

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes

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February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Job* 7:1-4, 6-7. The author cries out in his misery, speaks of life and death, cites his restlessness and life's struggle and notes that he will not see happiness again.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians* 9:16-19, 22-23. In this section of his letter St. Paul is encouraging his Corinthian converts to be always ready to forgo their own rights when the edification or spiritual welfare of a neighbor is at stake.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark* 1:29-39. Surely the people of Capernaum saw enough that first day of Christ's public ministry among them to make them realize that this man from Nazareth who had come amongst them was no ordinary preacher, no ordinary rabbi, no ordinary man. They saw that he preached as one having authority; they saw that by a simple command he cast out demons and removed all bodily ailments. Yet though they were astonished and amazed at his power, their worldly outlook did not let them rise above their own small interests. Our Lord did not blame them or criticize them, he knew and fully understood their slowness of mind in regard to things spiritual, and he knew also that they would eventually give themselves wholeheartedly to his kingdom. While he was prepared to wait for the desired effects which his miracles and preaching would eventually have on them, he hastened the arrival of that day by praying to his heavenly Father to send the graces necessary for their conversion into their hearts.

When the four Apostles found him praying in a lonely place, they told him that all Capernaum was searching for him, but he knew why they were searching for him. They wanted to see more miracles and very likely they were hoping that he would stay on in Capernaum and the sick and the maimed from the whole of Galilee would be brought there for healing. This would increase their earthly business and prosperity. His answer to the Apostles, while not directly condemning this worldly outlook, shows that his mission had an entirely different objective. He had come on earth not to bring earthly prosperity to any town or country but to bring spiritual salvation and blessing on all people. That very morning, he began to carry out his mission and for the remaining two years or more he went from town to town preaching the kingdom of God.

We Christians of today have many advantages over the people of Capernaum of that day. They saw Christ with their bodily eyes as a man of power amongst them; we see him with the eyes of faith as he really was and is — the Son of God who came on earth as man in order to make us sons of God. We know who he really was and we know the full meaning of his mission. We have seen that mission completed amongst us by his death on the cross and his resurrection. By his death

Holy Guardian Angels

January 28, 2024

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,130.30
Candles 33.20

Total \$ 1,163.50

Mass Schedule

Monday, Feb. 5, 2024

SJB: 11:00 AM

Mass of Christian Burial

+ John Henry Burke

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

HGA: 11:00 AM

Mass of Christian Burial

+ Gwendolyn (Gwen) Agnes Mombourquette

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

SP 9:00 AM

+Beverly Anne Johnson

Friday, February 9, 2024

HGA: 11:00 AM

+Sr. Rosemary Mombourquette

Saturday, February 10, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM

+ Stella Doutaz

SP 5:30 PM

+ Sarah Burke

Sunday, February 11, 2024

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11:00 AM

+ David & George Sampson

Note from Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

February 2 was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and World Day for Consecrated Life

“Forty days after Christmas we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, traditionally, we call the feast, Candlemas Day. For all our Religious friends, we celebrate it as a World Day for Consecrated Life. Our celebration predates Christian times. It was called the “Feast of Lights” because as I am sure you will be happy to

hear, it was at the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest winter day and the spring equinox. Light was growing. Indeed, this is most evident each night with the later sunset.

Did you ever wonder why we use candles in our churches? Candles are one of our most important symbols and are part of virtually all liturgical celebrations. Whether it's the sanctuary lamp that burns continuously to symbolize the abiding presence of Christ in the tabernacle or the Paschal Candle symbolizing Christ our Light, or the candles that burn around the altar, a candle gives itself completely to the task of enlightening. It is consumed in service. No wonder the candle is a symbol of willingness to give oneself over completely to God. What a great symbol for all our Religious. Thanks to the initiative of St. John Paul II, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life as we honour and pray for all those who live their Christian baptism through vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as religious sisters, brothers, and priests. The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (John Paul II 1997). We remember their sacrifice and we pray for them, may their perseverance in seeking first the Kingdom of God above all else inspire all of us to seek to live holy lives in fidelity to the promises of our baptism."

Community News

Feb. 4 to 10

National Catholic Health Care Week

This recognizes the important work of Catholic health organizations in our province and across Canada. The week leads into the World Day of the Sick, February 11, a Catholic day of observance established by Pope John Paul II to encourage prayers and reflections for those who are ill and for those who care for them.

At the heart of Catholic health is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and a commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths— especially those impacted by trauma, stigma, poverty, and isolation.

We pray for care teams who have given much over the past years and continue to walk with all those who are ill, deeply troubled, weary and struggling. We are grateful for our Catholic health ministries as partners in the healing ministry of Jesus, fostering trust, promoting justice, and respecting the dignity of every human person—body, mind, and soul.

Holding all those who are hurting in our hearts, we ask God to bless the work of Catholic health and we offer our prayers, support, and encouragement for the people of our Catholic health organizations who serve with compassion and courage.

You are encouraged to mark National Catholic Health Care Week with daily reflections and prayers. Please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at www.chac.ca

Jubilee Year 2025:

Dec. 24, 2024 through Jan. 6, 2026

To prepare for the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis has announced that we begin a Year of Prayer. It will be “a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one’s personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.”

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2024/documents/20240121-angelus.html>

The Bonnie Brae Senior Citizens Club, St. Peter's, 14 Toulouse St., will be holding its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 at 2 pm. Guest Speaker-Danny Madden "What happens when someone dies". A light lunch follows. If you are 55 years or older, you are welcome to attend to find out more about the Club. If you wish to become a member, the annual dues is \$5.00. Check out our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/BBSPSC>. Our email is bonniebraesp@gmail.com

Sunday, Feb 18th, 2024-2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, the Bonnie Brae Senior Citizens Club, St. Peter's, 14 Toulouse St., St. Peter's is hosting 'Tea & Tunes' featuring Evelyn McRae & Les Boys. Admission \$5.00 per person. 50/50 Draw. Light Lunch will be served. Thank you Belinda LaRochelle (902) 785-3028