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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:10-11*. The word of God which came to the Chosen People through the prophets, and the divinely inspired writers, came out of God's loving interest in His people. He wanted to prepare them for the inheritance, the real "promised land," that, when the messianic age (the "fullness of time") came, would be theirs, provided their lives on earth were lived as they should be. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23* and is about present suffering and the glory of God. Suffering is an essential part of the Christian life and one who truly believes will have his or her share of hardships and trials. Yet, these are not ends in themselves, as there is hope that they will terminate with the full revelation of the glory of God. The theme and message of St. Paul is not to lose hope in the Lord into whose risen life we have been initiated by Baptism. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 13:1-23*. Christ's description of His audience, that day in Galilee, is unfortunately as true today as it was then. His message of salvation has been preached to a great part of the world's population, but the proportion of those who accept it and live up to it, is about the same today as it was then. There are millions of men and women today, in what was once Christian Europe, who are like the seed sown on the unplowed path. They refuse to accept the message, they have no thought for their future, they are content to end in the grave after their few years of misery and hardship on this planet.

There are others who see the truth and the consolation of the Christian gospel, but when it comes to making sacrifices for it, they give up. The message did not sink into their hearts and minds. They are like the seed which fell on rocky ground because the faith had no deep roots in their lives. Others again, and they are legion, are like the seed that fell among the briars and thorns. They accepted the faith and it took root in them, but later on, "the cares of the world and the delight in riches chokes the word and it proves unfruitful,"—these are our Lord's own words

The last class of Christians, are like the seed sown on good soil. They not only accept Christ and his teaching, but they live up to it, and, come what may, they are faithful to it. These will produce fruit and will earn for themselves eternal happiness.

Each one of us can look into his own conscience today and discover to which class he or she belongs. Are some of us perhaps, like the seed that fell on the rocky ground? While Christianity makes no very difficult demand we are all for it, but when it demands mortification, the curbing of passion, real sacrifices for our neighbor, do we forget our Christian calling then and ignore its precepts? And how does our type of Christianity stand up to the temptations of the world—the desire to get all the enjoyment we can out of this life, licit or illicit, breaking God's commandments weekly or maybe daily? Are we chasing after wealth and power, using all our energies to rise in the world to be above our neighbor by fair or foul means? If the above are our aims in life, our Christianity has been or is being choked out of us.

There are millions of saints in heaven today, enjoying eternal happiness, who had some, if not all, of our present failings. We, too, can be with them one day, provided we do what they did. They repented sincerely and remained God's close friends, until he called them to himself. May the merciful God give us the grace to imitate them while we yet have time.

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

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

SP

+ **Danny Madden**

9:00 AM

Saturday, July 18, 2026

SP
+ Eric, Madeleine & Real LaCroix

5:30 PM

Sunday, July 19, 2026

HGA
+ Jim Briand & parents

11:00 AM

Receipts

St. John the Baptist
July 4, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,549.00
Property Maintenance	645.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 2,194.00</u>

St. Peter's
July 4, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,120.00
Candles	12.00
Cemetery	75.00
Parish Dues	20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,227.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
July 5, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,186.75
Candles	34.45
Candidates for Priesthood	300.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,521.20</u>

Community News

HGA: L'Ardoise Social Action would like to acknowledge the tremendous response to our recent Food Drive held on Saturday, June 27th. Our community was most generous with both food and monetary donations. We are grateful for the extra assistance provided by Elaine, Sharon, Brenda and the MacCuspig girls who arranged our items and stocked Sally Anne's Pantry in a very orderly fashion. Our Committee thanks the individuals and organizations who contribute to support our Food Bank Operation.

HGA - Everyone Welcome! A Novena will be prayed in honour of St. Anne at 10:15 each morning at HGA Church in L'Ardoise, beginning **Friday, July 17, and ending Saturday, July 25**. There will be 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.

A Huge Yard Sale:

Sat, July 11 and Sun, July 12
9am - 4pm at 41 Burkey's Lane, L'Ardoise

(Billy and Marie's)

Proceeds to Adult Drop-in Centre

SH: Annual Strawberry Festival – Sunday July 12th, Johnstown Parish Hall, 15290 Highway 4. Lots of Strawberries, Biscuits, Bonnach, Oatcakes, Tea and Company. Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Cost \$12.00. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass: Sunday July 12th, 15338 Highway 4, Behind Sacred Heart Church. Time: 2:00 PM. Please bring your own chair.

Note: At the time of her appearance in 1531 the Blessed Virgin Mary identified herself as Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Guadalupe*, means ‘the one who crushes the serpent.’ In 1999 St. John Paul entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection. We pray for innocent preborn children and those who choose death for them by abortion.

Festival on the Lake

Thursday, July 16th Kids Movie Night 7:00 PM- Popcorn & drink provided

Friday, July 17th 7:00 PM-45’s card game (including blind 45) for home baking
15 games/\$10- \$1 each for any leftover baking

Saturday, July 18- 1-3 PM-Fun & gmes for all ages-board games, card games & washer toss-Free event

Sunday, July 19th join us for a potluck meal-11:00 AM till 1:00 PM-Admission \$12.00- Kids (under 5) free

From the Catholic Register

Thousands of errors found in B.C. MAiD cases, internal report shows

Terry O’Neill

Canadian Catholic News

July 7, 2026

Editors’ note: Canadian Catholic News obtained the B.C. Ministry of Health’s “Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) Oversight 2024 Year End Report” through a freedom of information request. CCN is publishing the report in full for readers to examine. The document contains aggregate statistical information and no identifiable patient information.

An internal B.C. government document obtained by Canadian Catholic News through a freedom of information request shows doctors, nurse practitioners and pharmacists in the province made thousands of errors in managing euthanasia in 2024.

According to the report of the Ministry of Health, more than half of all MAiD cases in B.C that year were found to have had errors requiring government follow-up. Page 3 of the “[Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAiD\) Oversight 2024 Year End Report](#)” states 4,169 individuals requested MAiD in 2024 — a nearly 10 per cent increase since 2023.

However a bar graph from the report, included with this article, indicates a total of 4,190 MAiD cases in 2024. It also indicates the MAiD Oversight Unit found 2,807 errors among 51.9 per cent of “MAiD case outcomes” requiring corrective “follow-up.” The report says “follow-up” means obtaining missing information or clarifying existing information.

Among these thousands of errors, 353 cases — or about 12.5 per cent — raised compliance concerns and “required education” of practitioners and pharmacists “to ensure they understand legal requirements and the professional standards associated with MAiD,” the report says.

Other data associated with 4,169 total MAiD cases indicate 72 per cent of these individuals died by MAiD; 23 per cent died of other causes, and 4 per cent were found ineligible to access MAiD. Only 1.4 per cent of individuals withdrew their request.

The 2024 findings closely mirror those from 2023, which included 2,833 errors in the management of 3,808 MAiD cases, as reported in The B.C. Catholic last year. These findings suggest that concerns identified in 2023 persisted in 2024.

“It’s all very shocking that you have such a large amount and percentage of errors in British Columbia,” said Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, based in London, Ontario. “It’s clear there are huge problems.”

The situation is particularly acute because B.C. leads the country in percentage of deaths caused by MAiD, Schadenberg told CCN. In 2024, 6.5 per cent of B.C. deaths were attributed to euthanasia, compared with the national average of 5.1 per cent.

Amanda Achtman, ethics director of Canadian Physicians for Life, said the report has troubling implications, indicating MAiD is not medical care “but rather abandonment.” “The staggering level of errors surrounding the practice of euthanasia in Canada betrays a level of indifference and callousness toward Canadian patients at end of life,” Achtman said in an interview. “At the same time, every euthanasia death is a medical ‘error’ because it is an aberration of sound medical practice rooted in the Hippocratic oath to ‘do no harm.’”

The impact of the errors is far-reaching and go beyond mere gaps in paperwork, she said. Each mistake represents “negligence with which their loved ones were dismissively treated at the height of their greatest vulnerability.”

B.C. Minister of Health Josie Osborne did not respond to a CCN interview request, nor has she answered questions raised in the B.C. Legislature in May by Opposition health critic Dr. Anna Kindy about the need for better and more-public oversight of B.C.’s MAiD regime.

“Will B.C. commit to public annual reporting, not just of MAiD volume but of compliance concerns, referrals ... [MAiD] trends, and recommendations for system improvement?” Kindy asked Osborne.

Kindy’s questions were based in part on The B.C. Catholic’s article in July 2025 of the MAiD Oversight Unit’s 2023 report, which found 2,833 errors in the management of 3,808 MAiD cases.

Dr. Kevin Sclater, who in 2022 resigned from his position at a hospice in Port Moody, British Columbia, in part because of the “moral distress” caused by having to discuss MAiD with patients, said he is “shocked” by the high error rate and called for the health ministry to “tighten up” regulations.

CCN asked B.C.’s professional medical association Doctors of B.C. for comment on MAiD management and was told the evaluation of “clinical outcomes falls outside our scope.” A spokesperson said answers to “questions related to regulatory oversight” were best directed to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.

When reached by CCN, the college said its mandate is to regulate physicians and surgeons, not to “comment on clinical, health or health system matters, and suggested contacting the health ministry.

Sclater said the health ministry should be responsible for MAiD oversight. He said a euthanasia assessment is only a “superficial competency” evaluation that “doesn’t evaluate and document a person’s competence” for making a medical decision.

“The entire evaluation process is really a sham,” he said.

The process leaves the public “vulnerable to the whims” of euthanasia providers who may consider it their “mission to help” individuals who have “restricted capacity to object,” he said.

The overlapping concerns of inadequate oversight, lack of any agency responsibility for regulatory enforcement, and enthusiastic euthanasia specialists also arose in a June 17 report by the Special Joint Parliamentary Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying. The committee recommended the government “indefinitely exclude” patients from MAiD for the sole condition of mental illness.

Committee co-chair Dr. Marcus Powlowski (Lib—Thunder Bay-Rainy River) wrote in a “supplementary opinion” to the main report that the committee “heard disturbing stories of questionable conduct by some MAiD providers.”

“It is not hard to conclude that some providers take an exceedingly expansive interpretation” of MAiD-eligibility rules and exhibit “a seemingly cavalier attitude towards end of a life,” he wrote.

The committee heard “scant, if any evidence” to indicate that any regulatory bodies “provide adequate safeguards” or have “seriously pursued allegations of misconduct by MAiD providers,” he continued. “Several witnesses suggested the criminal system, the medical colleges, and at times the government ministries responsible for MAiD provision ... all allegedly treat enforcement as someone else’s responsibility,” he wrote.

Release of the B.C. government document to CCN coincides with the tenth anniversary of legalized euthanasia in Canada this year. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Standing Committee for Family and Life marked the anniversary with a statement urging Catholics to “remain steadfast in opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide, to pray for the conversion of hearts and minds away from this practice, and to be present to persons who are sick and vulnerable.”

While eliminating legal euthanasia is the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition’s ultimate goal, Schadenberg said there is also urgent need for tighter control, better oversight and public reporting on MAiD in B.C. and elsewhere.

German doctor convicted of killing 15 patients but he likely killed many more

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

The lethal poison drug combination was the same as used for euthanasia.

Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Bethany Bell reported for [BBC news on July 8, 2026](#) that a German doctor was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing at least 15 patients. Bell reported that: A court in Berlin found the 41-year-old man, named only as Johannes M. in line with German privacy rules, guilty of murdering 12 women and 3 men between September 2021 and July 2024. The authorities believe these killings could be just the tip of the iceberg. Prosecutors are currently investigating dozens of other incidents involving the doctor. His victims were between the ages of 25 and 94. The court heard how they were all critically ill, but that their deaths were not imminent.

Prosecutors said that during home visits, the doctor administered a lethal combination of various medicines without his patients' consent. On several occasions, they said he set fires to cover his tracks. In July 2024, shortly before his arrest, prosecutors said the doctor killed two patients in a single day - a 75-year-old man at his home in central Berlin and, a few hours later, a 76-year-old woman in a neighbouring district. They said the doctor tried to set fire to the woman's house, but failed. [CBS News reported](#) on July 8 that: Presiding judge Sylvia Busch said the conviction for 15 murders may well be only a glimpse of his many crimes.

Prosecutors said during the proceedings that he was suspected of having killed more than 70 other people. An article by Emily Atkinson that was [published by the BBC](#) on April 16, 2025, suggests that he used the similar drugs as are used for euthanasia: He is accused of administering an anaesthetic and a muscle relaxant to his patients without their knowledge or consent.

The relaxant "paralysed the respiratory muscles, leading to respiratory arrest and death within minutes", the prosecutor's office said in a statement. Based on the way he killed his patients, they appear to have died in the same way as a euthanasia death. It is likely that the physician was trained by a euthanasia group.

In 2019, Niels Högel, a nurse in Oldenburg, Germany, was convicted of murdering 85 patients from 2000 to 2005, and investigators suspect the true number of victims was far higher. Mr. Högel was found to have administered drug overdoses that caused cardiac arrest so that he could revive the patients and be celebrated as a hero.

Cases of medical homicide are not uncommon. Medical practitioners who have been convicted of murdering patients, include: Dr. Harold Shipman, Charles Cullen, Dr Virginia Soares de Souza, Aino Nykopp-Koski and Dr. Michael Swango. Professor Christopher Lyon, who teaches at the University of York (UK) published a research paper on August 2, 2024 stating that Canada's (MAiD) euthanasia law enables healthcare serial killers (HSK). It is not safe to give doctors, or others, the right in law to kill people.

When a nation legalizes euthanasia, it gives medical professionals, who were already killing their patients, the legal right to proceed.