

**St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist
Parishes
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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Today is the second annual [World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly](#).

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Genesis*, 18:20-32. Last week we heard of Abraham's encounter with the three visitors and the promise of a son. Today we hear of Abraham's bargaining with God over the fate of Sodom.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of Paul to the *Colossians*, 2:12-14. To better understand today's reading, it is necessary to back up one verse: "In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ." The "circumcision of Christ" to which Paul refers is baptism. In the Old Covenant, the rite of initiation into God's family was circumcision. In the New Covenant, this same rite of initiation is baptism. In the Old Covenant, the mark was on the physical body but under the New Covenant, the mark is placed on the soul.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke*, 11:1-13 in which we hear Luke's rendition of the "Our Father" and Jesus' teaching on prayer.

The Our Father is certainly the most sublime formula possible and contains the whole essence of the most elevated mental prayer. However, Jesus gave it as a formula for vocal prayer: "When you pray, say. . . ." (ibid. 11:2). This is enough to make us understand the value and importance of vocal prayer, which is within the reach of everyone even children, the uneducated, the sick, the weary.... But we must realize that vocal prayer does not consist only in the repetition of a certain formula. If this were true, we should have a recitation but not a prayer, for prayer always requires a movement, an elevation of the soul toward God. In this sense, Jesus instructed His disciples: "When thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret.... And when you are praying, speak not much as the heathens" (Mt 6:6-7). It is interesting to note that in St. Matthew these prescriptions concerning the exterior and interior dispositions necessary for well-made prayer immediately precede the teaching of the *Our Father*.

Therefore, in order that our vocal prayer be real prayer, we must first recollect ourselves in the presence of God, approach Him, and make contact with Him. Only when we have such dispositions will the words we pronounce with our lips express our interior devotion and be able to

sustain and nourish it. Unfortunately, inclined as we are to grasp the material part of things instead of the spiritual, it is only too easy in our vocal prayer to content ourselves with a mechanical recitation, without taking care to direct our heart to God; hence we should always be vigilant and alert. Vocal prayer made only by the lips dissipates and wearies the soul instead of recollecting it in God; it cannot be said that this is a means of uniting us more closely to Him.

—*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D

Sacrament of Baptism

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

+Barry Ford

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, July 29, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

+ James Peter Briand & Parents

Saturday, July 30, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA

Blessing of Crosses for Cemetery 11:00 AM

Blessing of the Fleet

Festival Mass 7:00 PM

+ Wilfred Martell

Sunday, July 31, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+James, Caroline Sampson & Sons

SP 10:30 AM

+ Ignatius Burke

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

July 16, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 610.00
Candles	27.85

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 637.85</u>
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St. John the Baptist

July 17, 2022

Envelopes & loose	\$ 622.00
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<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 622.00</u>
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St. Peter's

July 17, 2022

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 735.25
Candles	8.00
Cemetery Memorial Donation	200.00
Cemetery donation	10.00

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 953.25</u>
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

HGA: NOVENA to St ANNE:

From July 17 to July 25, we shall be having a novena to St Anne at 10:30 each morning at Holy Guardian Angels church. Everyone is welcome.

HGA: As discussions continue to plan for our 200th Anniversary we invite members of our Parish Community to reflect on ideas to honour the memory of our ancestors. We are mindful of their sacrifices and contributions to the life of our Parish and want to show gratitude. Our theme for the Anniversary should reflect our appreciation and you are invited to share your thoughts. We also ask that you think about a family banner perhaps still around from a previous celebration which will proudly be displayed in Church during the 2023 year. If anyone has some old photos that they wish to share for viewing it would be most appreciated. We will continue to provide updates and ask for your prayers and support.

Steve Sampson

200th Anniversary Planning Chair

HGA: Another Acadian Festival is fast approaching. As usual, we are once again asking parishioners to help out by donating food items: frozen vegetables, pies or sweets and dinner rolls. Items can be dropped off at the Community Centre on Thursday, July 28 or Friday, 29. Thank you in advance.

Raymonde Burke

River Bourgeois Mariner Society
13th Annual Boat Poker Run

Saturday, September 3, 2022

Rain/wind date – September 4th

Registration to begin at 10:00 AM at river Bourgeois Floating Docks

Hamburgers, hotdogs & pop /water available

All cards must be turned in by 2:30 PM

\$15.00 per hand of poker

1st Prize \$300, 2nd prize \$200, 3rd prize \$100
Other prizes to be drawn

All Covid 19 protocols will be followed

For more info contact

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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.

SP: Retirement from Parish Council of Council Chairperson, Eva Landry

Over her term as Chairperson of the St. Peter's Parish Council, Eva Landry, who has always shown wonderful leadership qualities as evidenced by her many involvements in the community, for example, serving on the Foundation Board of the Strait Regional Hospital, has set a fine example of Christian service. She facilitated meetings with patience, kindness, and intelligent diligence, giving all issues that were raised her

full attention.

In the name of the Parish I wish to thank Eva for her splendid guidance of Council, for her willingness to serve, and to note especially in gratitude her most affable and charitable manner that always characterized her leadership style. The following note offers highlights of her term in office.

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At the last Parish Council Meeting before the summer break, May 16, 2022, my term as a member and chairperson ended. Bernie Landry has kindly volunteered to call the first meeting in September. There are a few other vacancies on the council. I suggest all members of the congregation begin considering who might be willing to sit on council and approach them.

Meanwhile, Father Yake has asked me to list what the Parish Council has accomplished during these last few years under my direction: I became the chairperson in September, 2018 and several initiatives were in the works and had to be concluded, such as the repaving of part of the church parking lot.

We developed guidelines for two office positions, book keeper and secretary. We interviewed and hired a book keeper. We formalized contracts for both positions. A new laptop computer was needed and we researched and purchased the most suitable for the best price. In accordance with the policy set by the Diocese we set up a Financial Committee, independent of Council, but that meets with and reports to Council. We updated the Cemetery Policy and created a brochure explaining the guidelines. Copies of this brochure were distributed to all funeral directors in the area and copies are available in the church office.

A major undertaking was the refurbishing of the glebe. This was done by volunteer labour. One team, under the direction of Reggie Landry, chair of the maintenance committee, consisted of Byron Lafford, Brian Murphy, and Lenus Sampson; the other was my team, made up of Donna Lameman, Laura Larade, Pierre LeCroix, Julie MacDonald and Mary Sutherland. We cleared the glebe of accumulated “stuff,” washed all walls and ceilings and gave everything two coats of paint. Eddie Madden and Jacques Boulet replaced the bathroom fixtures in two bathrooms and replaced a floor in one bathroom. Eddie and Jacques also refinished the counter tops in the kitchen and Doug Landry and Reggie properly vented the dryer. One window was replaced and a metal roof was installed. We hired an electrical firm to upgrade the wiring.

In response to requests from parishioners, Doug and Reggie volunteered to install a heater in the church’s porch for the benefit of the greeters and those who sit close to the doors. While this was done, Doug, assisted by Bobby Schumacher, also installed inside and outside plugs which had been a suggestion of the fire marshal. Also, in response to requests from some parishioners, the road leading to the old gravesites was restored.

A grounds keeper was hired whose job it is to keep the steps at the church and glebe free of snow and ice and to mow the lawn and the cemetery grounds.

We acknowledged the missing indigenous children, and with the

help of Donna Lameman, placed a memorial in the sanctuary. During the pandemic we followed the directives of the Bishop and kept a record of everyone who attended church. We also ensured that safe distancing was maintained. We thank Ann Digout, Julie MacDonald and Tony Burke for their services as ushers during this time.

I would like to thank the other members of Parish Council: Father Yake, the maintenance committee under the leadership of Reg Landry and all the volunteers for their cooperation over the past four years.

Eva Landry