

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

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July 7, 2024
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24* and references a truth which is clearly stated for the first time in the whole Old Testament — man's real destiny is an unending life with God.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15*. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to give generously toward the collection he is organizing for the poor Jewish converts in Palestine.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35-43*. Today's gospel gives us two further proofs of the divine power and the infinite mercy of our Savior. Apart from the primary purpose of proving his claim to be the promised Messiah, all his miracles had as their aim and end — the benefit of suffering human beings. He worked no miracle for the sake of astonishing people or to satisfy idle gossip. Each one was performed in order to help someone in distress. All who were helped by his miracles of mercy had one thing in common — they were motivated by trust in his mercy and power. The leper in Matthew (8:2) expressed the sentiments of them all: "Lord, if only you will you can cleanse me (of my leprosy)." In many cases, as for instance that of Jarius above, it was a relative or friends who showed this faith and confidence. It was always present either in the fortunate person or in the relative or friend who asked for the miracle.

The Gospels give us only some of the many miracles our Lord worked. They give them to prove that he was what he claimed to be — the Son of God and the long-expected Savior; and also to prove his compassionate understanding and sympathy for suffering humanity.

We must not forget, however, that the meaning of his miracles and his mission was lost on thousands of his contemporaries in Palestine, small though the country was. While great throngs followed our Lord and listened to his message and were interested in his mission, still great throngs remained at home, stolidly immersed in their worldly tasks and thoughts. They heard rumors about the man from Nazareth who was said to be the Messiah, and was supposed to be able to work miracles, but they were too practical, too sensible to listen to such rumors. Anyway they had no interest in the Messiah, or in silly spiritual things, they were fully occupied with their financial and worldly interests.

Has the world changed much in nineteen centuries? How many millions of nominal Christians ignore Christ and his Gospel today, millions who are too practical, too down-to-earth to waste time on such a silly thing as their eternal salvation! How many millions are spiritually sick and dying but who have not the

faith, humility and confidence of Jairus, to cast themselves at the feet of Jesus and ask him to cure them? How fortunate would not people be if they would repeat the leper's prayer: "Lord, if only you will you can make me clean"; if they could, like the suffering woman in today's Gospel, break through the throng of worldly pride, worldly interests and worldly associates and touch the hem of his garment; if they had the faith of Jairus; if only they could say to our Lord "come and lay your hands upon me so that I may be made well and live."?

Today, let us say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active faith which he has given us and beg of him to keep that faith ever alive in our breasts. Let us think, too, of our fellowmen, our brothers in Christ, who are so busy with their worldly occupations and pleasures that they cannot find time to listen to his message. They are spiritually anemic and almost spiritually dead, but cannot push their way toward Christ through the throngs of earthly, worldly barricades which they have built about themselves. Our sincere prayers can help them to overcome these obstacles; frequently and fervently let us ask God to send them his efficacious grace so that these brothers in Christ will also be with him in heaven.
—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan,

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

**Please call the office:
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Office Hours: 9:00 AM– 12:00

**Monday & Tuesday (Laureen Burke)
Wednesday & Thursday (Mary Sutherland)**

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

SJB	4:00 PM
+<i>Sheila Richards</i>	

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

SP	11:00 AM
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Friday, July 12, 2024

HGA	1:00 PM
<i>Mass of Christian Burial</i>	
+ <i>Blanche Fitch</i>	

Saturday, July 13, 2024

SJB	4:00 PM
+ <i>Stephen Charles Landry</i>	
SP	5:30 PM
+ <i>Claire LeBlanc</i>	

Sunday, July 14, 2024

SH	9:30 AM
+ <i>Robert Pictou</i>	
HGA	11:00
+ <i>Clarke Sampson</i>	

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

June 29, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 849.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ 849.00

St. Peter's

June 30, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 617.00
Candles	22.00
New Tractor Donations	200.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 839.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels

June 30, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,055.00
Candles	39.30
Candidates for Priesthood	20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,114.30</u>

Community News

St. Peter's Parish Council Update

June 2024

Parish Council has ended the spring season with some financially disappointing news. The parish lawn mower, which had major repairs two years ago, has broken down again. Estimates for this repair make it more appropriate to replace the machine.

After looking around, we have decided to replace the lawn mower and the cost will be between \$5,000.00 and \$ 6,000.00. Since this essential for maintaining the grounds and cemetery, we will make this purchase.

For any parishioners who would like to help financially, we would suggest you make the donation in the regular collection using a plain white envelope. To add your donation to your year-end receipt, please place your name, envelope number and amount on the front of the envelope. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

For any parishioners who would like to help financially for new mower for

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FESTIVAL
ON THE
LAKE

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Join us for a
kids movie
night.
\$2/child.
popcorn and
drink provided

THURSDAY
JULY 11TH

7PM

Lakeside Community Center, Sampsonville

KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

FESTIVAL
ON THE
LAKE

★

Join us for an
evening of fun at
our popular 45's
(including blind)
for home baking.
\$10/15 games
\$1 each extra.

FRIDAY
JULY 12TH

7PM

Lakeside Community Center, Sampsonville

GARDEN GAME-45'S

FESTIVAL
ON THE
LAKE

★

Come & find
some unique
treasures and
have some tea
& treats

SATURDAY
JULY 13TH

10AM
-2PM

Lakeside Community Center, Sampsonville

FLEA MARKET

FESTIVAL
ON THE
LAKE

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Join us for a
delicious meal!

Adults \$12
Kids(under 10) \$8

SUNDAY
JULY 14TH

11AM
-1PM

Lakeside Community Center, Sampsonville

POTLUCK DINNER