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June 26, 2022 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL VERSE, 1 SM 3:9; JN 6:68C:

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL EXCERPT, LK 9:57-58:

As they were going along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head."

Jesus calls us to follow him as he makes his way toward Jerusalem, where the mystery of death and rebirth is to be accomplished to follow these requires wholehearted commitment, the commitment of love. Nothing less is fit for the reign of God.

The feast of St. Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Today continues Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29.

Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from 1 Kings 19:16; 19-21. We have here an account of the call of Elisha to the prophetic office.

The **Second Reading** is from *Galatians 5:1; 13-18*. In this reading, St. Paul tells the Galatians that they were called for freedom. He then makes an important distinction that needs to be reiterated often in our world, and that is the distinction between freedom and license. St. Paul says "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love." Many people seem to have the idea that freedom is all about doing what I want, when I want, how I want, etc. This is not freedom, but license. License is selfish, the opposite of the love to which St. Paul exhorts us.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 9:51-62*. Among the various incidents gathered together by Luke in these verses of his gospel we have read today, perhaps the lesson that should strike all of us most is his insistence on total dedication on the part of his true followers to his service. We cannot be for Christ and against him at the same time. "He who gathers not with me. scatters," he himself said. We are followers of Christ since our baptism. In theory this is the fact, but in practice how real is this fact for many of us? Are we really following Christ during the twenty-four hours of every day of our lives? Are our eyes always fixed on the true future which awaits us? Are we prepared to plow a straight furrow no matter what snags or obstacles may be on our way? How few of us can answer "yes, we are," to these straight questions?

We have, of course, explanations ready at hand for our forgetfulness, our laxity, our earthly entanglements. We are tied down by family and a hundred other earthly cares. Our days, our weeks, our year are so fully occupied that we find it hard to spare even a short hour on Sundays to give to God. This answer shows a misunderstanding of what Christ demands of us. He knows his followers must live for a few years in this world and must, for the most part, struggle to earn a living for themselves during that period. But it is by living this earthly life properly, by being loyal to spouse and family, by earning one's living honestly, by living not only peacefully but helpfully with one's neighbors, that we are living our Christian life.

The man who keeps within the limits that Christian law lays down for him, while working his way through this life. is a true follower of Christ and is on the road to heaven, plowing a straight furrow. He may not have much time for prayer, and each morning he may rush off to work. But God understands half-sentences and even single words. At night he needs recreation and relaxation. and God does not

expect long prayers from him—if he has worked honestly and has given the example of true Christianity to his fellow-workers, he has honored God all day. He has prayed well. A few words of thanks to God, a request for pardon for all the mistakes made since morning, before lying down to sleep at night, will give such a man nothing to fear should God call him to judgement during the night hours.

If we only realized how reasonable God's demands are, and how every demand he makes on us is for our own benefit and not his, we would be a little more generous in our. response to his calls. He does not need us—we need him. We could slip in a few more short prayers during the day: we could find more time to take a true interest in the eternal and less in the temporal. We could manage to give a helping hand and a word of encouragement to a needy neighbor. Yes, all of us could do a lot more to show to Christ and to the world that we are following him gladly and honestly. We are not looking back while plowing our Christian furrow.

-Excepted from The Sunday Readings, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacrament of Baptism please call the office: 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

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date. Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Weekday Masses

<u>Tuesday, June 28, 2022</u> SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 SP 9:00 AM

<u>Friday, July 1, 2022</u>

HGA 11:00 AM

+ Jerome Martell

Saturday, July 2, 2022

SH 4:00 PM HGA 5:30 PM

+ Jerome Martell

Sunday, July 3, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Wally Cook

SP 10:30 AM

+ Ignatius Burke

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

<u>June 18, 2022</u>

Envelopes & Loose \$ 787.00 Candles 29.50 Dues 100.00

<u>\$ 916.50</u>

St. John the Baptist June 19, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 670.00 Cemetery \$ 365.00 **Total** \$ 1,035.00

St. Peter's June 19, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$695.00 Candles 21.00 Cemetery Fund 70.00

<u>Total</u> <u>\$ 786.00</u>



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June 11, 2022 (Feast of St. Barnabas – 'man of encouragement')

My Dear Clergy and Faithful

It has been a long and difficult journey to reach this point. The debt obligation of the Diocese of Antigonish necessary to settle the class action lawsuit has been extinguished and no further property sales will be required for settlement of the debt. We are most grateful to so many people and parishes who sacrificed their time, talent, and resources to assist us with this tremendous debt. There are too many people to thank by name, our lawyers, realtors, parish communities, and members of various diocesan committees who worked tirelessly. Our thanks to the Sisters of St. Martha for their generosity. Our thanks to Archbishop Brian Dunn, my predecessor who provided such leadership and oversight.

Now property sales will proceed as intended by Canon Law. Parishes can sell properties as long as they receive permission from the diocese. You will need to use our realtors, since we have developed the expertise to sell land at a fair market value. Once a sale is finalized, all costs of the sale, i.e., legal fees, commissions, migration, etc., as well as any outstanding receivables owing to the Diocese will be paid from the proceeds of the sale. Remaining funds will be then paid to the Parish.

Thank you for your generosity and service to our diocese.

Fraternally in Christ,

+ Wayne Kirkpatrick

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Death of the mother of Rev. A. Asor, O.S.A.

PERLA NEO ASOR died on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. May her soul rest in peace and the Lord give consolation to the family and loved ones during this time of mourning.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

<u>A celebration of life for Paula Kyte</u> will be held at the Bras D'Or Lakes Inn on July 16th, from 1 to 3pm. All are welcome.

- **SH:** 1: **The outdoor Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** will be held on Sunday July 10th at 2pm. This mass will take place in front of the Shrine, behind Sacred Heart Church in Johnstown, please bring your own chair. An invitation is extended to all parishioners along with priests, as well as visitors, friends, and tourists. All are welcome to come and join us in our special day of celebration.
- 2: **An Eat-in or Take-out Strawberry** Festival will be held on Sunday July 10th, from 2:00 pm 5:00 pm. Lots of Biscuits, Bonnach, Oat cakes/Strawberries and Tea.
- 3. **The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market**: Dates: June 18. July 2, 16, 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.

HGA: Acadian Festival meeting will be held on Sunday July 3 @ 1pm. There's less than a month and

we are still looking for volunteers. If you can help out please attend this meeting as it will be our last. Should you want to help out but cannot make the meeting please contact Nicole 902 293-6651 or Raymonde 902 587-2675 or 902 227-8552.

HGA: A mass of the resurrection will be held for our beautiful mom, Beatrice Gracie-Pottie, formerly of L'Ardoise on Tuesday July 5th @ 2 pm at The Holy Guardian Angels Parish in L'Ardoise with burial to follow. A luncheon will follow at the Community Centre. United in Marriage in 1958 and death in 2022 on this very special day. Our deepest heartfelt gratitude to all for assisting us. We respectfully request you wear masks. Kindest Regards, Wanda, Paula and Brenda Gracie.

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

<u>CHANGE OF DATE:</u> The sale will be on June 25th and 26th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Donations of goods will be accepted and maybe some help as "Many hands make light work." <u>Will be held at glebe house parking lot.</u>

Upcoming Events

June 24

Global Rosary Relay for Priests

Worldpriest is inviting you once again to join us on June 24 (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) in the Global Rosary Relay to pray and offer the Holy Rosary for our Beloved Priests. On this special day, the entire globe will be united in prayer for our Priests.

Last year, Canada won a special award from Worldpriest for Outstanding Participation and Promotion of the Global Rosary Relay. We are hoping to multiply our numbers even more this year.

You may pray the Holy Rosary in your home, gather in your parish church, as a prayer group, etc. For more information about Worldpriest/The Global Rosary Relay, please see: www.worldpriest.com If you are interested in joining us, please contact:

Isabel Gillis (Canadian Worldpriest Representative)

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902-870-3831

Now Open for the Season:

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

Gift Shop, Mabou

The gift shop is now open daily from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Hours for the gift shop will be extended as of June 1 to 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Shrine has been open for visitation throughout the winter, and remains open daily for visitation. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you again.

Inquiries: 902-945-2221

Volunteers Invited

for the Papal Visit to Canada

Volunteering for Pope Francis' pastoral visit to Canada from July 24 to 29, 2022 can be of enormous personal, social and spiritual benefit.

If you are 18 or older and willing to share your time and talents, organizers are seeking many volunteers for innumerable tasks during the papal visit, from greeting and directing pilgrims, to providing translation services, aiding guests with special needs and performing a variety of other roles, including posting images and messages on social media.

If you are under 18, you are welcome to apply to volunteer if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

To apply, visit the website:

https://www.papalvisit.ca/volunteer/

Eucharistic processioncaused fire to cease!

In 1631, a young farm girl, foolishly kindled a fire with dry hay. Because of a heavy wind, the fire spread to the town of Dronero. Every attempt to extinguish the flames proved useless. A Capuchin friar, Maurice da Ceva, inspired by his great love of the Blessed Sacrament took the monstrance containing the large Host from the Church of St. Brigid and in procession walked to where the fire was raging. The fire at once subsided.

The **Divine Praises** or **Laudes Divinae** is an 18th-century expiatory prayer, traditionally recited during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Amen.

Fri, Jun 17, 2022

James Schadenberg, CitizenGO

This one is very important. We're trying to stop the government from legalizing child euthanasia in Canada!

The federal government has formed the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD) to analyze Canada's medical assistance in dying (MAiD) laws and discuss whether to expand them...and euthanasia for "mature minors" is one of the topics being discussed!

The Committee released any conclusions yet, but soon our federal politicians will be taking their summer breaks until September. This is our last chance until September to remind these politicians that we do not want child euthanasia coming to Canada.

Please, take a moment out of your day to sign our petition demanding that our politicians strongly reject suggesting we legalize child euthanasia in Canada!

Remember: multiple countries in Europe have already legalized the killing of children through euthanasia. It could happen here. I hope you stand with us to make sure that it doesn't.

Thank you,

James Schadenberg and the entire CitizenGO Team