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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and for the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties attributed to it by the Supreme Pontiff Pope Francis by Divine Providence on the occasion of the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, recently instituted by the Supreme Pontiff on the fourth Sunday of the month of July, graciously grants the Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, will participate on 25 July 2021, on the occasion of the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, in the solemn celebration that the Most Holy Father Francis will preside over in the Vatican Papal Basilica or at the various functions that will be held throughout the world, who may also apply it as suffrage for the souls in Purgatory.

See the Decree [here](#)

[Celebrating the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly...](#)

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In recognition of this very important place that grandparents have in our lives, Pope Francis has declared July 25, 2021, as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This celebration will take

place every year on the fourth Sunday of July, closest to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life has produced a short video message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on Sunday, 25 July 2021. The video message brings to life the theme chosen for this day, “*I am with you always*” (cf. Mt 28:20). It seeks to encourage young people, families, and communities to draw near and to spend time with grandparents and the elderly, cherishing their essential role for the Church and society.

You are invited to circulate the video message within your diocese/eparchy, post it on your websites, and share it through social media platforms with all those who may benefit from its insights.

The video message can be found here below and can be found on the CCCB website under the Office for Family and Life resources.

- [English Video Message](#)
- [French Video Message](#)

You will also find here enclosed a PDF text version of the message in both languages.



Today is the feast of [St. James](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Second Book of Kings 4:42-44. We have here an incident from the life of Elisha, the prophet in Israel who inherited the mantle of the great Elijah. He prophesied in Israel during the second half of the 9th century. By anointing Jehu as king of Israel, he helped to bring about the overthrow of Achab's dynasty which had introduced the worship of Baal into Israel and had almost paganized the whole northern kingdom. This reading describes a miracle worked by Elisha

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6. St. Paul lays great stress on Christian unity which is the essence of the faith. In these six verses he gives a sevenfold formula of unity on which the various aspects of true Christian unity are based.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 6:1-15. Although Jesus had the intention of preparing the minds of the multitude for his discourse on the heavenly food which he would make next day, his principal motive in working this miracle was pity and compassion. He knew that they were hungry—they had been away from home all day and some for many days.

They were willing to suffer this inconvenience but he did not want them to do so. Even though he knew there were some among them who would never accept him, and perhaps even some who would be among the rabble that demanded his crucifixion on Good Friday; yet he made no distinction. He had compassion on them all.

This miracle should surely convince us that Christ is interested in our daily needs too, just as he was interested in those of his contemporaries in Palestine. Our principal and only real purpose in life is to be saved and Christ is ever ready to help us. However, we have first to travel through our earthly life so, of necessity, we have to take a passing interest in the affairs of this world. We have to provide for our earthly needs and for those of any others who may depend on us. For many, in fact for the vast majority of men, this has always been and will be a struggle against great odds. Here, too, Christ is ever ready to help us. He has a true interest in our progress through life and if we turn to him trustfully and sincerely, he will help us over our difficulties.

This does not mean that we can expect or demand a miracle whenever we find ourselves in difficulties. If, however, we are true to Christ and to the faith in our daily lives, he will find ways and means of freeing us from difficulties which would otherwise overcome us. If we look back over our past we may notice occasions when we were saved from grave difficulties by some unexpected intervention. We may not even have called on Christ to help us but he knew our needs and he answered our unspoken request. Those five thousand hungry people had not asked him for food, but he knew their needs. He knew too that their needs were caused by their desire to be in his presence—so he gave them what they had not thought of asking for. If we are loyal to him we, too, can trust that his mercy and power will be with us in our hour of need. He may not remove the cause of our difficulty. Remember St. Paul who had some bodily infirmity which he thought impeded his effectiveness as a missionary? Three times he pleaded with Christ to remove this 'infirmity, but Christ assured him: "my grace is sufficient for you." He would prove all the more effectively that he was Christ's Apostle by preaching in spite of that infirmity: "for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12: 7-9). Thus it may be that Christ will use the very difficulty from which we are suffering, to bring us and others into more intimate union with him. Many of the saints suffered great hardships and afflictions during their years on earth—these very afflictions were Christ's gifts to them. Without these, and the virtues of patience, faith and trust which they had to practice, they might not be among God's elect today.

We must rest assured then that Christ is intimately interested in our daily lives on earth. We must not expect that this interest of his will remove all shadows from our path. This would not be for our eternal good—and our eternal happiness is Christ's first interest in us. It should also be our own first and principal interest too. It will help us, too, to bear with our lot, if we look about us and see so many others who are worse off, or at least as badly off as we are especially with regard to the snags of life. Christian charity will move us to help them; we may not be able to give them any material help, but we can help to lighten their load by showing our sincere interest in them and by offering words of comfort and consolation. This is the only charity that the poor have to offer to their fellow sufferers, but if it is Christ-inspired its effects will reach to heaven.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

please call the office:

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

Weekday Liturgy

Monday, July 26, 2021

HGA Closing of the Novena to St. Anne 10:30AM

**Mass 11:00 AM The Feast of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

(No Wednesday Mass)

Thursday, July 29, 2021

SJB 4:00 PM

+ Ann MacNeil

Friday, July 30, 2021

SP 9:00AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, July 31, 2021

**HGA 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
+Clara Bonin**

1:00PM Blessing of the Fleet

SH 4:00PM

HGA 5:30PM

+ Frank and John Sutherland

Sunday, August 1, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

+Patrick Konning

SP 10:30 AM

+ Mildred Sampson

(Lynches River)

Requested by Kim & Ben

Villa August 3, 2021 10:30AM

Check if this Mass is open to the public if you intend to attend.

The Villa Mass will be celebrated on Thursdays commencing on

Funerals

In keeping with the tradition, where there is a funeral in a parish on the day when weekday Mass is scheduled, the latter is cancelled.

Here is a list of funerals in August (Burials of others not listed):

Thursday, August 5, 2021

**SJB 10:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
 + Mary Adelia Landry**

Friday, August 6, 2021

**SH 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
 +Mary Catherine MacNeil**

Monday, August 9, 2021

**SH 10:30AM Mass of the Resurrection
 +John and Marie Burke**

Friday, August 13, 2021

**HGA 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
 +Greg Mombourquette**

Friday, August 20, 2021

**SJB 11:00AM Mass of the Resurrection
 +Mary Cosman**

The Order of Christian Funerals

Note: This item was previously published in our parishes and is worth repeating. Archbishop Brian Dunn approved this instruction on Christian funerals that is from a publication of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The Order of Christian Funerals

The Order of Christian Funerals, published in 1990 by the Canadian Bishops, guides the Catholic community with specific rites and prayers to express consolation to those who grieve, to give thanks to God for the blessings received by and through the deceased and to ask God for mercy on all sinners. It is designed to help confront death in light of the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. “In the face of death the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, by his death and resurrection, has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.” (The Order of Christian Funerals #1)

FUNERALS FOR CATHOLICS HAVE THREE DISTINCT PARTS.

The Vigil

“At the death of a Christian, whose life was begun in the waters of Baptism and strengthened at the Eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life.” (OCF #4)

The time immediately following death is often one of bewilderment and may involve shock or heartrending grief for the family and close friends. The ministry of the Church at this time is one gently accompanying the mourners in their initial adjustment to the fact of death and to the sorrow this entails. “The members of the Christian community offer support to the mourners, especially by praying that the one they have lost may have eternal life.” (OCF #52)

The Vigil, which is generally held in a funeral home but may be celebrated in the home or other suitable place (OCF #83), includes a solemn reading of the Word of God and prayers for the deceased and those who mourn. This is the suitable occasion for a eulogy for sharing remembrances of the deceased.

Why a Vigil? In time of loss the family and community turn to God’s Word as the source of faith and hope, as light and life in the face of darkness and death. The prayers call on God to bring the deceased into the communion of saints. The whole ceremony is reminiscent of the Easter Vigil when, in the darkened church, we await the glorious resurrection of the Lord.

Who participates in the Vigil? “Whenever possible the family of the deceased should take part in the selection of texts and music and designation of the liturgical ministers”. (OCF# 93) Members of the local parish community are also encouraged to participate as a sign of concern and support for the mourners. A priest, a deacon or, in their absence, a lay person leads the community in prayer.

The Funeral Mass

“Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ’s death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral.” (OCF #5)

When planning a Funeral Mass, there are five important points to consider.

There is to be a Funeral Mass celebrated for every deceased Catholic. The only exceptions are: if a priest is unavailable, or if the Mass is to occur between Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday or on a Sunday or on a Holy Day of Obligation. If, due to extraordinary circumstances, families do not wish to have a Mass, they should consult with the parish priest before making arrangements with a funeral director. If there is serious reason to have no Mass, The Order of Christian Funerals states that the service without a Mass is “ordinarily” to be celebrated in the parish church. (OCF #350)

There is an emphasis on the baptism of the deceased since it is through baptism in Jesus that each person receives the promise of eternal life. The white pall draped over the casket, the holy water and the Easter candle are symbols of Christ’s life which is bestowed through the waters of baptism.

Requests for secular music cannot be accommodated during the Mass since the very nature of the Mass requires that the lyrics of the songs “express the mystery of the Lord’s suffering, death and triumph over death.” (OCF #30)

The readings for Mass are to be taken from the Bible. The family may choose the readings but they may not be from any source other than Sacred Scripture.

The Order of Christian Funerals prohibits a eulogy in the context of Mass. “A brief homily based on the readings is always given after the gospel reading at the funeral liturgy... but there is never to be a eulogy”. (OCF #27) While a eulogy is intended to recall and even praise the deceased, a homily is directed to helping all who are gathered to understand the mystery of God’s love and how the mystery of Jesus’ victorious death and resurrection were present in the life of the deceased and are present in our lives as well.

The Rite of Committal

“The rite of committal, the conclusion of the funeral rites, is celebrated at the grave, tomb, or crematorium and may be used for burial at sea.” (OCF #512) Prayers are offered to commit the body of the deceased to its final resting place.

In committing the body to its resting place, the community expresses the hope that, with all those who have gone before, marked with the sign of faith, the deceased awaits the glory of the resurrection. The rite of committal is an expression of the communion that exists between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven: the deceased passes with the farewell prayers of the community of believers into the welcoming company of those who need faith no longer but see God face to face. For two thousand years Catholic Cemeteries have been our heritage and natural conclusion to our lives. It serves as a symbol of the extended community of believers unbroken by death.

To be buried together as a family and a community who have lived and shared their faith in the Church which Jesus Christ established is the very reason why we, as Catholics, choose to be buried in a Catholic Cemetery.

Cremation

In 1984, the Roman Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments granted permission to the Church in Canada for the funeral liturgy, including the Funeral Mass, to be celebrated with the cremated remains of the deceased person present. This is permissible when the choice of cremation is not inspired by motives contrary to Christian teaching and when the bishop of the diocese gives permission. At the funeral Mass, the cremated remains, in a dignified container, are placed on a small table provided for this purpose. The liturgy concludes with the final commendation and the subsequent interment of the remains. The Church asks that in keeping with a spirit of reverence, the cremated remains be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or niche provided for this purpose. When the body has been or will be cremated, appropriate adaptations are made to the prayers of committal and signs of farewell.

(National Liturgy Office, “Catholics and Cremation,” 1998.)

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

(July18, 2021 receipts)

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes	\$ 1182.00
Candles	27.25
Dues	260.00

Total \$ 1,469.25

St. Peter's Catholic Church \$743.00

Candles	8.00
Improvement Fund	25.00
Parish Dues	20.00

Total \$796.00

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 612.00
Roof Fund	500.00
Cemetery	20.00

Total \$1,132.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Facebook Live with Fr Patrick O'Neill and John Ratchford

Sundays at 7 pm

Fr. Patrick and John will host a 30-minute presentation of spirituality, talks and taking questions from viewers. Fr. Patrick is pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River, as well as producer of Mass for Shut-Ins and chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces and CBRM police. John Ratchford is a renowned photographer from North Sydney who has shared his personal experiences of faith and mental illness as part of our Youth Ministry Let's Talk events in 2020 and 2021.

To view the livestream:

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

Events at Johnstown

The following is the schedule for the summer and fall season. Some events are tentative at this time and more information will be forthcoming closer to the event. These events are subject to change due to Covid restrictions:

1. Saturday July 31st: Take-out Cold Turkey Plate
2. Saturday August 14th: Cemetery Mass and Take-out Supper
3. Sunday August 22th: Bake Sale
4. Saturday September 4th: Take-out Supper
5. Sunday November 21st: Christmas Bingo