

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

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**September 3, 2023**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct. Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom. (Matt. 16:24-28).*

The Memorial of [St. Gregory the Great](#), which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

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### **Commentary on the Sunday Mass Readings of Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,**

the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9* in which we hear Jeremiah giving voice to this internal anguish of mind; he hates what he has to say to his people, yet he is compelled by God to say it.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12:1-2* in which he tells the Roman Christians (converts, for the most part, from paganism) that they must prove themselves worthy of this great favor, they must live truly Christian lives.

The **Gospel** is from *Matthew 16:21-27*. From all eternity this was God's plan for mankind. But because sin had entered into the world before the Incarnation took place, the Son of God in his human nature had to suffer the violent death of the cross at the hands of sinners. In this very suffering he became the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world, as the second-Isaiah had foretold in his "suffering servant" prophecies (Is. 53: 1-7; 42: 1-9 etc). His death, because he was God as well as man, was a sacrifice, an atonement, of infinite value, and therefore obtained forgiveness from the Father for all the sins of the human race.

In foretelling his sufferings and death, which took place some months later, Christ intended to prepare his disciples and other followers for what he knew would be for them a severe crisis of faith. He also took occasion from it to remind his disciples, and all others who would follow him, of what their attitude to suffering and death should be. He told them, and us too, that we must be ever ready to accept sufferings in this life, and even an untimely death if that should be demanded of us, rather than deny our Christian faith.

To prove their loyalty to their faith in Christ thousands of Christians in the early Church, and thousands more during persecutions in later centuries, gladly took him at his word and went joyfully to their martyrdom. It is to be hoped that, aided by God's grace, we would all be ready to imitate their example, if called on to prove our fidelity to Christ and our Christian faith. But at the moment what Christ expects and asks of us is that we should bear the sufferings and hardships of daily life cheerfully and gladly for his sake.

This daily carrying of our Christian cross can be, and is for many, a prolonged martyrdom. Poverty, ill-health, cruelty and hardheartedness met with in the home and in one's neighbors, are heavy crosses which only a truly Christian shoulder can bear. But, if we were offered health, happiness, peace, wealth and power for the next fifty or seventy years on this earth, in exchange for an eternal heaven after death, what rational one among us would accept that offer?

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready hereafter to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us. Every trainee knows that one must endure certain hardships and sufferings in order to merit graduation into one's chosen profession or trade. On our Christian graduation day we shall, please God, hear the welcome words : "Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your Master's happiness" (Mt. 25: 21). May God grant that every one of us will hear these words of welcome.

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

## **Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

**Please call the office:**

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**Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei**

**Instructors for Baptism:**

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

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## **Receipts:**

**St. John the Baptist**

**August 26, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 618.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Donation</b>	<b>80.00</b>

<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 698.00</u></b>
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**St. Peter's**

**August 26, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 727.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>10.00</b>

<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 737.00</u></b>
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## Holy Guardian Angels

August 27, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,607.00
Candles	31.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,638.85</b>

## Schedule of Masses

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

+ *Vincent Battiste*

Friday, September 8, 2023

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Margaret & Richard Sampson*

Saturday, September 9, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+ *George Landry*

SP 5:30 PM

+ *Eva Landry*

Sunday, September 10, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11.00 AM

+ *Manny Mombourquette*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**HGA: The church is open every Sunday from 1-3 pm** for quiet visits throughout 2023. This opportunity is part of our 200th Anniversary of our parish. From Matthew Kelly's BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST: "All the answers are in the Tabernacle. Jesus has all the answers and He patiently waits for us in the Tabernacle, day and night, to share those answers with us. Next time you are grappling with a decision, stop by your church and ask Jesus for His advice. There is something powerful about just sitting in His Presence."

**The faith community of Holy Guardian Angels Parish** invite neighboring parishioners to join our special celebration on Sunday, September 3rd as we commemorate 200 years of Ancestry Faith and Family. A special mass of

Thanksgiving will take place @ 3:00 P.M. with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick as main celebrant , joined by our pastor, former clergy and invited guests. All are welcome.

**HGA:** We welcome Fr Mariadoss Lourdusamy from South India back to our parish and our community. Father is here for the main celebration of the 200th Anniversary of our parish on Sept. 3. Meanwhile, he has offered to help Fr Yake with his pastoral work in HGA. Fr Mariadoss will be the main celebrant of our Sunday Liturgy for the next couple of weeks and he will celebrate Mass at 11am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in HGA while he is here. Also, he is available to visit the sick. We thank Fr Mariadoss for his willingness to serve our people once again.

**HGA:** There will be a 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Old Tom and Kay Mombourquette at L'Ardoise Community Centre on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Please drop in anytime from 2-5 PM with best wishes only.

**HGA:** Friends of Fr. Mariadoss are having a going away celebration for him on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at L'Ardoise Jolly Club. All are welcome.

**Fr. Mariadoss's Masses for the week:**

Monday, September 4, 2023

HGA 11 am

+ *Ruth & Ben Doucette*

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

HGA 11 am

♥*Mary "Clare" LeBlanc (living)*

Friday, September 8, 2023

HGA 11 am

+ *Margaret & Richard Sampson*

**RTO Birdwatching Expedition - Point Michaud Beach**

**Sept.5th (rain date Sept. 6th) with Billy Digout**

Meet at the Highway Garage in St. Peter's - 9:00 AM - carpool to beach.

**Sand Dollar Food Truck** on site or bring a snack.

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**RTO - Alexander Graham Bell Trip**

**Sept. 12th (rain date Sept. 14th)**

**Meet at Richmond Arena Parking Lot**

**Carpool leaving at 9:45**

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**Richmond RTO - General Meeting**

**La Picasse - September 19th**

**10:00 - 2:00 - Petit de Grat**

**Activities/ Social/ Lunch/ Meeting**

**Lunch - \$10.00 per person**

**SP: There will be a memorial Mass for Lloyd Richards on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at St. Peter's Church.** Originally from French Cove, Lloyd spent most of his adult life in Ottawa where he passed away on Dec. 13, 2022. His ashes were interred with his beloved wife, Micheline, at Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa, on May 6, 2023. Following the Mass there will be a reception at Louie's Cosy Corner dining room where all are welcome. Breakfast menu items will be available **“for purchase”**.