

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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October 27, 2024
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading**, from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah*, 31:7-9, "Behold I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng." Today's reading talks about the restoration of Israel and the new exodus.

The **Second Reading**, from the *Letter to the Hebrews*, 5:1-6, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Paul develops the figure of Melchisedech as a type of Christ, the eternal High Priest of the New Covenant. Unlike the Levitical priests, Melchisedech is given no genealogy in Scripture. Paul sees in this fact the intention of the Holy Spirit to prefigure Christ's eternal priesthood.

We read in this Sunday's **Gospel** (*Mark 10:46-52*) that, while the Lord passes through the streets of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus addresses him, crying out loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" This entreaty moves Christ's heart, who pauses, has him called and cures him.

The decisive moment was the personal, direct encounter between the Lord and that man who was suffering. They are before one another—God with his will to cure and the man with his desire to be cured. Two liberties, two converging wills, "What do you want me to do for you?" the Lord asks him. "Let me receive my sight," replies the blind man. "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

With these words, the miracle is realized—God's joy, man's joy. And Bartimaeus, who had recovered his sight—recounts the Gospel—"followed him on the way": That is, he becomes his disciple and goes up with the Master to Jerusalem to take part with him in the great mystery of salvation. In the essential of its passages, this account evokes the itinerary of the catechumen toward the sacrament of baptism, which in the early Church was also called "Illumination."

Faith is a path of illumination; it starts from the humility of acknowledging one's need of salvation and arrives at the personal encounter with Christ, who calls [one] to follow him on the way of love. On this model the itineraries of Christian initiation have been established in the Church, which prepare for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist.

In places of past evangelization—where the baptism of children is widespread—catechetical and spiritual experiences are proposed to young people and adults which enable them to undertake a path of rediscovery of the faith in a mature and

conscious way, in order to assume later a coherent commitment to witness. How important is the work that pastors and catechists carry out in this field!

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps. In this month of October, especially dedicated to the mission, we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation.

We invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary so that missionaries of the Gospel will multiply. Intimately united to the Lord, may every baptized person hear that he is called to proclaim the love of God to all, with the testimony of his own life.
—*Angelus Address, Pope Benedict XVI, October 29, 2006*

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

SJB **4:00 PM**
+ Stan McPhee

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

SP **9:00 AM**
Marilyn Groom-MacNamara

Friday, November 1, 2024

HGA **11:00 AM**
+ John (Jackie) & Carolyn Pottie
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Saturday, November 2, 2024

SJB **4:00 PM**
+ Mary Claire Richard
Requested by Arthur & Henrietta Dorey
SP **5:30 PM**
+ Claire LeBlanc

Sunday, November 3, 2024

SH **9:00 AM**
+ Bridget Goodwin
HGA **11:00 AM**
+ Tommy Clannon

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Receipts

St. John the Baptist

October 19, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 811.00
Mission Sunday	195.00

<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,006.00</u>
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St. Peter's

October 19, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 940.00
Candles	14.00
Mission Sunday	155.00
Cemetery	250.00

<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,359.00</u>
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Holy Guardian Angels

October 20, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 743.00
Candles	56.00

<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>799.00</u>
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Community Notices

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

Would anyone who requested a Mass intention on a specific date in February, 2025, please call Mary at the parish office (902) 535-2053 on Wednesday or Thursday between 9 AM to 12 PM.

Cape Breton Ostomy Peer Support Group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 14th, 2024, from 2 PM – 4 PM at the South Bar Fire Hall, South Bar. This is a support group for those with an ostomy and their support person. The **Guest speaker** is Lyn Stuart, Caregiver & Support Coordinator - Cape Breton Region, Caregivers Nova Scotia Association.

SONGS OF JOY CONCERT

You are invited to attend an afternoon of "Songs of Joy" on Sunday, October 27th at 2 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Sydney River. The parish will be marking its 75th anniversary and will be celebrating in song! The afternoon will be headlined by the Cape Breton Chordsmen along with special guest performances

by: Misty Creek, Fr. David Rankin, Joe MacMaster, Mike Finigan, Fr. Conrad Edwards and more! You won't want to miss this wonderful afternoon! Please join us! Admission will be by donation and free will offering.

Understanding the Synod

Next Sunday November 3, at 3 PM St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Michael Higgins on his experience as official journalist for Paulist Press covering the recent synod in Rome. He will speak of his experiences at the synod and also his book launch “The Jesuit disruptor” which deals with the impact of Pope Francis has on the Church. Free admission, all welcome.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys and MacIntyre Chevrolet are selling tickets on a brand new car! Tickets are available for sale on a Chevrolet Trax LS. Cost of the tickets is \$50.00. Only 1200 tickets sold. They can be purchased at the church office during regular working hours or from the following members of Parish Council: Ronnie Martin 902-562-8530 or Tom Ripley 902-565-4452. Tickets will also be sold before and after week-end masses. **The winning ticket will be drawn on New Year's Eve at 4 0'clock mass. Good luck everyone!**