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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2022

Sunday Readings,

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Prophecy of Malachi 3:19-20* and concerns the day of retribution, of judgment when the Lord will punish the wicked and reward His faithful ones.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12*, in which he addresses those few in the community who were unwilling to earn their daily bread and were abusing the charity of their fellow Christians.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke*, 21:5-19. The reason why these verses of St. Luke's gospel was chosen for today's Mass is that the Church wants us all to do a bit of spiritual stock-taking this morning. As next Sunday will be the special feast day of the Kingship of Christ, today's Mass is really the last of our liturgical year. Next Sunday, we begin our new liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent. To help us to be honest with ourselves in our stock-taking we are reminded today that this world will come to an end one day. We do not know when or how, but that end will come. It will be followed immediately by the general judgment. Christ will come in power and glory to judge the whole human race. Each one will receive the sentence he merited while on earth. The just will enter with Him into eternal glory. The wicked will go to their place of suffering, sorrow and remorse.

Long before that day comes, each of us here present today will already have faced his or her own particular judgment. It is this judgment which will seal our eternal fate. It is on this judgment that we should try to concentrate this morning. It is to help and encourage us to do just this that the church brings the thought of the end of the world before our minds. The end of this world will come for each one of us when we draw our last breath. How will we stand in God's sight when that moment comes? An eternity of happiness or grief will depend on our spiritual state at that moment.

The thought of death is a frightening thought for most of us. We would rather put it far from our minds, but of all the other things that can possibly happen to us on this earth, death is the one and only certainty. It would be utter folly then to try to ignore it or forget it. It is not the moment or the circumstances or the fact itself of death that matters. The vast majority, even of those dying of a slow illness, do not know that they are on the point of death. What matters is the judgment which follows death. How will we fare in that?

Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves this very moment. How would I fare if I were called before the judgment seat of God today? The best of us would certainly prefer to be better prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable thoughts about my friends and neighbors in my mind, so many acts of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise I have not made to my loving God.

What of those who have even more serious sins on their consciences? Over two hundred thousand people will leave this world between now and midnight. If we were called, and we have no guarantee that we will not be called today, could we dare to face our judgment in our present state? "Today if you hear God's voice harden not your heart" the scripture warns us. Today you have heard Him speak to you. He has reminded you that your end is coming, that you should put your spiritual accounts in order. This is an act of God's mercy. He does not need you; it is you who need Him. Your eternal future will depend on whether you listen to His call

today, as tomorrow may be too late. You can put your accounts straight this very day. Why take a risk with your own eternal welfare?

The Christian who wants to die in the state of grace, that is, in the friendship of God (and can there be any real Christian who would not want to?) has but one way of making sure of this. He is to try to live always in God's friendship. The man who does this by living his Christian life daily need not fear death. It may be a sudden death, but it will never be an unprovided-for death

—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, November 15, 2022 SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 SP 9:00 AM

Friday, November 18, 2022 HGA 11:00AM

+ Huguette Martell

Saturday, November 19, 2022 SH 4:00 PM HGA 5:30 PM

+ Huguette Martell

Sunday, November 20, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Donnie Richard

SP 10:30 AM

+ Hilda Mae Martell

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels November 5, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$747.00 Candles 30.00

Total \$ 777.00

St. John the Baptist November 6, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,215.00
Donation	200.00
Mission Sunday	20.00

Total \$ 1,435.00

St. November 6, 2022

\$ 994.00
6.05
5.00
395.00
5.00
\$

Total \$ 1,405.05

COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Please note that Mass for Shut-ins for Nov. 20: will be aired 9:30am. Fr. Bill Burke for Development and Peace.

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

SJB: Reminder to drop off recyclables at depot for "Chalice" before **last week in November**. Thank You

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are due **November 13.**

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: Saturday, December 3rd Breakfast and Food Drive.

Sunday, December 4th, Bake Sale and Merchandise Bingo.

All events at L'Ardoise Community Centre.

<u>HGA:</u> HGA parish is looking for a part time cleaner for our church, funeral parlour and community centre. Interested parties wanting more information please contact Raymonde Burke @ 902 587-2675 or 227-8552. The deadline for applications is **Monday**, **November 14.**

<u>HGA:</u> The dates for next year's festival are July 27 - 30, 2023. Our next meeting for planning the Acadian Festival 2023 will be held **Sunday November 20.** Hope to see you there.

Say No to Infant Euthanasia



Alex Schadenberg info@epcc.ca via gmail.mcsv.net



A presentation by the Québec College of Physicians to The Special Joint Committee on MAiD urged Canada's Federal government to permit infant euthanasia (infanticide).

(Link to article on infant euthanasia)

EPC has created a postcard opposing infant euthanasia for sending to Members of Parliament (MP's).

Order the campai postcards, for free, by contacting EPC at: 1-877-439-3348 or email: office@epcc.ca



On September 7, 2022. Dr. Louis Roy, representing the Quebec Coll advocated for infinit enthanasia before the Special Joint Committees. Enthanasia should never be approved for infinits. An infinit cannot e that they want their life ended I is not about close or autonomy it is infinited. Providing MAID to an infinit who cannot consent will people with intellectual disabilities is not about close or autonomy it is infinited. Providing MAID to an infinit who cannot consent will people with intellectual disabilities mixte spécial sur Paide médical docteur. Louis Roy, representant officiellement le College des médical docteur. Louis Roy, representant officiellement le College des médical docteur. Louis Roy, representant officiellement le College des médical tocteur. Louis end evait painais étre approuvée pour les nourissons. In ne peut pas consentir ou décider qu'il veut mettre fin à se-jours. Ce question de choix ou d'autonomic, c'est un mentrue. Extensi un de choix ou d'autonomic, c'est un mentrue. Cest un infinite l'AMM des jeunes enfinits ouvre la porte à l'euthanasie d'autres class incapables de consentir.

Sincerely Recevez mes sahitations distingués,

Signus Name Jonn.

Donation to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition postcard campaign

Register for our November 18 webinar: <u>Assisted suicide and disability (Link)</u>. Canadian <u>Senate Bill allows involuntary euthanasia</u> by advanced directive (<u>Link</u>) Canadian <u>fashion company advertises with euthanasia (Link)</u> (<u>Sign petition Link</u>) Register for the <u>Compassionate Community Care Visitor Training Program on November 8 and 9 (Link)</u>. (tonight and tomorrow night).

Register for the first <u>Compassionate Community Care Advocacy Training Program on November 10 (Link)</u>.

New Zealand may follow Canada by removing the terminal illness requirement from the euthanasia law (Link)

Purchase the <u>Life Protecting Power of Attorney for Personal Care</u> (<u>Link</u>)

Thank you for helping us prevent euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director and International Chair

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Sundays 7 - 9pm

Entre 2 rivières with Fr Peter LeBlanc

on CKJM FM: Coopérative Radio Chéticamp Ltée

Uplifting reflections and spiritual music. Aired from Chéticamp and Sydney and also available as a podcast. Listen via radio or the CKJM website:

https://www.ckjmfm.ca/

November 16

is Red Wednesday - Mercredi Rouge

Red Wednesday is an event aimed at highlighting the persecution and injustice suffered by Christians, while promoting respect and tolerance between people of different religions. We want people to take a stand for their faith, and more broadly, for religious freedom.

Currently, 327 million Christians live in a country where there is religious persecution. Another 178 million live in a country where there is discrimination. It makes 505 million Christians who are at risk. Although it is difficult to keep a precise count, we believe that 75% of religiously motivated violence is perpetrated against Christians.

In solidarity with Christians who suffer for their faith, we are inviting people to organize an event around that theme, to make themselves visible by wearing red, illuminating their church or another significant building in red, as this colour is associated with martyrdom in the Christian tradition.

To learn more:

In English: https://acn-canada.org/red-wednesday/

In French: https://acn-canada.org/fr/mercredi-rouge/

Compassion Canada Offers

Free Movie Month for November

When you sign up (for free), you'll have access to a new movie every Friday night for the month of November, movies to nurture your compassion and celebrate the human spirit.

Movie lineup:

Storm Boy – A family drama that reminds us that "love has wings" and that even difficult struggles can be used for good. Starring Geoffrey Rush

The Great Gilly Hopkins – A story that shows us how much love, support, forgiveness and guidance every child needs to thrive. Starring Kathy Bates

Street Gang: How We Got to Sesame Street – A documentary focused on breaking barriers that get in the way of childhood education, featuring the Muppets and a healthy dose of nostalgia. Rocks – A hopeful and sobering film about how desperate life can become for children living in

poverty and how support from a loving community is essential.

To learn more, watch trailers and sign up:

https://www.compassionmovies.com/

Organ Donation is an act of charity

Would you or someone you know consider being a live donor of a kidney for transplant for someone in need? By doing the blood work to see if your a match, you also get a top notch screening to find out if you have any medical issues. This screening and testing is something most never have access to. You may not be a match, or may decide after the testing not to continue on the process, as there is no pressure.

St. Pope John Paul II said, "organ donation is an act of love and solidarity for others."

We have a woman named Francine originally from North Sydney in need of a kidney and if you are open to at least going for the medical screening, please call the Renal Clinic in the Regional Hospital on behalf of Francine at 902-567-8067, or call her husband John who is searching for a live donor to keep his wife alive 780-394-8410. More information about living kidney donation can be found at:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US?

The Cape Breton Coalition for Social Justice is in need of NEW OR FAIRLY NEW PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDREN's BOOKS.

Our Literacy Project collects and delivers new books, or books in good condition, to food banks, resource centres, etc. This means that books can be introduced to children prior to going to school when families cannot afford to buy books.

If you have any children's books that you wish to donate please contact: Franklyn at 902-577-3415; Kathleen at 902-539-4669, Marilynn at 902-727-2461 or any member of the Coalition. We will make arrangements for drop-off or collection. Thank you in advance for your support.