

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes**  
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**November 17, 2024**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## **Mass Readings**

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Daniel 12:1-3*. Today's reading puts before our eyes the fact that this world will have an end marked by great upheavals and disasters. However, these will be followed immediately by a new and everlasting existence.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter to the Hebrews 10:11-4; 18*. St. Paul continues to compare the priesthood of Christ with the Jewish priesthood.

The **Gospel** is from the *Gospel of Mark 13:24-32*. There are some obscurities in this extract from St. Mark. Firstly, because Christ was discussing and answering questions on two distinct topics: the destruction of the temple and the end of the world. Secondly, because we may not have the *ipsissima verba* of Christ here, as many exegetes suggest. The message we must learn from today's gospel comes across without any ambiguity or doubt: we must always be ready to face our judgement for we know not the day nor the hour when we will be called from this life. When or how this world will end is of no great importance to us; what is important is that we shall leave this world very soon and our eternity will depend on the state of our consciences at the moment of our departure.

This is the steadying thought the Church, in her wisdom, wishes to put before our minds today. We all know that we must die someday. We are strangers and pilgrims on this earth; we have not here a lasting city, as St. Augustine says. No sane person among us will try to deny this and yet, many of us are so immersed in the things of this world that we forget or try to forget that we must leave this world soon. This is very natural: life is a precious gift and as our earthly life is the only one of which we have experience our every inclination is to hold on to it at all costs. Even when our intelligence tells us that it can, in spite of all our endeavors, end very soon we try to convince ourselves that that "very soon" is really in the distant future.

We have God's word for it and the example of Christ's resurrection to a life of glory. Let us appreciate the truth that our death on earth is not the end of life but rather the beginning of the true life that will never end. As the liturgy says in the Mass for the Dead: "Life is changed (by death) not taken away." Our death is the doorway through which we pass into the unending life. The years on earth are a gift of God to enable us to earn the infinitely greater gift which in his loving mercy he has prepared for us from all eternity.

God in his mercy is calling on each one of us to be ready when our call comes. We can do nothing about the when or the where of that call, but we can do much about

the state of our relationship with God when death comes; in fact, aided by God's grace we can ensure that all will be well with us. We cannot avoid a sudden death, but we can avoid an unprepared death by striving always to live in peace with God. This does not mean that we must be always on our knees praying to God and that we must take no interest in the things and the joys of this world. Far from it. God wants us to use the things of this world, but to use them so that they will not hinder us on our journey.

A very practical way to see how we stand in relation to God and to the things of this world, is for each one of us to ask himself today: "How would I fare if I were called to render an account of stewardship tonight?" This is the practical question that God, through today's readings, is asking us to put to ourselves. If, to our dismay, we find there are several things which have to be put right before facing our judge we will start right away to put them right. We may get another chance, another warning, and we may not. If we value our eternal happiness we will take this warning; we will put our books in order; we will make peace with God and our neighbors—and with God's grace, we will do all in our power to persevere in this good resolution. —*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

## Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, November 19, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM  
+ *Ginni Ackles*

### Wednesday, November 20, 2024

SP 9:00 AM  
+ *Anna Mombourquette*

### Friday, November 22, 2024

HGA 11:00 AM  
+ *Gerard Taylor*

### Saturday, November 23, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM  
+ *Stan MacPhee*  
SP 5:30 PM  
+ *Bridget Goodwin*

### Sunday, November 24, 2024

SH 9:00 AM  
+ *Michael Marshall*  
HGA 11:00 AM  
+ *Gerard Taylor*

# Receipts

## St. John the Baptist

November 10, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$	538.00
Cemetery		20.00

<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>558.00</u>
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## St. Peter's

November 10, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$	682.00
Candles		11.00
Cemetery		40.00
Parish Dues		318.00
Missals		20.00
World Missions		10.00

<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,081.00</u>
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## Holy Guardian Angels

November 10, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,157.00
Candles		36.00
Missals		80.00

<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,273.00</u>
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# Community Notices

Comfort Tea ..... Come For Tea : Throughout our lives we experience many types of losses. We wish to promote awareness of the impact of grief on our lives. All are invited for a beverage and sweets in a supportive setting. You may wish to bring along a friend, memento, photo, or experience to share. You may have words of support to offer or just be in the company of those who understand.

Wednesday, November 27th, 2024                      1:30 - 4:00 pm

St. Mark's United Church, 504 Bernard Street, Port Hawkesbury, N.S.

Hosted by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary [www.srpalliativecaresociety.com](http://www.srpalliativecaresociety.com) Facebook: Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society

**SP:** Tea & Tunes - Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie Brae Club St. Peters, 2 – 4 PM. Evelyn Mac Rae & Friends. Admission \$5, Half and Half Tickets Sold, Light Lunch will be served.

**Dr. Kingston Memorial Health Centre:** Memory Cafes – A social environment for people living with dementia or other memory loss issues in their families. These events are free. Winter 2024/2025 Session Dates: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Locations vary in Richmond County. Call for more information and call to register: 902-587-2800 Ext 3.

**The Knights of Columbus, Council 14280** will hold their monthly council meeting on **Thursday, November 21, 2024**, at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's Glebe. The time has been moved 7:00 PM to 6:30 PM. At this time, the Knights of Columbus will install the elected officers for 2024-2025. We welcome District Deputy Roderick Morris to perform the installation of officers.

**Financial Secretary René Samson and Treasurer George Landry** of Father/Père Vincent de Paul Council 14280 in St. Peter's, NS delivered warm jackets to Denise Doucette of the Potlotek First Nation as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Program. The Knights also donated coats and \$250. each to the three Food Banks located at the parishes served by the Council.

**Our K of C Council was landed the last Columbia magazine.**

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***The Road to Bethlehem schedule – All start at 7:00 PM***

- December 1<sup>st</sup> Marguerite Bourgeoys Church - Sydney 7:00
- December 8<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Fatima Church – Syd River 7:00
- December 11<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Church – Main-a-Dieu 7:00
- December 15<sup>th</sup> Holy Rosary Church – Westmount 7:00
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> Wentworth Park Bandshell 7:00
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**Preparing the Way – John the Baptist** is a *live performance* featuring Scripture, famous works of Art, beautiful music sung by a choir, and thoughtful reflection. Preparing the Way brings alive the story of John the Baptist as he urged a return to the Lord and heralded the arrival of Jesus Christ. This is an extraordinary way to experience the true meaning of Christmas.

There will be two performances of **Preparing the Way:**

7:00 PM Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River

2:00 PM Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Sydney.

Join Us! Admission is without charge.

*Preparing the Way is Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 9476*