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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah*, 53:10-11, 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* 4:14-16 and 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*, 10:35-45. Our own natural inclination most likely would be to react like the other ten Apostles and become vexed with James and John and to tell them what we thought of their selfish worldly ambitions. However, our Lord's gentle answer: "You do not know what you are asking" shows us that ignorance of the nature of the kingdom he was going to set up, was the cause of their very human ambitions. They, with the other Apostles, had still the common Jewish idea of the messianic kingdom. They thought the Messiah—and they were now convinced that Jesus was the promised Messiah—would set up a political kingdom in Palestine, oust the pagan Romans and eventually extend his kingdom to all nations. That this kingdom he would set up would be universal, extending to all nations, was indicated in almost all the messianic prophecies in the Old Testament, but that this kingdom would be spiritual, not political, was not grasped by most of Christ's contemporaries including the Apostles.

Jesus, knowing that his Apostles still had this wrong idea, was gentle with James and John. He took this opportunity to tell them that he would set up a glorious kingdom but that his sufferings and death would be a necessary prelude to its establishment. He had already referred to his sufferings and death three times, but the mention fell on deaf ears. Their argument was: how could he suffer death when he has still to establish his earthly kingdom? The truth in fact was that it was by means of his sufferings and death that he would establish his glorious kingdom. He challenged the two Apostles then to know if they were willing to pay the price for a high place in his glorious kingdom: were they prepared to follow him through suffering and death? He accepted their affirmation, knowing it to be true, but told them their position of honor depended on his Father's decision. Once they realized

the nature of his glorious kingdom they would be the last to look for positions of honor in it.

While no Christian today thinks that Christ came on earth in order to make us wealthy, happy and prosperous during our few years on earth, there are, unfortunately, many Christians who are unwilling to accept Christ's teaching that the way to heavenly glory is the way of the cross. "All this and heaven too" is their motto. It would, of course, be marvelous if all our days on earth were days of peace, happiness and prosperity to be followed by eternal happiness when we "shuffle off this mortal coil." But any man who has the use of reason sees that our world is inhabited by weak, sin-inclined and usually sinful mortals, himself included—weak mortals who can and do disturb the peace and harmony that could regulate our mortal lives. There are "accidents" on our roads and highways every day of the year, frequently causing death or grave injury to hundreds. The rules of the road, if kept by all, would prevent ninety-nine percent of such accidents—the other one percent are caused by mechanical failure. Would any man be so naive as to expect that we could have even one day free from car accidents?

Because man has a free-will, he is liable to abuse it by choosing what is sinful and wrong. Most of the crosses and trials we meet in life are caused by violations—by ourselves and others—of the rules of life and the laws of charity and justice. To prevent this abuse of free-will, God would have to deprive men of that essential gift which, with his intellect, makes him a man. Likewise, we could prevent all road accidents by removing the steering wheels from cars but then we would have no cars. Let us face the fact, almost all the hardships and sufferings which we have to bear in life, are caused by the unjust and uncharitable actions of our fellowmen and even God himself, following his own wise pattern of life for men on earth, cannot prevent such evil actions.

Would God want to prevent all such injustices and all this inhumanity of man toward his fellowman? Not that he approves of it, much less causes it, but can he not have a purpose in permitting it? How would we, his children on earth, earn heaven if this world were an earthly paradise? What loving father would keep his children from school because they found it a hardship, and when they could be so happy playing at home all day and every day? School is absolutely necessary for those children's future, and it is because fathers are truly kind to their children that they compel them to undergo this temporary hardship. God is the kindest of fathers. He wants us all in heaven. He has mapped out the road which will lead us there. He allows these hardships to come our way so that we can prepare for our real future life.

With James and John, let us tell our divine Lord that we are ready to follow him on the path to Calvary; that we are ready to drink the cup of sufferings which he drank and to be immersed in the sorrows which he endured. He went through all of this for us; we are doing it for our own sakes. He carried the real cross—ours is light when compared with his; furthermore, he will help us to bear our daily trial and struggles. How could any Christian become weary and fainthearted when he has Christ helping him on the road?

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

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

SJB 11:00 AM
Mass of Christian Burial
+ Patrick Leo Bourque

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

SP 9:00 AM
+ Marilyn Ann Groom-McNamara

Friday, October 25, 2024

HGA 11:00 AM
+ Bridget Goodwin

Saturday, October 26, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM
+ Eileen Reinders
SP 5:30 PM
+Mary Claire Richard

Sunday, October 27, 2024

SH 9:00 AM
+ Bridget Goodwin
HGA 11:00 AM
+ Anne Mombourquette

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

October 12, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,215.00
Cemetery		100.00

<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,315.00</u>
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St. Peter's

October 12, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$	855.00
Candles		32.00
Needs of Cdn Church		10.00
World Mission		10.00
Truth & Reconciliation		10.00
Cemetery		50.00

<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>967.00</u>
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Holy Guardian Angels

October 13, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 808.00
Candles	60.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 868.00</u>

Community Notices

Please Note any items that interest you in the bulletin as they will not be repeated.

Father Paul Joseph Michael Abbass died suddenly on Sunday, October 13, 2024. He was age 73 and in his 45th year of priesthood. He was ordained by Bishop William E. Power on June 24, 1979, at Mount Carmel Church in New Waterford. He served in many different capacities within the Diocese as an Assistant Pastor, Pastor, Chaplain, Director of Talbot House, Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Services and as Vicar General for nine years retiring in 2019.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 18 at 12 noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Stellarton. Prior to the funeral, there will be Visitation in the Church from 10 am to 11:30 am. Burial will be in the parish cemetery. A reception will follow at the parish hall. Archbishop Dunn will preach, and Bishop Kirkpatrick will preside.

Mass for Shut -Ins

Fr. Yake will celebrate the Mass for Shut -Ins for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Holy Mass will be taped on **Saturday, November 9**. Any parishioners who wish to do so are invited to attend and we need volunteers to provide the music and lectors.

Masses are taped at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish in Sydney on the Saturday of the week prior to airing at 10:00am. Please arrive no later than 9:30am to give ample time for last minute preparations.

Directions to the church: From the highway off #4 take exit 8 to George Street. From there, drive all the way down George St. until you come to a set of lights where you can turn right onto Cottage Rd. Drive on Cottage Rd. until you come to Cabot St. You will see the church on the left.

The family of Leona Middleton invites you to drop by her home (103 Three Island Cove Road) on Saturday October 26th between 2PM – 4PM to help her celebrate her 95th birthday. Best Wishes only.

Tea and Tunes Sunday October 27 Bonnie Brae Club 2-4 Evelyn Mac Rae and Friends Admission 5.00 dollars Half and Half tickets sold Light Lunch will be served

HGA: Next meeting to plan for and discuss Acadian Day Festival ideas is scheduled for February 2nd @ 1:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend.

RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Oct. 21, Our Lady of Fatima Church

3:00pm Rosary with a presentation by Fr. David Rankin in anticipation of the relic's arrival. 6:00pm Mass with homily by Rev. Anthony Figueiredo, STD, guardian of the relics. Eucharistic Adoration for half an hour following Mass. Confessions will be available in the evening. Prayer cards will be available to write your own intention. Personal prayer intentions will be collected and offered at a Mass in Assisi, Italy, home of the incorrupt body of Blessed Carlo. A free-will offering will be accepted to help defray costs of the relic's travel.

PARISH MISSION: All are invited to the Parish Mission in St. Peter's Parish, Port Hood, from October 27-30 (Sunday to Wednesday) preached by Rev. Fr. Bill Burke, Pastor of St. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. On Sunday October 27 his presentation will be from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Monday to Wednesday: 6:00pm Holy Mass; 6:30pm Presentation. On Monday and Tuesday Fr. Bill will be available for confession/ drop in chat from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Christmas Merchandise Bingo.

Our Christmas Merchandize Bingo will take place on Sunday November 10th, at 2:00 pm at the Johnstown Parish Hall, 15290 Highway 4, Johnstown.

Lots of excellent prizes.

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group.

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Canadian cancer patient was "offered" euthanasia in the operating room.

Alex Schadenberg

Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



An article by Cameron Henderson that was published in [The Telegraph on October 14](#) is an example of how aggressive the MAiD teams / euthanasia doctors and nurses are in Canada as they provide euthanasia but also promote it.

A 51-year-old Nova Scotia woman felt pressured to ask for euthanasia. Henderson reports:

Speaking anonymously, the 51-year-old cancer patient said of the moment she was offered death instead of surgery: "It floored me... [it was] the most vulnerable I've ever felt in my life".

The patient, a married grandmother from Nova Scotia, explained she was set to undergo a mastectomy operation for breast cancer when a physician asked her if she knew about medical assistance in dying (MAiD).

Henderson continues:

"I was sitting in two surgical gowns, one frontways and one backwards, with a cap on my hair and booties on my feet. I was shivering and in a hard plastic chair and all alone in a hallway,"

"The [doctor] sat down and went through all the scary things with me. Then he asked 'Did you know about medical assistance in dying?'

"All I could say was, 'I don't want to talk about that'.

“I was scared and I was alone and I was cold and I didn’t know what was coming. “Why was I being asked about assisted dying, when I was on my way into what I truly believe was life-saving surgery?”

The woman said that she was offered euthanasia again, nine months later, before undergoing a second mastectomy and then asked about MAiD a third time while in recovery from her second mastectomy.

The woman said that she felt - Better Off Dead - when she was asked multiple times. Henderson reported:

She said the repeat offers made her feel like a burden to doctors and that people in her position “were better off dead”.

“I felt like a problem that needed to be [gotten] rid of instead of a patient in need of treatment.

“I don’t want to be asked if I want to die,”

Dr Leonie Herx, a palliative medicine consultant in Calgary, told Henderson that staff-shortages are so bad in some Canadian hospitals that patients who are not at risk of imminent death are offered MAiD before they’ve even had a chance to see a palliative care consultant.

In one instance, she claimed that one of her patients saw a MAiD consultant first, and when she came back to check on him the next day, he had already been given an assisted death.

“In some cases, MAiD has become the only therapy provided, which is completely horrific from a medical perspective,” Dr Herx said, in what will serve as a stark warning to the UK, where the NHS is facing a £37 billion funding gap with acute shortages in palliative care.

Herx's last comment concerns the fact that the UK is debating the legalization of assisted suicide while the National Health Service is facing a massive funding gap. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has received multiple complaints concerning family member or friends being asked if they want MAiD on multiple occasions. One woman asked us how to get the MAiD team to stop asking her husband if he wants MAiD. She said, he had already said NO five times.