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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2022

The optional memorial of [St. John of Capistrano, priest](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Today is [World Mission Sunday](#).

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*. In his three pastoral letters to Timothy and Titus, St. Paul often quotes his own life and sufferings to encourage his disciples and successors to persevere in their apostolic labors. He now feels that his earthly life is nearing its end but he has full confidence in God, his just judge, who will give him his eternal reward.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 18:9-14*. During His hidden life in Nazareth, and especially during His public life when He traveled through the towns and villages of Palestine, our Lord met sinners of all kinds. There is not a single record of a harsh word spoken by Him to any of them. In fact, He was accused of mixing too freely with them. His answer was that "it was those who were ill who needed a doctor, not those who were in good health." The sinners He met knew that they were ill. They regretted their sins. He forgave them.

There was one group, however, and only one, against whom He uttered condemnation and for whom He foretold an unhappy ending. These were the Pharisees. In Mt. 23, the whole chapter is devoted to Christ's condemnation of them. It contains eight "woes" which He utters against them. He calls them by many unflattering names. One was "whited sepulchres, appearing beautiful to men on the outside but full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness within" (23: 27). Such harshness, coming from the gentle Christ, may surprise us, but knowing as He did that pride, the first and basic sin of mankind and the root of all other evil in the world, was so ingrained in their very hearts, that they could never seek forgiveness, He stated nothing but the truth concerning them or to them.

In this parable which He addressed to the Pharisees themselves, He tells them once more where their pride will lead them. They will be excluded from the kingdom of God, because they will not admit or repent of their pride and their lack of charity. Instead of thanking God for the many gifts He had given them, they almost demanded thanks from God for being such pious people. They had virtues. They avoided serious injustices. They did not commit adultery. They fasted often. They paid all their Temple dues, but it was all done, not for the honor and glory of God, but for their own honor and glory. They told the world about it. They demanded

the first places in the synagogues, and special marks of reverence on the streets. They had to be called "masters" as they claimed to represent and interpret Moses to the ordinary people.

One thing that we can learn from this sad story of the Pharisees is that, while God approves of no sin, His mercy and His forgiveness is available for all sinners except the proud. It isn't that God cannot or will not forgive the sin of pride but that the proud man will not ask for God's forgiveness.

We must all be on our guard against this insidious and destructive vice. It is insidious because it can grow in us almost without our knowing it, and once it has taken root it is difficult to eradicate. It is destructive because it spoils every other virtue we practice and every good work we do. Charity, or brotherly love, cannot flourish in a proud heart, for a proud heart is so full of self that it has no room for others. No true love of God can exist in a proud heart, for even the very acts of religion which a proud man performs, are done for the motive of self-glory and not for the glory of God. The Pharisee in this parable proves that fact. He boasted of his good works.

A few simple straight questions can tell us whether or not we are proud. Do we like others to see and hear of our good works, or do we prefer to do them in secret? Do we give as generously to charitable causes when no list of benefactors is published? Do we willingly take part among the rank and file in parish activities or do we feel offended if we are not the leaders? Do we criticize offhand those who are not all they should be, or do we thank God that we were saved from similar temptations? Do we always try to find an excuse for the failings of others or have we excuses for our own faults only? God forbid that anyone in this congregation should be suffering from this, the worst of all vices. If anyone recognizes that he is, let him pray to God from the bottom of his heart for the opposite virtue, the true Christian virtue of humility, and look for every possible occasion to practice it. Let us all remember the two men praying in the Temple. One was full of himself and boasted to God and to all present, of his many good works. The Other just humbly beat his breast and asked for mercy-he had nothing to boast of. Yet, he left the Temple forgiven, the other returned home a worse sinner than when he had entered the Temple.

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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Instructors for Baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA. (902) 785-4018

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.

Please Note: The First meeting for confirmation candidates will be held on **Monday, October 24, 2022 from 7-8 PM at Glebe basement.** Following meeting (s) TBA.

In the sacraments we find stability and permanence by sharing in the saving mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection that is extended in time and communicated to us in order to gather us into communion with him. In the mystery of the Incarnation that we celebrate at Christmas God assumed the entire human existence, so the sacraments enable divine grace to encounter and heal all of the important moments of human life: birth, marriage, illness, sinfulness, and even death, all are brought into communion with God's life and love.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1316) teaches the following about the Sacrament of Confirmation. "Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us to bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds. #1317 reads, "Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life."

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, October 28, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Saturday, October 29, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Robert P. Sampson

Sunday, October 30, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ For the deceased members of the parish who died in 2022

SP 10:30 AM

+ Joey Murray

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels October 15, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$627.00
Candles	18.25
Truth & Reconciliation	50.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 695.25</u>

St. John the Baptist October 16, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 631.00
Truth & Reconciliation	120.00
Cemetery	450.00
Mission Sunday	195.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,396.00</u>

St. Peter's October 16, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 670.00
Candles	6.00
Glebe	100.00
Cemetery Donation	200.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 976.00</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/>

SJB: All Souls Celebration for those who have passed within the last year will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 9:00 AM**. Mass with candlelight service. Families will be notified. **Also, reminder to drop off recyclables** at depot for "Chalice" before **last week in November**. Thank You

SP: New microphone has been ordered for the church. If you wish to donate toward the purchase, please put envelope in collection marked "new microphone." Thank You

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are now available at all parish churches. Please take and fill a box in support of this worthy cause. The boxes will be sent to Central America, West Africa and the Ukraine. Last year 413,870 boxes were collected from across Canada. Return date for the boxes is **November 13, 2022**. Contact person is Mary Fougere (902) 535-2699.

Bonnie Brae Club: Tea and Tunes Sunday, October 23 at Bonnie Brae Club, St Peters Time: 2 to 4 PM with Evelyn MacRae and friends

Admission \$ 5.00; Half and Half tickets sold; Light Lunch will be served.

HGA: Dates for next year's festival are July 27 – 30, 2023. **Our next meeting for Acadian Festival 2023 will be held Sunday November 20**. Hope to see you there.

HGA: The 200th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, **October 29th from 9 am until 2 pm** at the L'Ardoise Community Centre; great selection to choose from. If you wish to help or donate any items call Blair Sampson at 902-535-4107. **Next meeting** for anyone interested in assisting with the planning of our 200th Anniversary Celebration is **Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 P.M.** at L'Ardoise Community Centre.

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.

Oct. 16

Mass For Shut-Ins

Starts its 60th season

This year we begin a new season at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church on Cabot St. Beginning Oct. 16, Mass for Shut-Ins will be aired Sundays 11:30 am on CTV or can be viewed on demand on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w>

Note: This Mass is for Shut-ins, those who cannot attend Mass. It is not an option for those who can personally attend, it is not equivalent to attending a Eucharistic celebration at one's parish church.

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/>

Pope Francis extends Synod on Synodality to October 2024

In his Angelus address on Oct. 16, Pope Francis announced his decision to divide the Synod of Bishops into two sessions that will meet in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will bring together bishops from around the world to discuss and prepare a document to counsel the pope. Pope Francis said that he extended the timeline of the Synod to allow more time for discernment.

"The fruits of the synodal process under way are many, but so that they might come to full maturity, it is necessary not to be in a rush," Francis said.

"I trust that this decision will promote the understanding of synodality as a constitutive dimension of the Church, and help everyone to live it as the journey of brothers and sisters who proclaim the joy of the Gospel," he said.

Pope Francis launched the Synod on Synodality in October 2021 as a worldwide undertaking during which Catholics were encouraged to submit feedback to their local dioceses. The initial diocesan listening phase concluded with the participation of 112 out of 114 of the world's Catholic bishops' conferences, according to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.

The second, continental phase is taking place from September 2022 to March 2023. In this stage, Continental Synodal Assemblies will be convened between January and March of next year.

To read more:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-10/pope-francis-synod-bishops-extension-2023-2024.html>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252560/pope-francis-announces-decision-to-extend-synod-on-synodality-to-2024>

