

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

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from *Ez 17:22-24*. In this reading the prophet Ezekiel spoke about the better days that were to come for the Chosen People when Yahweh would take back His people once more, and dwell in their midst forever. Today's extract is a messianic prophecy in which God says that he will raise up a descendant—a sprig from the lofty cedar David, who will yet be the glory of Israel.

The **Second Reading** is from *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*. St Paul tells his Corinthians that his constant desire and motive in life is to please God. In this he wants them to imitate him. While on earth this is his aim and when he goes to God in heaven this will be his purpose and his delight.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 4:26-34*. One of the proofs of the divine origin of the Church of Christ is its growth from very humble beginnings. Christ could have come on earth in the prime of manhood, without the cooperation of any human ancestry. He could have preached his gospel to the whole world himself without any help from men. By extraordinary miracles he could have astounded the world into believing. If he wished to have the assistance of men he could have chosen the outstanding philosophers and orators of Greece and Rome. Instead, he chose to come into this world as a baby, the son of a poor mother and of a carpenter foster-father. He was born in a stable; was forced into pagan Egypt before he was a year old; he lived thirty or so years in Nazareth in poverty, earning his meager daily bread by the sweat of his brow. Then for three years he trudged the highways and by-ways of Palestine, often weary, hungry and footsore, preaching the good news of redemption. For assistants he chose fishermen, shepherds and tax-gatherers, twelve of the most ordinary of the ordinary people of his day.

When the time came for him to lay down his life for the world as prearranged by his Father, he allowed his enemies to capture him and to condemn him to the death of the cross. These were surely humble beginnings for a kingdom which was to span the earth and the ages. The mustard seed in comparison was large. Yet, this was God's plan and therefore it succeeded as he said it would. The story of his humble origins among us, of his equality with us in all things, sin alone excepted, and of his self-immolation for us, touched human hearts wherever it was told and the grace of God did the rest.

It was not the eloquence of the Apostles, nor their gift of persuasion, nor their fame for learning that moved the pagan world to forsake its idols and its vices. No, nothing but the moving grace of the Holy Spirit and the objective truth of the gospel story can explain the conversion of the Roman empire.

Therefore, the spread of the Church is a proof of its divine origin—it is from God and God is with it. Knowing this, how grateful should we not be to him who has

made us members of his kingdom on earth, with the assurance of a place in his eternal kingdom in heaven, if we remain his loyal subjects here below. How good God has been to us! To what lengths of humiliation did he not go in order to open heaven for us! When we think of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Calvary, can we dare complain because he sends us a few crosses to help us to atone for our own past sins? When we wipe the sweat of honest labor from our brow, we will think of the carpenter of Nazareth. When we feel the pinch of poverty, hunger, debt, we will think of Bethlehem and its stable and of the poor home of Nazareth. If or when the injustice of others should drive us from our home and fatherland, as is the lot of so many today, we will think of the exile in Egypt. If we are saved this humiliation we will do all in our power to help "displaced" persons wherever they may be.

The tiny mustard seed has grown into a tree but it has yet to gather many more under the shelter of its branches. Christ asks every one of his followers to help him to bring all men into the safety of his kingdom on earth, so that they may be enabled to enjoy happiness forever in his heavenly kingdom. Realizing all that God and his divine Son have done for us, would we be so mean and ungrateful as to refuse to lend a helping hand? God forbid! God has already put us on the right road to heaven; we will help him to get in the stragglers, the lazy, the "couldn't-care-less" ones on that same road, by every means available to us. —*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

**Please call the office:
902-535-2053**

Office Hours

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

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM
+ *Bridget Goodwin*

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

SP 9:00 AM
+ *Agnes Johnson*

Friday, June 21, 2024

HGA 11:00 AM
+ *Agnes Johnson*

Saturday, June 22, 2024

SJB

4:00 PM

+ *Stephen Charles Landry*

SP

5:30 PM

+ *Claire LeBlanc*

Sunday, June 23, 2024

SH

9:30 AM

+ *Eric Johnson*

HGA

11:00 AM

+ *Lawrence, Clare, Ralph & James Bona*

Receipts:

St. John the Baptist

June 1, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 848.00
Cemetery	565.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,413.00</u>

St. John the Baptist

June 8, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,477.00
Cemetery	300.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,777.00</u>

St. Peter's

June 1, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 997.00
Cemetery	690.00
Candles	16.00
Improvement Fund	10.00
Parish Dues	50.00
Truth & Reconciliation	20.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,783.00</u>

St. Peter's
June 8, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 917.10
Cemetery	700.00
Candles	18.55
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,635.65</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
June 2, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,355.00
Candles	31.55
Parish Dues	300.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,686.55</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
June 9, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$673.00
Candles	26.00
Parish Dues	40.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 739.00</u>

Community News

Knights of Columbus will be holding a yard sale on the 29 and 30th of June as well as on July 1, 2024. We are asking for donations of lightly used furniture and appliances in good working order which will be stored in the glebe basement. Donations can be dropped off on June 28 which is set up day. Please, no coffee mugs as we can't sell them. Sale will start at 9:00 AM and will continue until 4:30 PM each day. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

The winners of the recent Knights of Columbus Crab raffle drawn on June 7, 2024: Diane Baldwin, L'Ardoise; Amanda Webster, St Peters; Carly Wade, (granddaughter of Sheila Pottie and great granddaughter of Kenny Pottie)
A great big thank to all who supported our fundraiser. It was a huge success.

George J Landry, Treasurer
St Vincent de Paul Council 12024

St. Peter's Altar Society will hold its year-end meeting Thursday, June 20th 2024 at 1:30 PM in the glebe basement. Members and newcomers always welcome.

Exercise Golden Beaver

All cadets and former cadets are invited to attend an organizing meeting for 2842 L'Ardoise Legion Army Cadet Corp's 50th anniversary of its founding in 1975. The meeting will be held at the L'Ardoise legion on July 20th, 2024. The meeting will commence at 11:00 AM and will last approximately 1 hour. The purpose of the meeting is to form a committee to oversee the organization of the celebration of the Corp's 50th anniversary which will take place on the weekend of July 18 - 20, 2025 at the L'Ardoise Legion and cadet building.

Free Marriage Prep Course

Sunday June 30th at St Joseph Church in North Sydney - 10 am to 3 pm. Starting with Holy Mass at 10 AM with a homily on the marriage laws of the Church. Followed by sessions in the hall on finances, spirituality, sexuality, children, communication and a free lunch. All couples being married in the Diocese are welcome. Register by calling the parish office at 902-794-3951.

The Commonwealth Youth Choir, consisting of youth aged 12-18 from New Jersey and Pennsylvania will be in Sydney for one concert only.

Sunday, June 23rd at 2:30 p.m. at United Heritage Church, 500 Charlotte St. in Sydney. Admission is by donation at the door. All funds raised will be donated back to United Heritage Church.

The Cape Breton Chorale is seeking an Assistant Conductor for its upcoming season.

The choir is also holding a song arrangement competition. Both have deadlines and full details can be found by visiting our website at <http://capebretonchorale.com>