

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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October 10, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Old Calendar: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" (Mk 10:21-23).

The feast of [St. Calistus I](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Sunday Readings The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom, 7:7-11 and is the conclusion of the fourth Suffering Servant Song; Christ's divine gifts become our means to salvation.

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13 which discusses how Christ, our high priest, is greater than the priests of the Mosaic Law. Our confidence is based on Christ's high priesthood. He is the perfect priest because He is merciful and compassionate. As man, He has experienced the sufferings that affect us, although He was free from sin. Since He knows our weaknesses so well, He can give us the help we need, and when He comes to judge us, He will take that weakness into account. We should respond to the Lord's goodness by staying true to our profession of faith. A Christian needs to live up to all the demands of his calling; he should be single-minded and free from doubts.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark, 10:17-30. By coming to Jesus with his problem this man has done all Christians a good turn. We have learned from Christ's answer that over-attachment to worldly goods is one of the big obstacles to entering heaven. The man in this story was a good-living man, he kept all the commandments from his

youth upward and he had an interest in eternal life, while many of his compatriots of that day had not. Reading this man's heart like an open book, Christ saw that not only was he fit for eternal life but that he was one who could have a very high place in heaven if he would leave everything and become a close follower of his. Not only would he become a saint, but he would lead many to sanctity.

The price to pay for this privilege, however, seemed too high to this "good man." "He had great possessions" and he was too attached to them so he could not accept Christ's offer, "his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful." Although his case was exceptional, Christ saw in him the makings of a saint and he asked him to make an exceptional sacrifice, one which he did not and does not ask of all his followers; his remark to the disciples later: "how hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God" holds for all time and for all mankind.

This statement of Christ, however, does not mean that a follower may not possess any of this world's goods. He may possess and use those goods, but what he must not do is to allow them to take such a hold on him that he has no time for acquiring everlasting goods—the Christian virtues. Unfortunately, there are Christians whose whole purpose in this life is the accumulation of worldly goods. Concentration on such accumulation is wrong, but in many cases the methods of acquisition are unjust: defrauding laborers of their just wages; overcharging customers; cheating in business deals; giving false measures and many other devices which produce unearned wealth.

All this is far from Christian justice, and those who have let such sinful greed to regulate their lives are certainly not on the road to heaven. There are other sins, of course, which can keep us from heaven, but of all the sins a man can commit this irrational greed for the wealth of this world seems the most unreasonable of them all. How utterly inane and foolish to have spent a lifetime collecting something from which we shall soon be parted forever! The rich man's bank-book and his gilt-edged shares will be not only valueless in the after-life but they, if unjustly acquired, will be witnesses for the prosecution at the judgment on which one's eternal future depends. While most of us are not guilty of such excessive greed for wealth, we all do need to examine our consciences as to how we acquire and use the limited wealth we have. There are very rich men who have acquired their wealth honestly and justly and who spend much of their wealth on charitable causes. Their wealth will not hinder them from reaching heaven. On the other hand, there are many in the middle and lower income-bracket who may be offending against justice through the means they use to acquire what they have, and in the little helps which they refuse to a needy neighbor. We may not be able to found a hospital for the poor, or pay an annuity to support the family of a disabled fellow workman, but we are not excused from bringing a little gift to our neighbors who are in hospital, or from supplying even part of a meal for the dependants of the injured workman.

Remember that Christ praised the widow who put a mite (a cent) into the collection-box for the poor in the temple area, and he also said that a cup of cold water given in his name would not go without reward. We need not be rich in order to be charitable; often our own exaggerated sense of our poverty can make us hard-hearted and mean toward our fellowmen who look to us for help. The true Christian, whose principal purpose in life is to serve God, will not overburden himself with unnecessary pieces of luggage; instead he will travel light and be ever ready to help others also to carry their burdens.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

**please call the office:
Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei**

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699
Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011
Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.
Call Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia to register for upcoming courses 902-849-4772. Ask for Tasia Boucher, tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

From Bishop Kirkpatrick

October 4, 2021 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

My Dear Clergy and Faithful

On Sunday from the Book of Genesis, we heard that God does not want us to be alone. From the beginning, faith is about relationship. It is about ‘the we and the us’ in our world together. It is about the ‘me and we’ with God. We have been challenged to maintain a relationship with our God and with one another through the COVID pandemic that still lingers on. A global tragedy such as the COVID-19 pandemic “momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person’s problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together” *Fratelli tutti* #32. Like many, I am astounded by those who deny the pandemic and by those people, apart from medical reasons, who refuse to be vaccinated. Pope Francis has urged all to be vaccinated. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-08/pope-francis-appeal-covid-19-vaccines-act-of-love.html>

We have lived the consequences of a worldwide pandemic that has claimed the lives of five million people. We have lived with the consequences of a certain degree of isolation that up until now was unimaginable. This pandemic has tested us, but in some strange way, it has strengthened our relationships with one another. As we enter ‘Phase Five’ in our province, we search for new ways of being with one another. It is not good for us to be alone. We need to gather again with our faith communities. People who are not able to attend church for health reasons and those who care for them are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

Premier Tim Houston and Doctor Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health indicated that Phase 5 of the reopening plan would take effect today. As Bishop, I support these directives. You can read the news release in English or French.

English: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20210929005>

French: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20210929006>

Most, but not all restrictions are lifted, although some remain in place:

- masks will continue to be mandatory for indoor public places
- the physical distancing requirement will be lifted
- the gathering limits for our church services will be lifted
- contact tracing will not be required, except for weddings and funerals since these faith gatherings may bring in people from outside our territory
- our Church services are deemed to be essential by the government
- proof of full vaccination will be required for non-essential events and activities
- **Unfortunately, any activities held by our churches other than daily or weekly Mass will be subject to the POV, the proof of vaccine policy. For organized parish activities, the gathering limits will be lifted but the POV policy will apply.**

See the note below on this point, dated October 5.

- If it is a regular group with the same people, then proof of vaccination can be obtained once and does not need to be done each time this same group meets.

There are no restrictions on singing but congregations will be required to remain masked.

We need to re-introduce all aspects of our Eucharistic Liturgy slowly and carefully. We want to welcome back our people and assure them that we are gradually and safely re-opening.

For example, it may be a good idea to continue to provide sanitizing stations for people. If you have some space, maybe in the short term consider providing an area where some people could maintain social distance from others. It may be a good idea to continue washing your hands prior to distributing Holy Communion.

Each parish will have to work with their own community to re-open gradually. All the various ministers need to be gradually re-introduced. Eucharistic ministers may be hesitant to resume their ministry. There will need to be some discussion about "phasing in the "sign of peace" and receiving from the chalice. Bringing forth the gifts at the preparation of the altar may be a starting point. Having ushers take up the offering may be another starting point. Members of the choir may want to sing but they may want to remain somewhat distant from one another.

The provincial COVID website <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/will> have a new banner on October 4th linking to healthy habits for living with COVID and preventing other common infections and perhaps we could adopt some of these practices. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally,

+Wayne Kirkpatrick
Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Oct. 5

Yesterday, I contacted Doctor Strang, our Chief Medical Officer of Health to ask for clarification concerning weddings and funerals. He replied, "As identified at <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/proof-of-full-vaccination-policy/#where-proof-of-vaccination-is-required>, proof of vaccination is required for indoor and outdoor wedding ceremonies and funerals (including receptions and visitation) that are

hosted by a business or organization. **This includes those held in a church, temple, synagogue, mosque.**”

The reference to churches and other places of worship was not included in the original announcement. Since we were previously advised that faith services were deemed to be an essential service and not subject to POV, I wrongly assumed that wedding and funeral Masses would likewise be excluded from the requirement for POV.

I apologize for this error. Please ensure that the people who gather for wedding or funeral Masses and receptions are checked for POV. Thank you.

Bishop Kirkpatrick

Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Richmond Villa 10:30 AM
SJB 4:00PM

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, October 15, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, October 16, 2021

SH Mass 4:00 PM
HGA Mass 5:30 PM
+ Melissa Briand
Requested by Leo Briand

Sunday, October 17, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM
SP 10:30 AM

Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office, not with Fr. Yake.

On this tenth anniversary of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Antigonish deacons will be preaching in parishes throughout the months of September and October. Rev. Mr. Berkley Guthro will be preaching in all Fr. Yake’s parishes on the weekend of October 16-17.

October 3, 2021 receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes & Loose	\$831.00
Candles	26.50
Total	<u>\$ 857.50</u>

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,096.00
Candles	4.00
Missals	5.00
Needs of Can. Church	60.00

Total **\$1,165.00**

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 905.00
Needs of Can. Church	45.00

Total **\$ 950.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To view updated information for East Richmond Catholic Parishes please use eastrichmondcatholicparishes.com rather than searching for St. Peter's Parish.

Harvest Festival L'Ardoise Community Center October 23 4:30 pm. Variety of soups, roll/biscuits & desserts \$10.00 per person. **NO ADVANCE** tickets will be sold. First come first serve basis, with a limited amount of seating available. All COVID protocols at this time will be in effect.

- **Giant Yard Sale:** After 2 years of Pandemic Shut Downs the Knights of Columbus will once again sponsor a Giant Yard Sale on the Thanksgiving week-end (October 9/21) from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, weather permitting (rain date October 10/21). Anyone who can help set up and clean up tables are asked to assemble before and after the event. Donations of gently used items would be much appreciated and can be delivered to the St. Peter's Glebe Basement the day before the sale or any member of the K of C. All proceeds will be used for local charities
- **Pro-Life March:** The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Pro-Life March on Sunday October 10th 2021 at 2:30PM from the St. Peter's Catholic Church to Denys Street and return. Members of all faiths concerned with the value of Human Life are invited to join in and increase awareness of this needless loss of life.

• **Knights of Columbus general meeting Thursday October 14th at 6:30 pm** in the basement of the glebe house. Our installation of Officers will take place at this meeting.

Parishioners wanting to host family funeral receptions –

Food caterers in the St. Peter's area are listed below, **please notice this corrected list:**

- Louie's Cosy Corner Restaurant, 9985 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-3195
- Foodland Supermarket, 10004 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-2277
- Tim Hortons, 9966 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-535-3773
- Robins Donuts, 10041 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, 902-623-0259

- Bras D'Or Lakes Inn, 10095 Grenville St., St. Peter's, 902-535-2200

Sundays with Fr Patrick and John Ratchford

7 pm on Facebook Live

Featuring conversations about church teachings and issues

Join live or watch later on Fr Patrick's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

Mass For Shut-Ins

59th Season Begins Oct. 17

Mass on Oct. 17 will air on CTV at **9:30 am for that week only.**

The regular schedule of Sundays at 11:30 am will resume Oct. 24.

Clergy, groups, and music ministers interested in recording episodes are invited to book their time by contacting Nick Vince, Mass for Shut-Ins Coordinator, at 902-539-6188 or toll-free 1-800-656-5311 ext 222, or email nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Questions? Contact Fr. Patrick O'Neill, producer, Mass for Shut-Ins, at (902) 562-9810

Celebrate the Season of Creation! Martha Justice Ministry invites you to join us at St. Theresa's Garden, Bethany, on October 3, 2-3 pm, to for a prayerful celebration as we mark the Feast of St. Francis and the Season of Creation. We will celebrate our understanding of home and radical hospitality in care for creation. To RSVP, contact Darlene at justice@themarthas.com or 902-863-3218 (in raining, we'll be at the Bethany Resource Centre Gathering Room – Covid-19 restrictions will be in place).

From the Catholic Register

Trafficking report focused on victim voice

BY [QUINTON AMUNDSON, THE CATHOLIC REGISTER](#)

- October 1, 2021

When appraising the landscape through a global lens, a case can be made that 2021 has been a banner year in the fight against the evil, entrenched practice of human trafficking.

Among the landmark sting task force victories are Operation Reclaim and Rebuild (Jan. 26 to Feb. 1) and Operation Liberterra (July 5-9). The former was California's annual statewide anti-trafficking initiative. This year more than 100 federal, state and local agencies collaborated to rescue 39 victims and execute 450 arrests.

The International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) led the latter operation. Forty-seven countries teamed up to rescue 430 victims, identify 4,000 irregular migrants and secure 286 criminal seizures. The success of this bust also provided the intelligence to launch 60 new intercontinental investigations.

Canada did not factor into either of the above operations, but is perhaps poised to accomplish more in fighting against this felonious enterprise in the future.

One of the foremost Canadian experts is Patricia Vargas, a director of children, family and community service at Catholic Social Services (CSS) in Edmonton since 2018.

In May 2020, she was appointed to a Government of Alberta Human Trafficking Task Force chaired by Canadian country music star Paul Brandt, who is acclaimed for his #NotInMyCity movement to raise awareness and compel action against sexual exploitation and trafficking of children and youth.

Vargas was a natural fit for this assignment as she united 11 different nations to develop protocols and frameworks for transferring victims of human trafficking between international shelters as a board member for the Global Network of Women's Shelters. She has also participated in a multitude of task forces, think tanks and roundtables about human trafficking through the years.

"I think I got on the radar for the task force because I publicly spoke about the issue, and I would represent the people who work with trafficking victims," said Vargas. "Catholic Social Services was so supportive in letting me be on the committee so I could represent the people we serve the best I could."

Vargas' work with victims of trafficking extends way past her recent posting with CSS. She served as executive director of the Strathcona Shelter Society emergency haven for women and children from 2001 to 2018. Before that, she developed web content on behalf of the University of Alberta's legal studies program on abuse of women and immigrant women.

While not permitted to disclose everything about the task force's activities, findings and recommendations, Vargas did reveal that it listened to presentations from 92 individuals with lived human trafficking experiences.

"You listen to each of their stories and you honour them by making sure their voices are always with you when you are trying to formulate recommendations," she said.

She and her colleagues also studied current legislation, pored through reams of studies and literature, examined other provinces and hotbed jurisdictions and networked with other experts for the report to the provincial government, filed just under a month ago.

Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General Kaycee Madu is in the midst of reviewing the task force's submission. The next step is a meeting between Madu and the anti-trafficking team. There is no firm target date for that sit-down yet. Vargas says it is tough to listen to the stories of trafficking because of how these victims were let down by the social support systems that should prevent these atrocities. She feels called to serve in this field as she seeks to find better ways forward.

"It is never easy to listen to the stories knowing that there aren't enough services or there are gaps in services. We ask ourselves, 'how can we do better?' As a task force, we came up with recommendations that keep the victims at the centre to honour what they think are the gaps and limits."

Building public awareness about human trafficking is one of the key recommendations submitted by the think tank. In that spirit, *The Catholic Register* asked Vargas about what the general public often misinterprets about human trafficking.

"Very little of the (cases) we see are abductions. Instead there is a relationship that is built often with vulnerable people. It is often high-risk youth, women with children who begin a relationship that becomes abusive and the woman becomes prostituted," she said.

"A way to combat that is to build positive relationships with vulnerable people who may be victims of human trafficking so that they can trust us to have the strength to leave those places."

A second misconception, said Vargas, is that human trafficking is largely accomplished by smuggling people. The mechanisms are far more legitimate-looking and elaborate.

"For example, a lot of our women are not smuggled through crossings. They are actually brought here on different pretenses, including job opportunities. A woman could be hired as a nanny, but part of the deal is that she will be victimized, prostituted and exploited."

Vargas also says we must not assume that victims will automatically be trafficked internationally.

“There are Indigenous women who are trafficked from their reserve. Again, people go there to build relationships. Imagine someone who could offer something missing from your life? They become that person who fills your cup, and then they manipulate you. It is a long process of targeting the vulnerabilities of someone.”

In the period before the report is publicized, Vargas suggests the public educate themselves on the topic by studying the educational pieces and resources offered by the organizations in their province. Much of this can be found at canadianhumantraffickinghotline.ca/referral-directory/.