at the L'Ardoise Community Center. Great selection to choose from. If you wish to help out or donate any items give Blair Sampson a call at 902-535-4107.

RTO Fall Action Moring October 18th 9am – 1pm

A nature walk, scavenger hunt, prizes, pumpkin carving, socializing with peers and donating carved pumpkins to the Richmond Villa.

RTO members, come join in a nature walk along the St. Peter's walking trail. Walk will begin at 9am – Registration at St. Peter's Lion's Hall - Nature Scavenger Hunt- prizes will be rewarded. Upon return, work on carving pumpkin centerpieces and have lunch. The finished products will be donated to the Richmond Villa to decorate seniors' tables for Halloween.

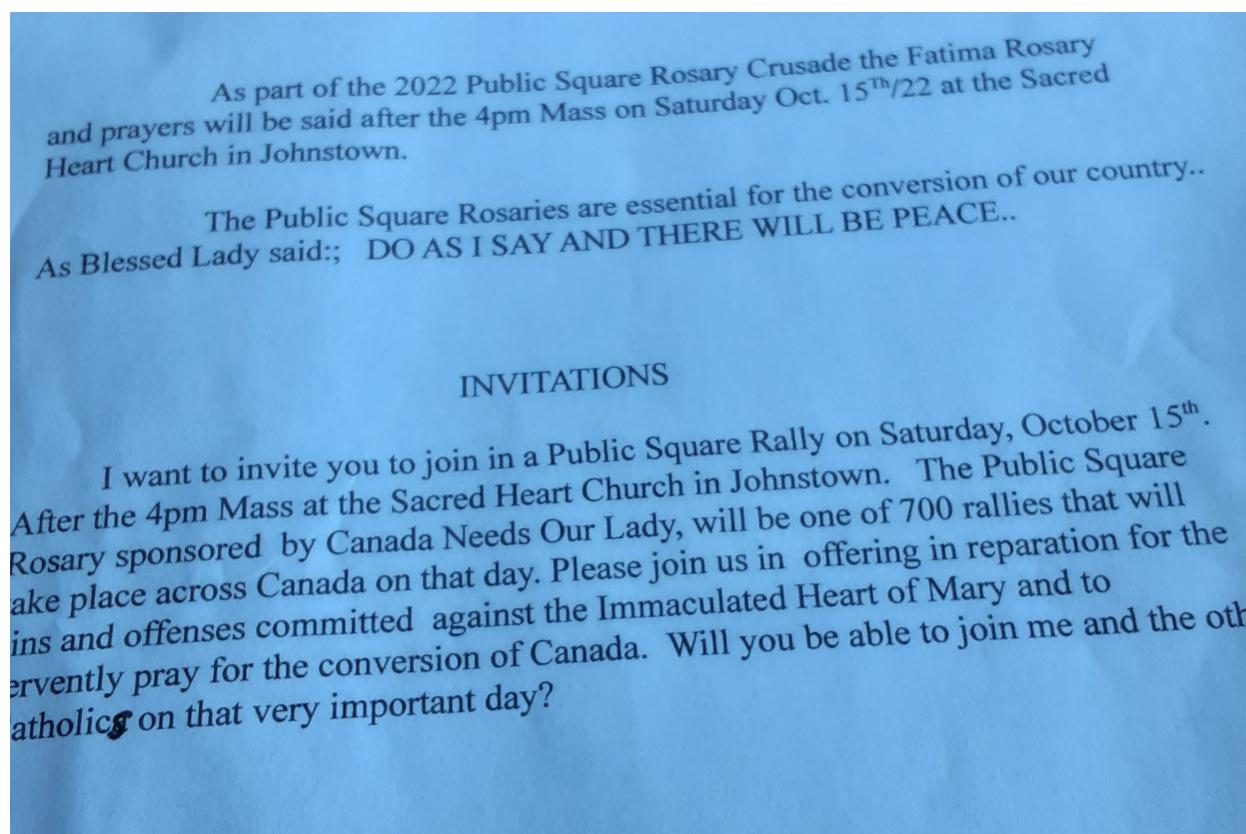
Knights of Columbus: The regular monthly meetings for October will be held as follows: OFFICERS-Friday Oct. 14th 9:30 am. in the St. Peter's Glebe Meeting Room. COUNCIL MEETING- Thursday Oct. 20th – 6:30pm in the St. Peter's Glebe. D.D. Bill will be on hand to install the officers for this Council Year.

Knights of Columbus: I have been asked to be a Rally Captain for the 2022 *Canada Needs Our Lady* public rosary for the East Richmond County. We will be one of 881 rallies held across Canada on October 15, 2022 commencing at 1pm.

We ask participants to gather in the public space of St. Peter's Church to pray the rosary. It will take less than a half an hour. Afterwards, we may participate in a "walk for life" moving from the Bell Aliant building to the St. Peter's Canal and back. Everyone is welcome to attend.

George McNamara
Pro- life Director
Knights of Columbus

This event was also advertised in Johnstown as follows:



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

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Alpha via Zoom

Tuesdays 7:30-9 pm

What is Alpha? Through a series of videos, talks, and discussions, we discuss the big questions of life and learn about Jesus while building relationships and community with others. This is a joint project between Christ the King Parish, Dartmouth and St. Ninian Parish Antigonish.

Contact Leonarda MacNeil, ofs at religioused@saintninian.ca or call 902-863-2338 ext #3.