

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Deuteronomy 30:10-14* and is the final discourse of Moses, just prior to the selection of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. It is the conclusion of the covenant making ceremony.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of *Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20* in which he uses the occasion to instruct the Colossians and to restate for them the truth about the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ, as beginning and end of all creation. He was imprisoned in Rome when he wrote this letter but had learned about dangerous doctrines which had recently made their way into the church, threatening both faith and morals. False teachers were introducing a series of outdated Mosaic practices and an exaggerated emphasis on the role of angels as intermediaries between God and men, which threatened to undermine the true doctrine of Christ as the only mediator.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 10:25-37* and tells the parable of the good Samaritan. This passage is two-pronged. While providing a powerful lesson about mercy toward those in need, it also proclaims that non-Jews can observe the Law and thus enter into eternal life. Following other Fathers, St Augustine (*De verbis Domini sermones*, 37) identifies the good Samaritan with our Lord, and the waylaid man with Adam, the source and symbol of all fallen mankind. Moved by compassion and piety, he comes down to earth to cure man's wounds, making them his own (Is 53:4; Mt 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Jn 3:5). In fact, we often see Jesus being moved by man's suffering (cf. Mt 9:36; Mk 1:41; Lk 7:13). And St John says: "in this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 Jn 4:9-11).

This parable leaves no doubt about who our neighbor is — anyone (without distinction of race or relationship) who needs our help; nor about how we should love him — by taking pity on him, being compassionate towards his spiritual or corporal needs; and it is not just a matter of having the right feelings towards him: we must do something, we must generously serve him.

Christians, who should be disciples of Christ, should share his love and compassion, never distancing themselves from others' needs. One way to express love for one's neighbor is to perform the "works of mercy," which get their name from the fact that they are not duties in justice. There are fourteen such works, seven spiritual and seven corporal.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion focused on addressing the emotional and spiritual needs of others. They include: admonishing the sinner,

instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving all injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.

The corporal works of mercy are a set of seven charitable actions that address the physical needs of others. They are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. These acts of mercy are rooted in the teachings of Jesus and are considered a way to put Christian faith into action by helping those in need.

—*Excerpted from The Navarre Bible—St. Luke*

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

SJB

4:00 PM

♥*Healing Mass*

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

SP

9:00 AM

+ *Peter Gracie*

Friday, July 18, 2025

HGA

11:00 AM

+ *Gerard Taylor*

Saturday, July 19, 2025

SJB

4:00 PM

+ *Clem Burke*

SP

5:30 PM

+ *Eva Landry*

Sunday, July 20, 2025

SH

9:00 AM

+ *Clem Burke*

HGA

11:00 AM

+ *Orville O'Hara & Family*

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

July 5, 2025

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Envelopes & Loose

\$ 888.00

Property Maintenance

485.00

Total

\$ 1,373.00

St. Peter's
July 5, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,056.00
Candles		23.00
Maintenance		600.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,679.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
July 6, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$	885.00
Candles		24.40
Education of Priests		55.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>964.40</u>

Community Notes

HGA: A Novena will be prayed in honour of St. Anne, at 10:30 each morning at HGA Church in L'Ardoise, beginning Thurs, July 17, and ending Fri, July 25. We will have prayers and hymns for about 30 minutes, followed by veneration of our relic of St. Anne. We invite you to join us to pray for the sick and the suffering, and for your own personal intentions. (If you cannot attend but would like to pray the Novena, a few booklets are available in each East Richmond church. Everyone welcome!

The Holy Guardian Angels Festival Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, July 26 at 7:00PM for this week only, and as typically happens on this weekend, the SP's Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, July 27 at 11:00AM.

SP

Lakeside Community Association / **Festival on the Lake**

THURSDAY- July 17th - Kids Movie Night - 7pm (popcorn, sweets & Drinks). **FREE** thanks to our sponsor - Kuntew Awti

FRIDAY- July 18th – 45 Card Games - 7pm – for HOME BAKING, \$10 for 15 Games

SUNDAY- July 20th - 11am-1pm- POTLUCK DINNER - \$12 (under 5 free)

Lakeside Community Centre / 8598 West Bay Highway, Sampsonville

HGA: Congratulations on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of 2842 L'Ardoise Legion Army Cadet Corps, HGA Parish would like to extend our congratulations and our deep appreciation for the Corps' immeasurable contributions to the youth of this community and other surrounding communities. We wish the Cadet Corps continued success as they journey into the future.

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Two stories: Support Bill C-218. Oppose MAiD for mental illness.

The following true stories were sent to our EPC "Story Contest" by supporters who wish to share their personal experience in support of Bill C-218, a bill that would prevent euthanasia of people living with mental illness (as sole underlying medical condition)

Please visit our "contributor info" page ([Link](#)). "recent stories" ([Link](#)). and "story index" ([Link](#)). We would be thrilled to receive your story (whether fact or creative fiction) at: story@epcc.ca

All formats are welcome, including short videos.

On June 20, 2025 [Tamara Jansen \(MP\) introduced Bill C-218](#) in the House of Commons to reverse the law which permits euthanasia for mental illness that is scheduled to begin on March 17, 2027 in Canada. ([Article Link](#)).

Supporting Bill C-218 - Opposing Euthanasia for mental illness.



By Patti

I battled severe suicidal bipolar depression and PTSD for most of my life. I grew up in a severely abusive household. My first suicide attempt was at age 4. I deliberately rode my tricycle down a flight of cement stairs and fractured my skull. Throughout the following decades, I tried many times to kill myself using various means. I also tried to drink myself to death. I was given many medications to treat my illness, but all I would do is overdose on them while drunk and end up in the hospital. I drank to escape the feelings of sadness, worthlessness and self hate. Finally I went to rehab for the alcohol, and had a mental breakdown while I was there. I was sent to a hospital where I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. After three rounds of electroshock therapy (ECT) I was still suicidal. I obsessed about dying and couldn't stop thinking about it and planning ways to kill myself that would work.

Several years ago I finally discovered by accident that a small dose of cannabis each day got rid of my depression. I'm still on low dose prescription medication to prevent bipolar mood swings.

I'm happy with my life now and I'm glad I didn't succeed in killing myself. I guarantee that if MAID had been available while I was obsessing about suicide, I'd have signed up for it. Now I am violently opposed to MAID, which is why I read articles on your website and share them on social media. I hope this story will help to get Bill C-218 passed.

My Story (Mental Illness)

By Eric

In 2003, I was diagnosed as having schizophrenia. The following year, I was having thoughts of suicide. I am glad that there was no MAID for mental illness at that time for I might very well have chosen MAID. I now live a contented life and have been helped tremendously by the teachings of Buddhism, which have greatly, if not completely, eliminated the symptoms of what I was diagnosed as having.

MAID for mental illness would, in my estimation, cause many unnecessary deaths and kill a lot of people who would otherwise have overcome their suicidal tendencies given enough time.

MAID for mental illness is, in my opinion, a grievous and very serious mistake which should NEVER become public policy in Canada.