

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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October 13, 2024
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom*, 7:7-11 and is the conclusion of the fourth Suffering Servant Song; Christ's divine gifts become our means to salvation.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter to the Hebrews* 4:12-13 which discusses how Christ, our high priest, is greater than the priests of the Mosaic Law. Our confidence is based on Christ's high priesthood. He is the perfect priest because He is merciful and compassionate. As man, He has experienced the sufferings that affect us, although He was free from sin. Since He knows our weaknesses so well, He can give us the help we need, and when He comes to judge us, He will take that weakness into account. We should respond to the Lord's goodness by staying true to our profession of faith. A Christian needs to live up to all the demands of his calling; he should be single-minded and free from doubts.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark*, 10:17-30. By coming to Jesus with his problem this man has done all Christians a good turn. We have learned from Christ's answer that over-attachment to worldly goods is one of the big obstacles to entering heaven. The man in this story was a good-living man, he kept all the commandments from his youth upward and he had an interest in eternal life, while many of his compatriots of that day had not. Reading this man's heart like an open book, Christ saw that not only was he fit for eternal life but that he was one who could have a very high place in heaven if he would leave everything and become a close follower of his. Not only would he become a saint, but he would lead many to sanctity.

The price to pay for this privilege, however, seemed too high to this "good man." "He had great possessions" and he was too attached to them so he could not accept Christ's offer, "his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful." Although his case was exceptional, Christ saw in him the makings of a saint and he asked him to make an exceptional sacrifice, one which he did not and does not ask of all his followers; his remark to the disciples later: "how hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God" holds for all time and for all mankind.

This statement of Christ, however, does not mean that a follower may not possess any of this world's goods. He may possess and use those goods, but what he must not do is to allow them to take such a hold on him that he has no time for acquiring everlasting goods—the Christian virtues. Unfortunately, there are Christians whose whole purpose in this life is the accumulation of worldly goods. Concentration on such accumulation is wrong, but in many cases the methods of acquisition are unjust: defrauding laborers of their just wages; overcharging

customers; cheating in business deals; giving false measures and many other devices which produce unearned wealth.

All this is far from Christian justice, and those who have let such sinful greed to regulate their lives are certainly not on the road to heaven. There are other sins, of course, which can keep us from heaven, but of all the sins a man can commit this irrational greed for the wealth of this world seems the most unreasonable of them all. How utterly inane and foolish to have spent a lifetime collecting something from which we shall soon be parted forever! The rich man's bank-book and his gilt-edged shares will be not only valueless in the after-life but they, if unjustly acquired, will be witnesses for the prosecution at the judgment on which one's eternal future depends. While most of us are not guilty of such excessive greed for wealth, we all do need to examine our consciences as to how we acquire and use the limited wealth we have. There are very rich men who have acquired their wealth honestly and justly and who spend much of their wealth on charitable causes. Their wealth will not hinder them from reaching heaven. On the other hand, there are many in the middle and lower income-bracket who may be offending against justice through the means they use to acquire what they have, and in the little helps which they refuse to a needy neighbor. We may not be able to found a hospital for the poor, or pay an annuity to support the family of a disabled fellow workman, but we are not excused from bringing a little gift to our neighbors who are in hospital, or from supplying even part of a meal for the dependence of the injured workman.

Remember that Christ praised the widow who put a mite (a cent) into the collection-box for the poor in the temple area, and he also said that a cup of cold water given in his name would not go without reward. We need not be rich in order to be charitable; often our own exaggerated sense of our poverty can make us hard-hearted and mean toward our fellowmen who look to us for help. The true Christian, whose principal purpose in life is to serve God, will not overburden himself with unnecessary pieces of luggage; instead he will travel light and be ever ready to help others also to carry their burdens.

—*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

SJB	11:00 AM
Mass of Christian Burial	
+ Marie Elaine Heudes	

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

SP	9:00 AM
+ Marilyn Ann Groom-McNamara	

Friday, October 18, 2024

HGA	11:00 AM
+ Carolyn & John (Jackie) Pottie	

Saturday, October 19, 2024

SJB	4:00 PM
<i>+ Agnes Gillis</i>	
SP	5:30 PM
<i>+Mary Claire Richard</i>	

Sunday, October 20, 2024

SH	9:00 AM
<i>+ Anna Mombourquette</i>	
HGA	11:00 AM
<i>+ Monica, Pearl & Simon Mombourquette</i>	

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

October 5, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 877.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 877.00</u>

St. Peter’s

October 5, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 895.00
Needs of Cdn Church	104.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 999.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels

October 6, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,517.00
Candles	72.70
Peace & Reconciliation	50.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,639.70</u>

Community Notices

Registration for religious education classes, Grades 1 to 6, will take place
Tuesday, October 15 at 3:30 at the St. Peter’s Glebe.

Thank you: There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love and support that was extended to our family at the loss of our Mom. Thank you to Father Yake, Melissa for doing the readings at the funeral and to Jason and the choir. Thank you to the ladies that worked the kitchen for the

reception, to all who attended and to all who dropped off food at the house and the reception hall. To those who sent cards, mass cards, flowers, messages and made donations in memory of Mom, thank you. We would also like to thank the first responders and Haverstock Funeral Home. We are truly grateful to each and everyone of you for your thoughtfulness.

Love,

The family of the late Bertha Burke

Sacred Heart Church, Johnstown

Note that the Sunday Mass time will change to 9:00AM starting on October 20.

HGA: A recent statement report from L'Ardoise Acadian Festival 2024 shows revenues to be \$39,702.93 and expenses to be \$16,707.26 for a net profit of \$22,995.67. Dates for L'Ardoise Acadian Festival 2025 are set for July 24th to July 27th. Next meeting to plan for and discuss ideas is scheduled for February 2nd @ 1:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

HGA: Community Indoor Yard Sale L'Ardoise Community Centre
Saturday, October 26, 2024 8AM to 12PM. Proceeds go to Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic. Table rentals are available. Anyone wishing to donate items to the community table contact Steve Sampson (902) 631-4460 or Blair Sampson (902) 535-4107.

Thank you for your participation.

Legal Rights of Persons with Sight Loss

Are you interested in learning more about your legal rights as someone with sight loss in Nova Scotia? On Wednesday, October 23, @ 2pm, CNIB's Shelley Adams and Jenna Persaud will be coming to the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Hall to provide a Legal Information Workshop to all who are interested! If you are interested in attending this workshop, please call or email Shelley Adams @ 902-483-4123 or shelley.adams@cnib.ca at CNIB or Maureen @ (902)226-1501.

Richmond RTO - Halloween Breakfast Social & Meeting

October 25th - Louie's Cosy Corner

Time 9:00 AM - Games, Prizes, Costumes

See you there!

Richmond RTO Members

November 12th Tour & Meeting

NSCC Waterfront Sydney Facility

Time 10:00 AM - Front Foyer

Tour, Meeting & Lunch

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CWL: There will be a meeting of the Executive of the SJB CWL at 1:00 PM Wednesday, October 23 followed by a general meeting of the membership at 2:30 p.m. both meetings will be held in the vestry of St. John the Baptist Church.

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are now available at all three parishes. Please take one and fill a box in support of this worthy cause. The deadline for their return is Saturday, Nov. 16th for SJB and SP and Nov. 17th for HGA.

Thank You,

St. John the Baptist CWL

Contact Mary Fougere (902) 535-2699

A Benefit Variety Concert in support of L'Arche Cape Breton will be held at St. Peter's Lions' Club Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 2 PM. Freewill offering at door, 50/50 tickets available.