

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

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** taken from the *Acts of the Apostles* 9:26-31 is about St. Paul's first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of John* 3:18-24. In today's verses the Beloved Disciple is urging his readers to believe firmly in Jesus Christ the Son of God, and to love their neighbor with a practical love, a love which will help him in his corporal and spiritual needs.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John* 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

Having the ordinary comforts of life and the possession of some of this world's goods is not wrong or anti-Christian, but the natural temptation is to get more and more of these comforts and riches, and the point is soon reached where this becomes the only purpose in life. When this sad stage is arrived at, God and our future life are forgotten; this world becomes our idol and our prison. The temptations which the agents of evil put in Christ's way are also multiplied today. The communications media are now very technically improved and perfected and can be, and sometimes are, a means for good. Unfortunately, more frequently, they are the channels of bad example. The evil deeds of men have more "news value" than their good deeds. And it is so much easier to follow the bad example! Permissiveness, rejection of authority, glorification of unlawful sexual indulgence, drug addiction, and other such crimes are placed before the minds and the eyes of the youth of today, and are unfortunately copied by far too many.

It is indeed hard to swim against the current; it is so much more pleasant to allow oneself to be carried along without effort by the rushing tide. But when there are

rocks and shoals ahead, the thoughtless and ease-seeking swimmer will end in grief. Our Lord has warned us today, as he warned his first followers, to abide in him, to remain closely united with him, as is the branch to the vine, if we hope to bear fruit worthy of heaven. He promises us that if we remain closely united to him, that is, if we strive daily to keep his commandments, he will be ever ready to answer our requests, and to heed all our prayers. The sincere prayer today of every man who is trying to lead a Christian life is for the grace to overcome the allurements of the world, the flesh and the devil. Let us take courage, then. Christ has promised to remain beside us during life if only we stay close to him. While we remain healthy branches of the vine, Christ, we will be on the road to heaven. Our daily tasks, our work as well as our prayer, our recreation as well as our rest, our joys as well as our sorrows, will give glory to God and prove that we are worthy to be called disciples of Christ. —*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

Receipts:

St. John the Baptist

April 20, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 555.00
Cemetery	1,100.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,655.00</u>

St. Peter's

April 20, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 914.00
Candles	28.00
Cemetery	50.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 992.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels

April 21, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 578.00
Candles	39.15
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 617.15</u>

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

SJB

4:00 PM

+ *Ken Cosman, Jr.*

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

+*Agnes Johnson*

9:00AM

Thursday, May 2, 2024

SP

11:00 AM

Mass of Christian Burial

+ *Eric Robert Johnson*

Friday, May 3, 2024,

HGA

11:00 AM

+*Bernice & +Robert P. Sampson*

Saturday, May 4, 2024

SJB

4:00 PM

+ *Catherine Boudreau*

SP

5:30 PM

+ *James Fougere*

Sunday, May 5, 2024

SH

9:30 AM

+ *Peggy Collet*

HGA

11:00 AM

+ *Patricia Samson*

Community News

HGA: L'Ardoise Acadian Festival meeting will be held on Monday, April 29th. @ 6:00 PM. Our festival is only three months away and in order to make it a successful event we need your help. Hope to see you there.

HGA Cemetery Clean Up

The annual L'Ardoise Cemetery Clean Up will take place on Sunday, May 5th starting at 1:00 P.M. In the past we have had many volunteers which resulted in the task being completed in a very short time. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided. Again, we appreciate your continued support.

The St. Peter's Altar Society would like to invite new members to our next meeting. It will be held sometime in June and the exact date will be posted in the May bulletin. Please watch for the post and consider joining us.

St John the Baptist CWL: There will be a very important meeting of SJB Council of CWL **Tuesday, May 14 at 2 p.m. in the vestry of the Church.** This is a general meeting of the membership to discuss the future of the CWL in our Parish. For over 70 years, the women of the Parish have supported the spiritual and temporal work of the church in River Bourgeois, raising money for church

projects, providing funeral receptions, Christmas cheer and many other services. The organization is now facing a crisis due to the advancing age of members and declining numbers. All current members and any woman in the Parish who is concerned about our future is encouraged to attend this very important meeting to discuss where we go from here.

Thank you,

Ann Cooke, Secretary

St John the Baptist CWL

SJB: We wish to extend our deep and heartfelt thanks for all the sympathy and caring shown us at Stanley's death. To Fr. Yake for the beautiful funeral Mass and tribute. Also, for food, visits, phone calls, flowers, Mass donations and CWL prayers and reception. We are very grateful. God bless you all.

Monica, Fraser, Mike, Donnie, Germaine and Gerard & Veronica.

SJB: CWL would like to thank all those who contributed to our "Operation Smile" campaign, \$1,025 was realized, which was a substantial amount. Again, Thank you.

Pastoral Airm Concert

Sunday, April 28 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. St. Peter's United Church- Crock-Pot-Luck meal to follow in the church hall- Free will offering at the doors- A great line -up of musicians- Partial proceeds to go to Parkinson's Canada Research.





Mother's Day Lobster Meal

Sunday, May 12th
L'Ardoise Community Centre
11 AM - 1 PM

Lobster Meal

(Complete with Salads, Dessert, Tea & Coffee)

Optional Ham Meal

Eat In or Take Out

\$40 per person

For Tickets Contact: Sally Anne Mombourquette @ 902-587-2171

Elaine Sampson @ 902-587-2458

Leona Middleton @ 902-587-2617

Andree Sampson @ 902-587-2175

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Date - May 11, 2024.

Tickets on Gift Card Basket
\$5.00 each 3 for \$10.00

Gift cards from
St. Peter's businesses totalling
over **\$500**

Tickets may be purchased by EMT to
Dianne_Landry@hotmail.com or contact

* Shirley 535-2093 * Pam 535-2595

* Julie 623-0725

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