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July 3, 2022
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL VERSE, COL 3:15A+16A:

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

GOSPEL EXCERPT, YEAR C, LUKE 10:2-5:

He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"

The feast of [St. Thomas the Apostle](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of the prophet *Isaiah*, 66:10-14c speaks of the final judgment and the purified and joyful Jerusalem. All children of God nurse at the breast of Jerusalem—an image that beautifully portrays universal peace, contentment, and love. Slowly the image changes and God takes the place of Jerusalem—fondling, comforting, and nursing His children.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of Paul to the *Galatians*, 6:14-18 is the conclusion of his writing to respond to those who insisted that Christians must follow the Mosaic Law. He addresses the subject of circumcision which many Galatian Christians were submitting to and telling them that the Christian people of God are the new "offspring of Abraham."

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke* 10:1-12, 17-20 and is about Christ conferring His mission on the seventy-two disciples. Christ wants to instill apostolic daring into his disciples; this is why he says, "I send you out," which leads St John Chrysostom to comment: "This suffices to give us encouragement, to give us confidence and to ensure that we are not afraid of our assailants" (*Hom. on St Matthew*, 33). The Apostles' and disciples' boldness stemmed from their firm conviction that they were on a God-given mission: they acted, as Peter the Apostle confidently explained to the Sanhedrin, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, "for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

"And the Lord goes on", St Gregory the Great adds, "'Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road.' Such should be the confidence the preacher places in God that even if he is not provided with the necessities of life, he is convinced that they will come his way, to ensure that worry about providing temporal things for

himself does not distract him from providing others with eternal things" (*In Evangelia homiliae*, 17). Apostolate calls for generous self-surrender which leads to detachment: therefore, Peter, following our Lord's commandment, when the beggar at the Beautiful Gate asked him for alms (Acts 3:2-3), said, "I have no silver or gold" (ibid. 3:6), "not so as to glory in his poverty", St Ambrose points out, "but to obey the Lord's command: it is as if he were saying, 'You see in me a disciple of Christ, and you ask me for gold? He gave us something much more valuable than gold, the power to act in his name. I do not have what Christ did not give me, but I do have what he did give me: In the name of Jesus Christ, arise and walk' (cf. Acts 3:6)." (*Expositio Evangelii sec. Lucam*, in loc.). Apostolate, therefore, demands detachment from material things and it also requires us to be always available, for there is an urgency about apostolic work.

"And salute no one on the road": "How can it be," St Ambrose asks himself, "that the Lord wishes to get rid of a custom so full of kindness? Notice, however, that he does not just say, 'Do not salute anyone,' but adds, 'on the road.' And there is a reason for this.

"He also commanded Elisha not to salute anyone he met, when he sent him to lay his staff on the body of the dead child (2 Kings 4:29): he gave him this order in order to get him to do this task without delay and effect the raising of the child, and not waste time by stopping to talk to any passer-by he met. Therefore, there is no question of omitting to have the good manners to greet others; it is a matter of removing a possible obstacle in the way of service; when God commands, human considerations should be set aside, at least for the time being. To greet a person is a good thing, but it is better to carry out a divine instruction which could easily be frustrated by a delay" (ibid).

—Excerpted from *The Navarre Bible—St. Luke*

Sacrament of Baptism

please call the office:

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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 be advised that our last Pre-Marriage Program took place on May 28, 2022. Our agency has been providing this valuable program for over three decades to engaged couples that are marrying in the Catholic Church. At this time due to high demands in a variety of other programming and our provincial expansion, our agency is unable to continue providing the Pre-Marriage Program. We ask that you inform all the parishes in the Diocese so that they may make alternative arrangements for the couples that they are marrying.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Mass of the Resurrection

+Beatrice Gracie

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

SP 9:00 AM
+Ignatius Burke

Thursday, July 7, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Friday, July 8, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Mass of the Resurrection

+ Sheila MacNeil

Saturday, July 9, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Fred & Margaret Pottie (Ken)

Sunday, July 10, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

+ Wally Cook

SP 10:30 AM

+ Ignatius Burke

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

June 25, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 694.60

Candles 28.00

Missals 5.00

Total **\$ 727.60**

St. John the Baptist

June 26 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 770.00

Donation 300.00

Cemetery 50.00

Total **\$ 1,120.00**

St. Peter's

June 26, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 1,155.00

Candles 18.00

Cemetery Fund 640.00

Initial Offering 5.00

Maintenance 600.00

Total **\$ 2,418.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A celebration of life for Paula Kyte will be held at the Bras D'Or Lakes Inn on July 16th, from 1 to 3pm. All are welcome.

SH: 1: **The outdoor Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** will be held on Sunday July 10th at 2pm. This mass will take place in front of the Shrine, behind Sacred Heart Church in Johnstown, please bring your own chair. An invitation is extended to all parishioners along with priests, as well as visitors, friends, and tourists. All are welcome to come and join us in our special day of celebration.

2: **An Eat-in or Take-out Strawberry Festival** will be held on Sunday July 10th, from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Lots of Biscuits, Bonnach, Oat cakes/Strawberries and Tea.

3. **The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:** Dates: July 16, 30, August 13, 27, September 10, 24, October 8 The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. The outdoor market will run bi-weekly starting Saturday June 4th ending the season on Saturday October 8th, 2022.

HGA: Acadian Festival meeting will be held on **Sunday July 3 @ 1pm.** There's less than a month and we are still looking for volunteers. If you can help please attend this last meeting. Should you want to help out but cannot attend the meeting please contact Nicole 902 293-6651 or Raymonde 902 587-2675 or 902 227-8552.

HGA: Planning for our 200th Anniversary of Holy Guardian Angels Parish continues with continued dialogue and exchange of ideas as we commemorate this significant milestone. The next meeting will take place on **Sunday, July 10th, L'Ardoise Community Center starting at 2:00 P.M.** As we reflect on so much history let us give thought to a theme for the anniversary

HGA: A mass of the resurrection will be held for our beautiful mom, Beatrice Gracie-Pottie, formerly of L'Ardoise on Tuesday July 5th @ 2 pm at The Holy Guardian Angels Parish in L'Ardoise with burial to follow. A luncheon will follow at the Community Centre. United in Marriage in 1958 and death in 2022 on this very special day. Our deepest heartfelt gratitude to all for assisting us. We respectfully request that you wear a mask. Kindest Regards, Wanda, Paula and Brenda Gracie.

Upcoming Events

Now Open for the Season:

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

Gift Shop, Mabou

The gift shop is now open daily from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Hours for the gift shop will be extended as of June 1 to 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Shrine has been open for visitation throughout the winter, and remains open daily for visitation.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you again.

Inquiries: 902-945-2221

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needs and performing a variety of other roles, including posting images and messages on social media.

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Canada flagged for religious freedom watch list by Ohio lawmakers

BY QUINTON AMUNDSON, THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

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Joining China, North Korea and other authoritarian regimes on the religious freedom watch list is... Canada, or at least it should be included, according to Ohio Republican lawmakers.

State representatives Reggie Stoltzfus and Timothy Ginter earlier this month championed House Resolution 194, an act urging the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom "to consider adding Canada to the Special Watch List of countries where the government engages in violations of religious freedom," mostly due to pandemic-related restrictions imposed on places of worship.

Canada's actions, Stoltzfus said, are "very similar to what we see in Communist-controlled China." The Republican-controlled assembly officially passed the motion by a 58-29 vote. If the federal agency overseeing the watchlist follows the Ohio lawmakers' advice, Canada would join a group of nations seen as having "severe" violations of religious liberties.

Stoltzfus, before the House Civil Justice Committee, mentioned the incarcerations or church bans of several pastors who staged public worship services in defiance of pandemic public health restrictions for wanting Canada flagged for violating religious freedom. He stated Ohio has a "vested interest in the affairs of Canada" because of their geographical proximity and status as primary trade partner with the U.S."

"(We) draw attention to the violation of Canada's stated commitment to religious freedom as expressed in their Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

Witness testimonies from Canadians were added to the legislative record, including from Grace Baptist Church pastor Michael Thiessen, pastor James Coates of GraceLife Church of Edmonton, who spent 35 days behind bars for ignoring public health orders, and from the Liberty Coalition of Canada. A common refrain from these supporting documents was how quick the federal and provincial governments were to limit or ban in-person attendance at houses of worship for large portions of 2020 and 2021.

Courts in Canada have ruled that pandemic restrictions did not contravene the Charter's religious freedom guarantee.

Some Canadian civil rights experts were quick to say if Canada were to be censored for religious freedom reasons, the Ohio Republicans picked the wrong issue.

Cara Zwibel, the director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association's (CCLA) fundamental freedoms program, said the battle over Bill 21 in Quebec is the true hot-button Canadian religious liberty and freedom of conscience fight. Quebec's "secularism bill" prohibits citizens working in the public service from wearing religious symbols while doing their job. The CCLA is currently fighting Bill 21 in the Quebec Court of Appeal.

“We try to protect what is right equally for everyone and one of the big concerns with Bill 21 in Quebec is that it targets religions where a symbol is an important part of the practice,” said Zwibel. “The majority of religions in that province don’t follow that practice, so it has a disproportionate impact on minorities, particularly minority women. We need to be taking action to ensure the law protects everyone equally.”

Marty Moore, a lawyer for the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms (JCCF), agrees that the state of religious freedom in Canada is worrying. But he’s concerned that the wrong politicians are taking notice.

“Some politicians paying attention to the state of religious freedom in Canada is a good sign. The sad thing is that it is not Canadian politicians,” said Moore. “The antagonistic targeting and prosecution of clergy (particularly) in Alberta is unconscionable. The jailing of pastors in isolation, shackling them, is the treatment you expect to find in other countries on the religious freedom watch list.”

Moore adds that this “discriminatory approach” works to “delegitimize religious observance and practice.”

The JCCF continues to engage in religious freedom court cases throughout multiple Canadian provinces to secure rulings that will prevent government or public health bodies from restricting Mass attendance during future epidemics.

Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.