



**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 13, 2020**

**St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels, Sacred Heart and St. John the Baptist  
Parishes**

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**Sunday's Readings**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Sirach 27:30, 28:7. In the verses read today, Sirach tells us that we must forgive our neighbor if we want God to forgive us our own sins. We must be merciful if we hope to obtain mercy from God. We must not seek revenge on a neighbor lest God should take vengeance on us. If we remember our end in life we will keep God's commandments and we will not be angry with a neighbor who offends us.

The **second reading** is from the St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-9. In these three verses St. Paul emphasizes the fact that through our baptism we have been made members of Christ's mystical body, we have become brothers of Christ, intimately united with him in his death and resurrection. Whether living or dead we belong to Christ. It was for this purpose, to unite all men closely to himself not only in this life but especially in the next, that Christ became man and "dwelt among us."

The **Gospel** is from St. Matthew 18:21-35. On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean, low type of

man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt of ten dollars, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved."

We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as free men. A weight greater than a million dollar debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean, and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbor for some offense he has committed against us?

Yet it happens, and it may be that there are some among us here today who continue to have enmity in their hearts against neighbors who offended them. In their hard-heartedness they cannot get themselves to forgive and forget. Are these not following in the footsteps of the merciless servant? Will they not receive the punishment of the merciless servant — a punishment richly deserved? This will be the fate of all unforgiving Christians; they will meet an unforgiving God when they are called to settle their accounts.

That day has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offenses forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you (that is, deliver us up to eternal slavery) if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

### **EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE:**

#### **WEEKDAY LITURGY**

**WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2020**

**HGA 4:00 PM**

**+Kevin Mombourquette**

**THURSDAY, September 17, 2020**

**SJB 6:30 PM (Sunday liturgy)**

**+Georgina MacDonald**

**FRIDAY, September 18, 2020**

**ST. PETER'S 9:00 AM**

**+Peter Battiste**

**WEEKEND LITURGY**

**SATURDAY, September 19, 2020**

**Sacred Heart 4:00 PM**

***Intentions of Parishioners***

**HGA 5:30 PM**

**+Kevin Mombourquette**

**SUNDAY, September 20, 2020**

**SJB 9:00 AM**

**+Georgina MacDonald**

**ST. PETER'S 10:30 AM**

**+Peter Battiste**

**Potlotek's Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM October 4, 2020**

**Sunday Collections:**

**St. Peter's**

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,006.00
Papal Charities	\$ 10.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00

**Total**                      **\$1,036.00**

**Holy Guardian Angels:**

Envelopes & Loose \$499.00

**Total** **\$499.00**

**St. John the Baptist:**

Envelopes & Loose \$938.00

Cemetery \$380.00

**Total** **\$1,318.00**

**1. Until further notice,** office hours will be only on Wednesday and Thursday only from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM

**2. Costs Incurred by the Glebe House:**

**January 2020 – end of August 2020**

January

Nova Scotia Power - \$578.00

Bell Aliant -\$183.74

February

Nova Scotia Power - \$444.00

Bell Aliant - \$183.74

Glebe water - \$121.59

Glebe sewer - \$103.35

March

Nova Scotia Power - \$444.00

Bell Aliant \$187.90

April

Nova Scotia Power \$444.00

Bell Aliant 187.31

May

Nova Scotia Power \$444.00

Bell Aliant \$187.31  
Glebe water - \$121.59  
Glebe sewer \$103.35

### June

Nova Scotia Power \$444.00  
Bell Aliant \$187.25

### July

Nova Scotia Power \$444.00  
Bell Aliant \$187.25

### August

Nova Scotia Power \$295.00  
Bell Aliant - 187.25

Total - \$5,478.63

**3. St. Peter's Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7:00PM.

**4. HGA:** Blueberry Fest will be held on Saturday September 19 from 4 - 6 at the L'Ardoise Community Centre. We will be serving a variety of homemade soups roll or crackers and you can also choose from a various selection of a blueberry dessert. Eat in tickets are available with limited seating. For tickets contact Raymonde Burke 902 587-2675 or 902 227-8552. \$10.00 per person. Deadline for tickets is September 16. All Covid requirements are mandatory.

### **5. Religious Christmas Cards**

There are many different designs available and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through [www.lifecyclebooks.ca](http://www.lifecyclebooks.ca) You may order on-line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered 50 packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10.

Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

**6.** The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is open for visitation following Public Health protocol, four visitors at a time, wearing masks and practising physical distancing. The gift shop is open every day from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, also with Public Health protocol in place. The Annual Feast Day

Celebrations may be a bit different this year, however Mass will be offered and a Continuous Rosary will be said for the intentions of all friends of the Shrine on September 13th / Save the date. Details to follow. For Inquiries please call 902-945-2221.

7. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected.

The Special Collections for Development and Peace, Collection for the Holy Land, and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) are now rescheduled for the fall.

Here are the ***new dates*** for these special collections:

**This Sunday, September 13**, Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14): Collection for the Holy Land (deferred from Good Friday). This special collection is traditionally reserved to help support Christian holy places and pilgrimage facilities in the Holy Land and the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

**October 4** Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi: Pope's Pastoral Works - Peter's Pence (deferred from the sixth Sunday of Easter) This special collection is in support of the Holy Father's apostolic ministry to the Universal Church (canon 1271) This special collection is traditionally reserved to help support Christian holy places and pilgrimage facilities.

### **8. Theatre Offers Radio Play Wednesdayspm starting Sept. 9**

Festival Antigonish is pleased to present an original radio play *Hector the Spectre Steals The Show* as a six-part weekly series, airing Wednesdays 7:00-7:15 pm, starting September 9th. Listen on 98.9 XFM (radio or [98.9xfm.ca](http://98.9xfm.ca)) and enjoy professional theatre from the safety and comfort of your home.

The play will feature the voices of Nova Scotian artists Francine Deschepper, Kevin Curran, Josh MacDonald, James MacLean, Lilion Quarmyne, and Laura Teasdale, with contributions from Chad Relf, Festival Antigonish staff, and community artists.

For questions or more information, contact [boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com](mailto:boxoffice@festivalantigonish.com)

9. On September 9th, Netflix released *Cuties*. This is despite the **over 200,000 emails CitizenGO members sent to Netflix CEO Reed Hastings through our petition**, as well as despite several other petitions which had signatures that ranged in the

hundreds of thousands.

However, **our fight against *Cuties* isn't over.**

People are more upset about *Cuties* than ever, so much so that #CancelNetflix was one of the top trending hashtags on Twitter on September 10th. **By signing onto our petition to tell Netflix to remove *Cuties*, we can make one more effort to ensure that *Cuties* is not accessible to innocent children and pedophiles.**

[Sign here and share with everyone you know.](#)

[Or you may share this urgent petition via WhatsApp or Facebook.](#)

Thanks so much,

James Schadenberg and the entire CitizenGO Team

**10.** What if I told you that financial contributions are being made in your name to an organization that advocates the killing of unborn babies as a human right, pushed Communist China's false COVID information, and promotes a curriculum that sexualizes children and imposes gender ideology in the classroom?

Would that upset you enough to act?

**Because that's exactly what will happen if our government signs its annual check to the World Health Organization (WHO),** as the majority of WHO's funding relies heavily on taxpayer contributions of G20 countries.

A defund WHO movement began when United States President Donald Trump announced that his administration will stop its funding of WHO after Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus showed eagerness to accept and spread Communist China's false Coronavirus propaganda.

**If President Trump does not back down (and he is under heavy pressure to do so) that's \$419 million annually, which will no longer be sent to an organization that aggressively pushes abortion worldwide and forces comprehensive sexuality education and LGBT propaganda in classrooms.**

However, the U.S. contribution is only 15% of WHO's budget. In fact, Canada already

sends \$46 million each year, and now WHO wants even more!

That's why we need your help to defend the voiceless unborn, protect our children and the youth of today, and stand for our values with this call to action to defund the World Health Organization.

[Sign our petition to demand the leaders of \[Country\] and G20 countries to follow the US' example and stop sending public money to the World Health Organization.](#)

Politicians on the left and the media are scrambling to save the World Health Organization by discrediting President Trump's decision, arguing that we shouldn't defund WHO during the spread of Coronavirus, even though its promotion of Communist China's propaganda almost certainly made the pandemic worse.

And even during the peak of the "spread of Coronavirus", and still now (when the pandemic emergency is far to be over), WHO is continuing to use contributions made with taxpayer funds to:

- **Promote abortion** as a "human right"
- Lobby countries to **legalize abortion**
- **Partner with Planned Parenthood** and other members of the abortion lobby
- Support the **legalization of prostitution**
- Force doctors to **perform sex reassignment surgery** on children

... to name a few. And, not to mention **WHO's curriculum for comprehensive sexuality standards, which teaches "masturbation" to children as young as four years old.**

I'd say the move to defund the globalist is long overdue.

To make up for the loss of funding from contributions made by the United States, WHO and its ideological allies are calling for increased voluntary donations from other countries.

And, Canada and the so-called G20 countries are top on that list. Actually, contributions to the World Health Organization by G20 countries amount to the majority of WHO budget.

[Add your name: Demand Canada and all G20 leaders stop sending public money](#)

[to the World Health Organization.](#)

The CitizenGO team has been on the forefront fighting the WHO's sexuality education standards curriculum, their reclassification of gender dysphoria in ICD-11, and their support for abortion for several years.

A global "health" organization that pumps billions annually into our society to harm children is not needed. And President Trump's plan to defund WHO is offering us a real opportunity to see an end to their global agenda that opposes our values.

[We need your help to write to G20 leaders. Sign our petition now and we will send an email to Canada's leaders and the G20 on your behalf.](#)

Thank you,

Ignacio Arsuaga and the entire CitizenGO Team

## **11. From the Diocesan Publication, Seven Ears of Grain**

### **Five ways to Honour the Season of Creation**

Join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe in praying for and taking action for our common home on September 1 and the Season of Creation, September 1 – October 4

**Did you know?** Here are five things we can do every day to care for our common home:

1. Use reusable bags for shopping
2. Turn off your car if sitting for more than 10 seconds
3. Take a shorter shower
4. Bring your own coffee mug and water bottle
5. Buy from local farms and food producers, where possible

Read more on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/season-of-creation-sept-1-oct-4/>

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## **Mass and Continuous Rosary**

**Sept. 13**

### **Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou**

All are invited to attend the Annual Feast Day Celebration.

The Continuous Rosary will be prayed at the Shrine starting at 1:00 pm and continuing until 3:30 pm. Mass will be offered by Father Danny MacLennan with Father Bernie MacDonald at 4:00 pm in St. Mary's Church, set up safely as it is for our weekend Masses. The intentions of "Friends of the Shrine" will be offered at the Mass.

**Public Health protocols will be in place.** Only four people

in the Shrine at one time,. The Rosary leaders will

be amplified outside and those who attend will be seated outside. People will move to their cars if need be.

Only two at a time in the gift shop in addition to staff.

Washrooms are available.

**The gift shop is open everyday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm,**

For Inquiries please call 902-945-2221

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## **#WitamysNS**

### **Celebrating Nova Scotia Polish Heritage Month**

This September is the first in our province to honour the culture and contributions of our Polish ancestors and citizens. Our diocese is home to an active Polish parish: St. Mary's, Whitney Pier. Find them on Facebook @stmaryspolishchurch or <http://www.stmaryspolishparish.ca/>

## **Why Seven Ears of Grain?**

As with all creations, it started with Genesis. Chapter 41 tells of Pharaoh's dream about seven ears of grain, some plump, some withered. Joseph's ability to understand God's message within the dream and share this with Pharaoh enabled them to prepare in years of abundance for the famine that followed.

Hearing, trusting, following and sharing God's message sustains us in times of plenty and in times of trial.

Our weekly mailout shares word and deed of our faith in seven sections,

and circulates every seven days. May it continue to nourish your bulletins, calendars, mind and spirit.





**Potlotek First Nation**

Next monthly St. Kateri Holy  
Mass will be on **February 2,**  
**2020 at 4:00 PM**