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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2022

From Living with Christ, September 2022, expressive of the theme of the readings:

“What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless.” St. John Paul II

Sunday Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Prophet Amos 6:1a, 4-7*. This warning of the prophet Amos, who was only an uneducated shepherd before God called him to the prophetic ministry, does not come from Amos but from God, in whose name he spoke. God's Chosen People, to whom he had in his goodness given the land of Canaan to be their homeland for all time, were about to lose their land and their freedom, because they had forgotten their divine Benefactor and thought only of themselves and their own comfort.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 6:11-16*. In these verses St. Paul is exhorting Timothy to strive to become daily more perfect in his observance of the Christian faith. He had made a public and noble profession of that faith on the occasion of his baptism as a young man. He must continue to profess it.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 16:19-31*. We have here a story of two men whose states, both in this life and in the next, are dramatically opposed. The rich man had everything a man could desire on this earth and he set his heart on this wealth, to such a degree that he excluded all thought of God or of what followed after death. It was not that he was ignorant of God or of a future life (our Lord was addressing the parable to the Pharisees); he admits that he had Moses and the prophets, but he paid no heed to them. He was too busy trying to squeeze the last ounce of pleasure out of his few years on earth.

On the other half of the picture we have a beggar, a man not only in dire destitution, but suffering bodily pains as well. He bore his lot patiently. He was quite content if he got the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, which he probably did not always get. He must have been disappointed that this rich man never thought of giving him a helping hand but there is no mention of his ever criticizing or blaming him. He left these things to God.

Both men die eventually. The beggar goes straight to heaven to a state of endless happiness. His bodily sufferings have ended forever, he will never be in want again. The rich man fares very differently. His enjoyments are over forever. He is now in torments and he is told that he can expect no relief. They will have no end. Abraham tells him why he is in his present state: he abused his time on earth. He

sees the truth of this. He knows that he has no one to blame but himself which must add greatly to his torments. It is also a cause of additional grief to him that his bad example will lead his brothers (his fellowmen) to a like fate.

All the parables of our Lord are based on everyday happenings. While we hope and pray that the case of the rich man described here is not an everyday occurrence, we cannot doubt but that such cases have happened and will happen again. This rich man is not in eternal torments because he was rich and even very rich. He is in eternal torments because he let his wealth become his master and forgot God and his neighbor and his own real welfare—eternal life. There are men like him in our world today, men who completely ignore their real future. While they are convinced that their stay on this earth is of very short duration and that they will have to leave it very, very soon, they still act and live as if they had a permanent home here.

This is true not only of those who try (ineffectively most probably) to keep from their minds all thought of a future life, but even of some who openly profess to be Christians and who recite so often the words of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Yet, they are so busy trying to get the wealth and the pleasures of this life, or to increase all they have of them already, that they haven't a moment to spare for the thing that really matters—their future unending life after death.

God forbid that any of us should be numbered amongst these foolish people, for there is no greater folly on earth than to miss the real and only purpose in life because of a few trivial, passing attractions. We are not forbidden to have some of this world's goods. We need some, and God it was who provided them for our use. But we must use them properly and we must not set them up as idols to be adored. On all sides of us there are Lazaruses placed at our gates by God to give us an opportunity to exercise fraternal charity. Be a true brother to them now and you will not have to envy them hereafter.

If on the other hand your lot is that of a Lazarus—and many there are whose life is one long, continual struggle against poverty, disease and hardship—try to carry your cross patiently. Envy of your neighbor and rebellion against God will only add to, and do not cure, your ills. The day of judgment, which for you will be the day of reward, if you are humble and patient, is around the corner. Eternal happiness is worth twenty lives of earthly ill-fortune.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

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Weekday Masses

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, September 30, 2022

HGA 11:00 AM

+ Huguette Martell

Saturday, October 1, 2022

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ Lawrence, Clara, Ralph & James Bona

Sunday, October 2, 2022

SJB 9:00 AM

***Healing Mass for Norma Gullett**

SP 10:30 AM

+ Joey Murray

Receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

September 17, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 657.00

Candles 31.95

Total \$ 688.95

St. John the Baptist

September 18, 2022

Envelopes & loose \$ 602.50

Cemetery 450.00

Total \$ 1052.50

St. Peter's

September 18, 2022

Envelopes & Loose \$ 692.00

Canadian church 10.00

Cemetery Road 50.00

Cemetery donation 35.00

Total \$ 787.00

COMMUNITY NEWS

SP Parish Council: We would like to announce that three people have been nominated and have been accepted to Council by acclamation. Special thanks are extended to Blair Landry, Richard Landry and Alfred Sampson for allowing their names to stand. A short meeting to elect new executives and discuss the fall/winter agenda will be held at the Glebe basement on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

HGA: L'Ardoise Acadian Festival wrap up meeting will be held on Sunday, October 2 @ 1:00. Financial statement will be available at this time for those who may have any questions. Hope to see you there.

Cape Breton Ostomy Support Group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022 at 2pm – 4pm at the South Bar Fire Hall, South Bar This is a support group for those that have or will have an ostomy. Guest Speaker: Greg Cromwell, Coloplast representative. For more information contact Stasia at 902-562-1367

Thank you

Stasia Digout

Congratulations: The Officers and members of the K of C Council wish to extend our most sincere congratulations to the L'Ardoise Jolly Club on the celebration of their 50th anniversary. Your half century of service is an inspiration to us all, encouraging us to do more to serve our communities.

Ultreya Meeting

All are invited to the upcoming first Ultreya meeting after the summer break! Will be taking place Thursday, September 29 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish basement, McMahan room. Start time is 7:00pm and the event will be livestreamed on the Cursillo Facebook page.

From Bishop Kirkpatrick Indigenous Reconciliation Collection Begins this weekend in our diocese

Pope Francis during his penitential pilgrimage to Canada gave a heartfelt and solemn apology to Indigenous Peoples on behalf of the Catholic Church and called on us to continue to assist survivors and families in healing from the traumas they have suffered. Together with every Canadian diocese, the Diocese of Antigonish has committed to raising revenue for the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund over the next 5 years. Money collected in Nova Scotia will be used here to support local projects and programs to promote education and healing.

Envelopes are being provided. Donations may also be made through the Donate link on our website: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com>: specify 'Indigenous Reconciliation Fund' in the parish box or comments.

For more on Truth and Reconciliation in our diocese:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>