

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2022

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Wisdom 11:22, 12:2*. The author of Wisdom says that although the whole universe is like a grain of dust compared with God who created it, yet he loves all the things which he has created. It is he who preserves all creation, he who forgives the sins of men, his spirit is in every creature.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11, 2:2*. Having encouraged the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian faith, thus giving glory to God and Christ, St. Paul tells them not to consider that the end of the world and the second coming of Christ in glory to judge the world, is near at hand. This idea had in some way become fairly widespread among the converts and some of them just sat idly waiting for Christ's coming, refusing to do any work. Such behavior was condemned by Paul who told the offenders to work and earn their daily bread.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 19: 1-10*. Zacchaeus's interest in seeing what Jesus was like was caused by something more than idle curiosity. Unknown to him, the grace of God was working within him. He thought that he just wanted to see what Jesus was like. Jesus knew already what Zacchaeus was like and intended to see him and save him from his downward rush after earthly wealth. He would offer him eternal riches. This is exactly what happened. Jesus entered the home and heart of Zacchaeus that day, and not only the home and heart of Zachaeus, but of his whole household. From that day Jesus had devoted followers in Jericho, and Christianity had a strong foothold in that ancient city.

We cannot have the slightest doubt that God wants us all in heaven. Neither can we doubt that he is sending out calls to us when we wander foolishly off the right road. Unfortunately for ourselves, we can refuse to listen to these calls. We can turn a deaf ear to God's offer of mercy and grace. If we do, one of our greatest sources of sorrow and regret in our future life, will be that, while we still had a chance to repent, our stupid stubbornness made us refuse to listen to our loving Father's calls to repentance.

Zacchaeus was not so stubborn or so foolish. The story of his conversion is put before us today, not as a matter of historical interest, but as a matter of vital spiritual interest. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is approaching each one of us today by means of this very lesson which we have read. Let each one of us try to see what Jesus is like. He is a loving brother who died that we might live, a fellowman who suffered tortures that we might have eternal joy. He was also the Son of God, the God of infinite love. At the same time, let Jesus see us as we really are. Let us expose and confess to him all our earthly

weaknesses and injustices against God and neighbor. He will find a remedy for us. He will put us back once more on the straight road to heaven. Today, salvation will come to us and to our house. We will become again true sons of Abraham, true heirs to heaven.

—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

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, November 2, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

(All Saints Day)

Wednesday, November 3, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

(All Souls Day)

Friday, November 4, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

+ Kathleen, Frank & Greg Mombourquette

Saturday, November 5, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Huguette Martell

Sunday, November 6, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Stephanie Doary

SP 10:30 AM

+ Adrian Burke

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

October 22, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$602.00

Candles 20.60

Total \$ 622.60

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\$200 Donation to HGA Cemetery

St. John the Baptist **October 23, 2022**

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 703.00
Truth & Reconciliation	10.00
Cemetery	145.00
Mission Sunday	20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 878.00</u>

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,165.00
Candles	15.00
Special Offering	126.00
Altar Society	25.00
Truth & Reconciliation	20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,351.00</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/>

The Next Class for Confirmation candidates will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM in basement of the glebe.

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: All Souls Celebration for those who have passed within the last year will be celebrated on **November 6th at the 10:30 AM Mass**

SP: A 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.

HGA: 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. Deadline for applicants is November 14.

HGA: 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.

HGA: 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.

Remember to Remember

Nov. 6th 2:00 PM

An afternoon of song and reminiscence at
St. Margaret Community Hall 2353 Grand Mira South Road
with Joe Gillis, Jerry Gillis, Jess MacNeil and Darrell Keigan
Donation only, all profits donated to local charities.

Thank You,
Marie Martin
902 727 2515

FYI: The official opening of T. J. Tracey Cremation & Burial Specialists at 6 Churchill Drive, Sydney, 902-539-7175 on Sunday, November 6 from 1-3 pm with lunch and refreshments.

From the Catholic Register

Pro-lifers fight back against MAiD for babies

BY SUSAN KORAH, CATHOLIC REGISTER SPECIAL

• October 26, 2022

Nearly 200 doctors, nurses and health care workers have signed a letter to the Commons committee studying MAiD warning against a Quebec physicians' plan to euthanize newborns.

"Nobody deserves to have a question mark over their life because the society in which they live have deemed their lives optional from the outset," says the Canadian Physicians for Life missive mailed to the committee. "This is unacceptable in the free and inclusive society we seek to promote."

Nicole Scheidl, executive director of CPL, said the Quebec proposal further violates the spirit of even the Supreme Court of Canada Carter decision that opened the door to legalization of medically administered death in 2016.

"The direction of the Supreme Court in Carter was that we would get 'a carefully-designed system imposing stringent limits that are scrupulously monitored and enforced.' Our current system has almost no limits, is loosely monitored and has a lax enforcement mechanism in place," Scheidl told *The Catholic Register*.

Marginalized and vulnerable Canadians are already "seriously at risk" because of expansions of MAiD availability, and that would be made even worse if Ottawa were to follow the recommendation of the Quebec College of Physicians and allow lethal doses of poison to be administered to newborns deemed unfit for life, she added.

The proposal, originally made by the governing body almost a year ago, was recently given new life by Dr. Louis Roy. Roy told the House of Commons' Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying that the Quebec physicians' college believes MAiD can be appropriate for infants up to age one who are born with "severe malformations and grave syndromes for which their prospective of survival is null, so to speak."

Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, cast serious doubt on Roy's reassurance to the Commons committee that such instances of euthanizing newborns would be few and far between.

"Dr. Roy suggested that this should only be allowed in rare circumstances, such as a newborn unlikely to survive, but infant euthanasia opens the door to a new justification for killing since

the baby lacks competence and the ability to autonomously choose to be killed,” said Schadenberg. “Infant euthanasia is a form of eugenics whereby protocols will determine which lives are worth living.”

The EPC leader said that, if accepted, this latest expansion of MAiD laws would set Canada on the same slippery slope as the controversial Groningen Protocol, under which lethal injections have been given to disabled babies in The Netherlands.

“If infant euthanasia is approved, it may lead to the approval of euthanasia for people with dementia who never requested or indicated an interest in euthanasia, since infant euthanasia creates the precedent that someone else, such as a power of attorney, can request that a person be killed,” Schadenberg said.

At present, Canada’s laws permit MAiD with the consent of the dying person. EPC opposes all forms of euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is clear that expanding killing to babies negates the “safeguard” that only people who can capably request to die can be approved for death.”

Schadenberg quoted Krista Carr of Inclusion Canada, a federation of 13 provincial and territorial member organizations and over 300 local associations working to advance the full inclusion and human rights of people with intellectual disabilities, and their families.

“An infant cannot consent to their own death,” Carr has said. “This isn’t MAiD, it’s murder. And providing MAiD to a person who cannot consent is a standard that is wildly dangerous for all persons with intellectual disabilities in Canada.”

Schadenberg added that not only is this proposed amendment to existing laws dangerous, it’s totally unnecessary.

“Why would you then have to give the child a lethal dose? If the child is not going to survive, the child can be kept comfortable and die naturally. There’s no reason for us to kill the child.”

He said the EPC has asked to make a submission to the Commons committee but so far hasn’t received an invitation to testify.

Arguments from MAiD opposing groups about risks facing the marginalized is borne out by a story, reported in City News, of a 54-year-old St. Catharines man, Amir Farsoud, who has applied for MAiD as an alternative, should he become homeless. Farsoud suffers from excruciating back pain and is at risk of becoming homeless.