

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

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July 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the [World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#) on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The U.S. bishops have approved the transfer of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States. See the Decree [here](#).

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Do not cast me off in my old age' (cf. Ps71.9) is the theme for this 4th annual observance.

"Dear grandchildren, your grandparents are the memory of a world without memory, and when a community loses its memory, it's over. We must not lose our memory. Listen to your grandparents, especially when they teach you, with their love and with their witness, to cultivate the most important affections, which are not obtained by force, which do not appear through success, but which fill life." - Pope Francis

To learn more and read the inspiring words of Pope Francis:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/do-not-cast-me-off-in-my-old-age/>

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Kings 4:42-44*. We have here an incident from the life of Elisha, the prophet in Israel who inherited the mantle of the great Elijah. He prophesied in Israel during the second half of the 9th century. By anointing Jehu as king of Israel, he helped to bring about the overthrow of Achab's dynasty which had introduced the worship of Baal into Israel and had almost paganized the whole northern kingdom. This reading describes a miracle worked by Elisha.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6*. St. Paul lays great stress on Christian unity which is the essence of the faith. In these six verses he gives a sevenfold formula of unity on which the various aspects of true Christian unity are based.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 6:1-15*. Although Jesus had the intention of preparing the minds of the multitude for his discourse on the heavenly food which he would make next day, his principal motive in working this miracle was pity and compassion. He knew that they were hungry—they had been away from home all day and some for many days.

They were willing to suffer this inconvenience but he did not want them to do so. Even though he knew there were some among them who would never accept him, and perhaps even some who would be among the rabble that demanded his crucifixion on Good Friday; yet he made no distinction. He had compassion on them all.

This miracle should surely convince us that Christ is interested in our daily needs too, just as he was interested in those of his contemporaries in Palestine. Our principal and only real purpose in life is to be saved and Christ is ever ready to help us. However, we have first to travel through our earthly life so, of necessity, we have to take a passing interest in the affairs of this world. We have to provide for our earthly needs and for those of any others who may depend on us. For many, in fact for the vast majority of men, this has always been and will be a struggle against great odds. Here, too, Christ is ever ready to help us. He has a true interest in our progress through life and if we turn to him trustfully and sincerely, he will help us over our difficulties.

This does not mean that we can expect or demand a miracle whenever we find ourselves in difficulties. If, however, we are true to Christ and to the faith in our daily lives, he will find ways and means of freeing us from difficulties which would otherwise overcome us. If we look back over our past we may notice occasions when we were saved from grave difficulties by some unexpected intervention. We may not even have called on Christ to help us but he knew our needs and he answered our unspoken request. Those five thousand hungry people had not asked him for food, but he knew their needs. He knew too that their needs were caused by their desire to be in his presence—so he gave them what they had not thought of asking for. If we are loyal to him we, too, can trust that his mercy and power will be with us in our hour of need. He may not remove the cause of our difficulty. Remember St. Paul who had some bodily infirmity which he thought impeded his effectiveness as a missionary? Three times he pleaded with Christ to remove this 'infirmity, but Christ assured him: "my grace is sufficient for you." He would prove all the more effectively that he was Christ's Apostle by preaching in spite of that infirmity: "for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12: 7-9). Thus it may be that Christ will use the very difficulty from which we are suffering, to bring us and others into more intimate union with him. Many of the saints suffered great hardships and afflictions during their years on earth—these very afflictions were Christ's gifts to them. Without these, and the virtues of patience, faith and trust which they had to practice, they might not be among God's elect today.

We must rest assured then that Christ is intimately interested in our daily lives on earth. We must not expect that this interest of his will remove all shadows from our path. This would not be for our eternal good—and our eternal happiness is Christ's first interest in us. It should also be our own first and principal interest too. It will help us, too, to bear with our lot, if we look about us and see so many others who are worse off, or at least as badly off as we are especially with regard to the snags of life. Christian charity will move us to help them; we may not be able to give them any material help, but we can help to lighten their load by showing our sincere interest in them and by offering words of comfort and consolation. This is the only charity that the poor have to offer to their fellow sufferers, but if it is Christ-inspired its effects will reach to heaven.

—*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: 9:00 AM– 12:00

Monday & Tuesday (Laureen Burke)

Wednesday & Thursday (Mary Sutherland)

Note: When calling the Parish Office please leave a message and a contact number.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

HGA 11:00 AM
Mass of Christian Burial
+Gerard Taylor

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

SP 9:00 AM
+ Gwen Mombourquette

Friday, August 2, 2024

HGA 11:00 AM
+ Charles & Marie Martell

Saturday, August 3, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM
+John MacNeil
SP 5:30 PM
+ Eva Landry

Sunday, August 4, 2024

SH 9:30 AM
+Peggy Collet
HGA 11:00 AM
+Shirley Gracie & Joan Gould

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

July 20, 2024

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,040.00
Cemetery 45.00

Total \$ 1,085.00

St. Peter's

July 20, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 824.25
Candles	36.35
New Tractor Donations	270.00

Total **\$ 1,130.60**

Holy Guardian Angels

July 21, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	1,178.00
Candles	43.15

Total **\$ 1,221.15**

Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Burial of Paula & George Kyte's remains at Immaculate Conception Cemetery. This notice is published at the request of the family.

SJB: 15th Annual "Luck of the Draw" Boat Run will be held Saturday, August 31 with a rain/wind date of Sunday, September 1st. Registration begins at 10AM at River Bourgeois Floating Docks, 166 Northside Road, River Bourgeois. \$20 per ticket, other draws to be held. Barbeque available. Prizes handed out at 3:30pm. 1st prize \$300, 2nd prize \$200, 3rd prize \$100. Other prizes to be drawn. For more information contact Peter Baccardax at 902- 535-3182.

No weekday Masses are scheduled from August 19th until August 30th because Fr. Yake will be away. Weekend Masses on July 31st and September 1st will be celebrated by Rev. Charles Cameron. Previously scheduled Masses will be rescheduled.

Documents and methodology have been released for Phase II of the Synod of Bishops, taking place in October 2024.

Assembly conversations are guided by the Instrumentum Laboris, (working document)

The Instrumentum laboris originated from reports that the General Secretariat of the Synod received. Who sent these reports?

In December 2023, the General Secretariat invited the entire Christian community to reflect on the guiding question identified for the Second Session of the XVI Assembly *How to be a Synodal Church in Mission?* by proposing a series of different paths and activities starting from the Synthesis Report, approved by the members of the XVI Ordinary Assembly at the end of the work of the First Session in October 2023. It was a question of keeping synodal dynamism alive by promoting at the local level a reflection on how to enhance the differentiated coresponsibility in mission on the part of all the faithful and, at the same time, to ask the Bishops' Conferences, the Eastern Catholic Churches and the groupings of

Churches to reflect on how to articulate the dimension of the Church as a whole and its rooting at the local level, thus gathering the fruits of reflection around the Synthesis Report. Despite the short time available, as of 30 June 2024, no less than 108 reports had been received from the Bishops' Conferences, as well as submissions from working groups and more than 200 comments from international entities, university faculties, associations of the faithful or individual communities and persons.

For more details, plus documents, videos and more Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch2024/>

Music Royal Concert –Friday August 9 at 7 pm - Sacred Heart Church, Johnstown - Ensemble Urmawi Lamia Yared (vocals and oud), Nizar Tabcharani (qanun), Showan Tavakol (kamanche), Ziya Tabassian (percussion). The musicians will interpret songs from Syrian traditions (Muwashahat) as well as sacred chants from the early Christians of the Orient in Aramaic, and finally some pieces of traditional Persian music will also be included. This tour provides a rare opportunity for Nova Scotian audiences to hear these three traditions of music, which intersect both geographically and historically.

\$25 at the door, \$20 advanced rate, students \$10.

Email lcampbell1@bellaliant.net for advance reservation.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/musique-royale-a-treasury-of-music-from-our-historic-past/events/ensemble-urmawi-in-johnstown/>

Cemetery Mass: Sacred Heart Cemetery Johnstown. The annual cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday August 11th, at 9:30 in the Old Graveyard. Please bring your own chair. A Pancake Lunch in the hall (\$12.00) will follow Holy Mass.