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February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



After Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon Peter, "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch!" The Holy Father proposed Jesus' imperative "Put out into the deep water" as the motto of the Church. He did this because so often we in the Church today can feel that we're in Peter's shoes. In many areas of life, but particularly in our discipleship, we can work so hard and seem to have so little to show for it. We're called, like Peter, Andrew, James and John to leave behind whatever might keep us from the Lord and follow him, being sent out into the deep water of the world to fish for souls. We're called, like St. Paul, to "work harder than any" of the rest, because of the Lord's great mercy, love and trust in calling us and sending us. —Fr. Roger Landry

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of Isaiah (Is 6:1-2a, 3-8). This reading describes Isaiah's call to prophetic office. According to Jewish tradition, Isaiah was of royal stock. It is certain that he belongs to the tribe of Judah and that his home was in Jerusalem. From the time of his calling, Isaiah's whole life was devoted to the "Lord Yahweh". The Lord had called him and henceforth Isaiah was His servant. Jeremiah's call to office was in the form of a dialog between Yahweh and Jeremiah; Isaiah's is a majestic vision. Isaiah is eager to serve God, "Here I am," I said, "send me!"

The **Second Reading** is taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:1-11). St. Paul treats the subject of the resurrection of the body. A characteristic Greek and Platonic concept was that the body was a hindrance to the soul's activity. St. Paul answers this question by declaring that the bodily resurrection of Christ is a fact duly attested to by chosen witnesses.

The **Gospel** is a reading from St. Luke (Lk 5:1-11). How the wisdom of God differs from the wisdom of men! If a businessman of today (or even of the year 28 A.D.) were choosing a chairman and assistants for the world-wide enterprise he was about to set up, is it likely that he would choose them from among the

unknown, unlettered fishermen of Galilee? Yet Christ, who was about to set up not only a world-wide institute but an everlasting one, chose these simple fishermen and made them his assistants and his successors in the work that he had taken in hand.

And it wasn't that he was restricted in his choice. There were many highly educated priests and scribes in Jerusalem whom he could have won over, men who could preach and instruct so much more eloquently than Peter or Andrew. There were Roman officers in Palestine who were highly educated, and who would be much more eagerly listened to in the Gentile world. There were Greek philosophers whose very name would add prestige to the Gospel message had they been Apostles. Yet it was to none of these that Christ entrusted the arduous task of spreading the good news of the Gospel, it was to none of these that he gave the keys of his kingdom.

Christ was not influenced in his judgement by external, accidental qualifications. He judged the heart and the will. He knew the true worth of men. Furthermore, the society that he was about to set up was not a worldly business concern but a free transport system to heaven. The truths he was committing to its keeping were not based on earthly wisdom which would require eloquence and prestige to bolster them up. They were the eternal, divine truths which needed no human propaganda, no help from mere men.

Thus, in the selection of his Apostles, Christ has given us an extra proof, if one were needed, of his own divine wisdom and of the divine origin of the Christian religion which we profess. Our religion is not man-made, God is its author.

While thanking God today for our Christian religion, with its clearly-drawn map of salvation, let us show our appreciation by doing our own little part, as humble apostles, weak but willing helpers of Christ. This we can do without eloquence, or personal prestige. We do so by living as true Christians in our homes, in our places of work, and in our recreations, by carrying our cross daily and patiently, ever ready to give a hand when the neighbor's cross seems too heavy for him. This will be Christian eloquence, this will be a true apostleship of Christ, because actions speak louder than words.

—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

Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM
+ Barry Ford

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, February 11, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, February 12, 2022

SH 4:00 PM
HGA 5:30 PM
+Beattie Martell

Sunday, February 13, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM
+Wallace Casey
SP 10:30 AM
*Special Intentions

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

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

January 30, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$560.00

Total **\$560.00**

St. John the Baptist

January 30, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$510.00

Total **\$ 510.00**

St. Peter's

January 30, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$605.00
Initial Offering 20.00

Total **\$ 625.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We, the family of the late John Walter Martell, would like to "thank" EHS members, L'Ardoise Fire Dept., our family and friends for their care and compassion, visits, donations of food, phone calls, and other expressions of sympathy during our recent loss. Blessings for all, Sharon, Darren, Kenny, Sean Martell.

MITTS FOR THE NORTH is our Lenten project. Parishioners are asked to donate mitts, hats, caps, socks, gloves, scarves, etc. Items will be sent to our Canadian Missions in the north for indigenous communities. Help from other parishes would be greatly appreciated. There is a box at church entrance or call (902) 535-2827 or (902) 535-2785. Ours thanks and God bless. **SJB Liturgy Committee.**

Three Contemporary Issues that call for prayerful consideration:

1. For the role of religion to ensure democracy, see,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjntXYDPw44>

2. From CitizenGO:

As 2022 begins, we at CitizenGO have to think long and hard about what the year ahead will hold.

While for sure we will experience joys and happy moments in the new year, the Radical Left will certainly continue its war on our freedoms and values.

LGBTQ radicals demand full power of children's education, and are even starting to push to make pedophilia "normal". The killing of unborn children is called a "human right", and abortion pills are flying through the mail. Soros' funded groups attack every politician, party, or group like CitizenGO, who opposes the Radical Left's agenda or promotes Christian values. COVID lurks behind new power-grabs by governments around the world - here in Canada, they're even kicking unvaccinated people out of churches and threatening them with fines!

I wish things looked brighter right now, but I believe if you stand with me and all CitizenGO members around the world, we WILL make a positive change in 2022.

The Radical Left counts on us to give up, or give in to fear. I hope you will make a clear statement of support for CitizenGO and our shared values with a special 2022 New Year contribution.

3. Excerpts from, Ontario euthanasia deaths increase by more than 30% in 2021.

Alex Schadenberg
Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

"Approximately 10,000 Canadian assisted deaths in 2021 and approximately 31,000 Canadian assisted deaths since legalized"

The [Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario](#) released the [2021 MAiD data](#) which indicates that there were 3102 assisted deaths up from 2378 in 2020 representing more than a 30% increase.

Is there enough killing yet?

Canada's federal government and the Québec government both established committees to discuss the further expansion of euthanasia in Canada. These committees are considering euthanasia for incompetent people who requested death in their advanced directive, euthanasia for children and the rules to implement euthanasia for people with

mental illness alone. The Québec report supported euthanasia for incompetent people but not for mental illness but [Bill C-7 has already approved euthanasia for mental illness](#) in Canada.

The current Canadian government remains committed to more euthanasia. We need your help. Thousands of deaths mean that there are thousands of stories. We need you to tell your story. Some of the people were depressed and had questionable competency. Some of these people were subtly coerced. Some of these stories are known by you. We can effectively challenge the culture but we need your stories.

Contact Alex Schadenberg at the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition at: info@epcc.ca or 1-877-439-3348.

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The Synod:

If you had ten minutes with Pope Francis, what would you tell him?

Complete our online Synod survey: 10 questions including this one to share your thoughts and experiences.

The survey is anonymous.

Survey link:

<https://fs26.formsite.com/DioceseofAntigonish/codp3edovo/index.html>

Our Synod page:

www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch

Synodality: A New Way of Being Church

is a video explaining the focus of Pope Francis' call for the Synod

Watch it on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/kAaOHEpuTmw>