

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matt 10:37-39).

Mass Readings

First Reading:

2 Kings 4:8-12 a, 14-16 The account of Elisha and the woman was a minor incident in the life of this prophet, who worked greater miracles, but it is narrated to show that God rewards those who are charitable to his friends. —*The Sunday Readings*

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*. St. Paul stresses that we are buried with Christ in baptism. We die with him to sin. Then we rise with him to a new life.

The **Gospel** is from **St. Matthew 10:37-42**. In the first part, Christ tells his representatives, his delegates the Apostles, and those who succeed them, that they must be prepared to undergo great sacrifices, even death itself, if called on to do so for the sake of Christ. Even though they had only a very vague idea then of what he meant, when the time came, they remembered his words and gladly suffered imprisonment, hardships, and finally martyrdom for Christ. This shows how the resurrection of Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on them, changed them from worldly weaklings into fearless heroes. They had become convinced that Christ was the Son of God who had come on earth to bring all men to heaven. They came to realize how transitory, and unimportant, the few years of the earthly life were when compared with the eternal life of bliss to follow.

It was not only the Apostles who gave their lives gladly for Christ. There are thousands of martyrs who, during the first three centuries of the Church, not only accepted but welcomed death for Christ's sake, because they were convinced that it was the door to eternal life, the only life that mattered. Nor did occasions for martyrdom cease when the Church was granted freedom by Constantine, the first convert Roman emperor. Here and there, down through the centuries, the followers of Christ have been persecuted because of their belief in him, and many of us can be proud that we have had among our ancestors men and women who died for the faith.

Today, too, there are still those who are suffering a lingering martyrdom, worse than quick death on the scaffold, because they obey God rather than man. We can

help them to persevere, by our prayers. We ourselves, who are free from any overt persecution, must show our gratitude to God for being allowed to practice our religion openly and without fear, by doing just this. We must live according to the convictions of our Christian faith. We are here in this world for a few short years, our real and lasting home is in heaven. We must keep this thought uppermost in our minds, in all our doings and dealings.

As well as carrying out our own personal duties, we must remember the spiritual needs of our fellowmen. They, too, need to go to heaven and anything less will be eternal disaster for them. We may not be able to preach, or teach them the truth of the Christian faith, but we can and must help all those who are doing so.

Remember our Lord's words today. He who receives or gives hospitality and help to a prophet will have the reward of a prophet. He who helps those who are preaching and teaching the message of salvation, the good news of Christ, at home and abroad, will himself share in the reward of these preachers and teachers. When we get to heaven, one of the many pleasant surprises awaiting us will be the gratitude we will receive from saints we've helped to send to heaven, people we never knew or perhaps thought about. We helped those who thought about them and worked for their salvation, and we thus have a share in their reward.

Remember Christ's promise: even a cup of cold water will not go unrewarded, every little helping hand we give to bring our fellowmen to heaven will help us, too, toward the same goal. Heaven is our real goal in life—it alone will satisfy all our desires and it alone will last forever.

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

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

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Receipts:

St. John the Baptist

June 10th, 17th, 24th

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,872.00
Cemetery Donation	410.00
Donation	300.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>2,582.00</u>

St. Peter's
June 10th, 17th & 24^h

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,705.00
Candles	21.00
Cemetery	125.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,851.00</u>

St. Peter's
June 10th, 17th & 24^h

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,705.00
Candles	21.00
Cemetery	125.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,851.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
June 11th 18th, & 25th

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 3,053.15
Dues	310.00
Candles	34.85
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$3,398.00</u>

Mass Schedule

July 1, 2023

SJB	4:00 PM
SP	5:30 PM

Fr. Charles Cameron has agreed to celebrate Mass at 4:00 PM at St. John the Baptist and 5:30 PM at St. Peter's on July 1, and if necessary, for July 8th. After that Fr. Charles has other weekend commitments.

Pastoral Appointments 2023

I am pleased to announce the following pastoral appointments. I am grateful for the co-operation of our priests and deacons and the assistance of our Personnel Committee.

***Rev. Tom Stephan** from the Diocese of Miao, India was appointed on March 1, 2023 to serve at St. Patrick Parish, Lochaber, St. Paul Church, Sherbrooke and St. Joseph Church, St. Joseph.

***Rev. Sunny Sebastian** from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, Kerala, India was appointed on November 11, 2022 to serve at St. Peter Church, Port Hood.

***Rev. MacLeen Anyanwu Ejiogu** SMMM from the Diocese of MacKenzie/Fort Smith is appointed to serve at St. Anne Church in Glace Bay effective August 7, 2023

***Rev. Godwin Kalu** SMMM from St. Raphael Church Blackville, NB to serve at St. Ann, Guysborough, St. Peter, Larry's River, St. Patrick, Guysborough Interval and St. Thomas, Salmon River effective July 4, 2023.

* Priests new to our diocese

Retirement / Sabbatical / Transfer

Rev. Dan MacDonald will retire at the end of June as Pastor of St. Mary in Mabou, but he will continue to provide weekend assistance until August or a when a new pastor is appointed.

Rev. Bedford Doucette has retired as Producer for Mass for Shut-Ins at the end of May 2023. He has also retired as Diocesan Master of Ceremonies.

Deacon Art Riley serving Immaculate Conception, Heatherton, St. Andrew, St. Andrews, and Ste. Croix, Pomquet retired on December 31, 2022.

Rev. Duaine Devereaux will go on sabbatical effective August 5, 2023.

Rev. Callistus Abazie SMMM is transferring to New Brunswick effective July 4, 2023 from St. Ann, Guysborough, St. Peter, Larry's River, St. Patrick, Guysborough Interval and St. Thomas Salmon River. We thank Father Callistus for his 10 years of service here.

Deacons

Deacon Michael McCarville will move from Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River to serve at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney.

Deacon Berkley Guthro in addition to serving as the Bishop's Delegate for Responsible Ministry, he will serve as Diocesan Master of Ceremonies.

Seminarians

Following his ordination to the transitional Diaconate on August 15, 2023 at St. Mary Church in Mabou, **Deacon David Rankin** will return to St. Augustine's Seminary in September for his final year.

Seminarian **Joseph MacMaster** will return to St. Augustine's Seminary in September for his second year of Theology.

Other Appointments

Mrs. Gladys MacDougall and Mrs. Marie MacNeil have been appointed along with Deacon Berkley Guthro to serve as the Bishop's Delegates for Responsible Ministry.

We thank Father Angus MacDougall, Jim Kehoe, Frank Howell and Carl Turner who have served so well for a long time as members of our Diocesan Finance Council. We welcome the following new members serving on our Diocesan Finance Council, Louise Campbell, Deacon Barry Miller and Robert Rogers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A 200th Anniversary Commemorative Souvenir Booklet and Vintage Calendar are now available for sale. An e-transfer account has also been setup and we can arrange to mail out a package to anyone. For more information on these great souvenir items, contact Steve (902-631-4460) or Blair (902-535-4107). Books and Calendars are \$20.00 each.

Join us at the Living *Laudato Si* - Save the Earth at the Open Hearth Park, Sydney on July 2, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

Various activities will be conducted such as birdhouse building, BINGO, sapling distributions and many more.

All are welcome. Treat bags and goodies are awaiting you!

The Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Sunday July 9th, at the Johnstown Parish Hall, 15290 Highway 4, in Johnstown.

Time: 2pm – 5pm. Eat-in or Take-out. Lots of Strawberries, Biscuits, Bonnach, Oatcakes, Tea, and company. Cost is \$12.00. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group.

Blessing and installation of new crosses for Holy Guardian Angels Cemetery will take place at 10:30 am, July 28th. New crosses will be placed on graves listed below, Everyone is welcome to attend the event commencing at Holy Guardian Angel church.

Felix John Briand
Mrs Helair Mombourquette
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Mrs Alex Mombourquette
Mrs Patrick Campbell
Joe Rehberg
Ann Pottie
Elizabeth Pottie
Maria Brymer
Joseph Mombourquette
Joseph Briand
Anthony Sampson
Mrs Anthony Sampson
Mrs Jules Samson
David Riley
Sabine Riley
Alex B Mombourquette
Charles D Mombourquette
Alfred Pottie
Mrs Mary Briand
Mary E Pottie
Rose Marie Bona
Paula Bourdeau
Lawrence Mombourquette
Mina (Vina) Martell

Mrs Jane S Martell
Eliza Pottie
Margaret Martell
Alex W Sampson
Mrs Wilfred Burkey
Wilfred P Briand
Brenda & Robert Sampson
Elizabeth LeRue & son
Mateneau Martell
Mary S Evong
Albert Evong
Jean Peterson
Walter P Peterson
Pat Sampson
Mary J Sampson
Louis Pottie
Eliza M Pottie
Zibin Brymer
Colleen Briand
John Edward Macintosh
Mary Viola Macintosh
Francis P Pate
Margaret Bona
Joseph Bona
Unnamed Headstones x 11