

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me (Mark 9:34-37)."

The feast of [St. Januarius](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20. Against the background of Egyptian worship of animals and mockery of Jewish trust in God, the author devotes much of chapters 1 - 5 to the ineffectiveness of such mockery when God has promised immortality to those who remain faithful.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. James 3:16, 4:3. "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask." In this reading St. James tells us to recognize the source of our disagreements.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:30-37. The Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would

submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death.

Now, either in trying to understand what he had so plainly told them, or maybe in putting this disturbing thought far from their minds, they began disputing with one another as to which of them would have the highest post of honor in the earthly messianic kingdom which they had envisaged. How worldly but how human they were! We must not forget though, that they were not yet really Christians — they needed the death and resurrection of Christ to make them what they became — His true followers and loyal disciples.

There was in the unformed Apostles a desire to turn Christ's kingdom into an earthly welfare state, rather than into a preparation for heaven. All Christians know that Christ suffered and died for their salvation, and that he asked his followers to take up their cross and follow him if they wished to be his disciples. The first generations of Christians fully understood this and faithfully followed him even to martyrdom. However, as time went on and opposition to the Christian faith disappeared, so too did the zeal and fervor of many Christians. For centuries we have had nominal Christians in Christ's Church -- men and women who tried to make their paradise in this world, and forgot the everlasting heaven.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist -- but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians -- the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening. These non-practicing Christians, unwilling to carry their crosses, have decided to make this earth their paradise. They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives.

Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success — if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise it is a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it?

Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbor and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.

--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

Change in Weekday Masses

The readings for Sundays follow a three-year cycle, Years A, B, and C and weekdays follow a two-year cycle, Years I and II. Since I have been here for two years, October, each parish has celebrated the majority of weekday readings for both years. Because the secular calendar does not repeat each weekday annually then this alteration in Mass dates will not be perfect in terms of enabling parishioners to hear different readings.

The scriptures for each Mass are designed to focus on a different facet of the diamond that is the Christ mystery and so the following changes offer the opportunity to gain greater perspective on the Christian mystery. No Mass is ever the same experience. These changes were made after consulting with parishioners who regularly attend a weekday Mass. These changed dates will commence in the week of October 5-8.

Tuesdays – SJB 4:00PM
Wednesday – SP 9:00AM
Thursday – Villa 10:30AM
Friday – HGA 11:00AM

Note that on Friday, October 8 at 10:00AM the funeral for Marcel and Emerise Gagnon will be celebrated at HGA.

Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

SP 10:30AM

Mass of the Resurrection

+Richard Bernard Stone

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

HGA Mass 11:00 AM

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Richmond Villa 10:30 AM

Not open to the public.

SJB Mass 4:00 PM

+ Peter Boyd

Friday, September 24, 2021

SP Mass 9:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, September 25, 2021

SH Mass 4:00 PM

HGA Mass 5:30 PM

+Beverly & Sonny Chivari

Sunday, September 26, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Peter Boyd

SP 10:30 AM

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

First Communion Certificates for children who made first Communion on July 13, 2021 can be picked up at glebe house during office hours.

September 12, 2021 receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes \$627.00

Candles 23.30

Total \$ 650.30

St. Peter's

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,035.00

Candles 6.00

Cemetery 50.00

Total \$1,091.00

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose \$ 801.00

Roof Fund 1,700.00

Cemetery 60.00

Total \$ 2,561.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

St. Peter's Parish Council Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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>

September 20

is Federal Election Day

Catholic Conscience is a new online resource with information on both provincial and federal election processes and how to select the candidate for your vote. From the website:

"Catholics are called to participate, in accordance with the full measure of talents entrusted to them by God. At a minimum, this means voting wisely after having considered all relevant issues, the positions of each of the candidates and parties, and relevant Church teachings."

Read more on the website:

<https://catholicconscience.org/>

Season of Creation

Sept. 1 - Oct. 4

These weeks of late summer and early autumn are an invitation to Christians worldwide to reflect and act on care for our common home.

This year's theme is:

A Home For All? Renewing the Oikos of God

See Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/a-home-for-all/>

Utreya

Come join us as we gather once more as a community for our first Utreya/Followup of the season.

Where: Our Lady Of Fatima

When: Sept 23 @ 7:30

Hope to see you there to celebrate and support our Cursillo & Challenge movement.

Masks are encouraged.

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

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FUNDRAISER CONCERT**

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2021

PLACE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, NORTH SYDNEY

TIME: 7:00 P.M. DOORS OPEN 6:15 PM.

**ADMISSION: GOODWILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT DOOR
50/50 DRAW**

FEATURING:

FIDDLERS, MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE

SOUND BY: RAILROAD RECORDING PRODUCTIONS

FOR INFORMATION PHONE: KAY AT 902-794-3772

