

**St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes**  
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**February 5, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Sunday Mass Readings**

The **First Reading** is taken from *Isaiah 58:7-10*. When lowliness unites all men, then God will fill the need of the world with his glorious presence. The final age will have to come.

The **Second Reading** is from *St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:1-5*. We continue this week with Paul's first letter to the Corinthians as he addresses divisions within the Church. As you will recall, two weeks ago we heard Paul address those who claimed to belong to Apollos, those who claimed Cephas, others who claimed Paul, and even those who followed only Christ. At that time he reminded them all that the Church is the body of Christ and as such cannot be divided. Last week he reminded us that God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning to be His followers. If anyone can boast, they can boast only in that they have been chosen by God. This week he reminds us that we are to pay attention to what is important—we are to hear the clear message of the crucified Christ and pay attention to it and not the messenger.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 5:13-16*. No less an authority than Christ himself calls his true followers the "salt of the earth." and the "light of the world." These are titles of honor, surely, and of the greatest distinction. Christ is putting his true follower on almost a level with himself. He was the light of the world; he was the salt of the earth. He it was who gave men the knowledge of the true nature of God, as shown by the Incarnation. He it was who gave this life its flavor, who gave this life its meaning, its preservation. By his death and resurrection he took away the sting of death, and removed its eternal corruption, by the guarantee and promise of a resurrection to an eternal life.

This every Christian knows, and this knowledge every Christian helps to bring to those who are ignorant of it, if he lives his life daily and sincerely. The Christian who does this, is really another Christ; he is continuing his work of salvation during his years on earth. He is the salt, of the earth and the light of the world. How many of us, can truly say that these honorable titles, which Christ gives to his followers, are given to us?

In true humility, we can all say that we are far from worthy of any such honorable titles. Yet in all sincerity too, many if not the majority among us, are doing their little bit of Christ's work, in cultivating their own small corner of his vineyard. The parents who teach the Christian way of life to their children by word, and especially by example, are spreading the Christian faith. The workmen, whether in office or factory, who show that they are Christians by their honesty, charity for their fellowmen, their respect for God, and the things of God, in their speech, are spreading their Christian faith. All those who show moderation in their personal

expenditures, and donate some of their savings to help their brothers, their fellow men who are in need, these are true disciples of Christ and are cooperating with him in bringing God's children back to their Father who is in heaven.

Unlike the salt that has lost its flavor, and the light that is kept under the bushel, the Christian who has thus behaved can change his attitude, provided he is aided by God's grace which is never refused. He can become once more what he ought to be—a life-preserver for his neighbor.

Life on earth is short. The demands of our Christian life may not always be easy, but we know that if we live up to them, we are other Christs. We are continuing his great work by our own good example to our neighbor, and we are giving glory to God, and are earning for ourselves the eternal light of heaven.

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

### **Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony**

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### **Weekday Masses**

#### **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

**SJB 4:00 PM**

**+*Special Intention***

#### **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

**SP 9:00 AM**

**+*Special Intention***

#### **Friday, February 10, 2023**

**HGA 11:00 AM**

**+*Charles Leo Sampson***

### **Weekend Masses**

#### **Saturday, February 11, 2023**

**SJB 4:00 PM**

**+*Richard & Margie Burke***

**SP 5:30 PM**

**+*Eva Landry***

#### **Sunday, February 12, 2023**

**SH 9:30 AM**

**HGA 11:00 PM**

**+*Sheila Martell***

**(from family)**

## Receipts

### Holy Guardian Angels January 28, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,047.00
Candles	23.15
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Missals	15.00
Initial Offering	150.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,285.15</u></b>

### St. John the Baptist January 29, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 863.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 863.00</u></b>

### St. Peter's January 29, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 970.00
Candles	31.00
New Year's	55.00
Cemetery	10.00
Altar Society	45.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,111.00</u></b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**HGA:** In thanksgiving for our 200 years of *Ancestry, Faith and Family*, our church will be open for personal prayer on Sundays, 1 - 3 PM throughout 2023. We invite everyone to visit and to pray for your own intentions, for the intentions of parishioners, and for the strengthening of the faith of our future generations.

Holy Guardian Angels, pray for us.   Maureen

**HGA:** As part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration, our Parish has been invited to participate in Mass for Shut Inns. A taping of this program will take place on Saturday morning, **February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30** from St. Marguerite Bourgeois Church in Sydney. We encourage families to consider attending and if you would be interested you are asked to contact Raymonde Burke @ 902-587-2675.

**HGA:** The next meeting for the 200th anniversary of Holy Guardian Angels Parish will be Sunday, February 19th @ 2:00 P.M. L'Ardoise Community Center. Everyone welcome.

**Thank You:** I want to express my thanks for the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and food brought to us during my recent surgery. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.  
**Marie Fougere**

**Food Bank Donations:** Your Knights of Columbus council has made donations to Local food banks. St. Peter's Food Bank (\$250) in memory of Beverly McIntyre. L'Ardoise food bank (\$250) in memory of Jackie Pottie and Potlotek Food Bank (\$250) in memory of John Duncan Johnson. We give thanks to God for the ability to do this.

**Knights Meetings** The regular meetings of Council 14280 will be held as follows: **Officers Meeting- Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**, in the basement Meeting Room of St. Peter's Glebe House. **Full Council Meeting – Thursday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. In the St. Peter's Glebe Meeting room.** All members are urged to attend.



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**January 31, 2023**

### **Richmond Municipal Council Prioritizes Communities of Interest in Boundary Review**

**Richmond County, NS** – At a Special Council meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>, Richmond Municipal Council chose communities of interest as a top priority in putting forward a recommendation to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (UARB). The unanimous recommendation to maintain a 5-member Council with minor changes to the boundaries of each district follows a period of public consultation and research that began in July 2022.

“Every eight years, municipalities are required to conduct a study of the boundaries of polling districts in the municipality, their fairness and reasonableness, and the number of councillors,” explained Warden Amanda Mombourquette. “The last boundary review process in 2014 reduced the number of Councillors from ten to five, representing a major shift in the local governance of the County. In making our decision, Council considered all of the input received from surveys, conversations, and information sessions held as recently as just a couple of weeks ago. Public consultation was key to the process and it highlighted for us how important it was to prioritize communities of interest as well as voter parity.”

The boundary review study was led by consulting firm, Stantec, which also did the review in 2014. Low turnout at early public information sessions, and an error in the mapping presented in the November 2022 survey prompted Council to request an extension to the original deadline of December 31, 2022; the UARB agreed and granted an extension to February 15, 2023. This provided Council with additional time to intensify public consultation on the issue and to further explore the impact of achieving the UARB's voter parity target of +/- 10% of the average electors per district.

“We used the extra time to present and further analyze the data. Voter parity is a fundamental principal in a democratic society, but had to be viewed through a lens of what makes the most sense for the people living in each district. It’s about more than just numbers – it’s about ensuring that people are represented and connected to communities that make the most sense, and doing so in a financially responsible way,” noted Warden Mombourquette.

If approved by the UARB, the recommended boundary changes will take effect in the 2024 municipal election and will primarily impact some residents in District 2 in Arichat who will move to District 1, residents of Lennox Passage who will move to District 3, some residents in Thibeuville and Grande Greve who will move to District 4, and residents in Lynches River who will move to District 5. The changes will mean that Isle Madame retains two councillors, and that Grande Greve will no longer be split between two districts along the Grande Greve Road which had caused some confusion in the last election. “These are small changes that we feel will make a difference to the constituents in these areas who have expressed feeling disconnected from communities they identify with,” explained Warden Mombourquette. “For now, we believe we have a plan that the UARB will agree to, and hopefully in years to come, our population will start to grow due to the economic opportunities on the horizon, and we’ll be able to justify adding more districts and Councillors to the table,” she said.

Council plans to submit the final report from Stantec along with supporting documentation in early February. For more information on the boundary review study in Richmond County and the final recommendations made to the UARB, visit [www.richmondcounty.ca](http://www.richmondcounty.ca).

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## **In the Diocese**

### **February 8**

#### **International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking**

It is celebrated on the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, also known as ‘Mother Moretta’ who bore 144 physical scars from when she was kidnapped at age nine and sold into slavery. Let us pray for the victims and for those who work to end human trafficking. To learn more about this important issue, visit the RCMP Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre website:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ht-tp/index-eng.htm>

#### A Prayer for an End to Human Trafficking

*God of freedom, beauty, and truth we believe that your deepest desire, your most powerful energy, is that all creation might know abundant life.*

*We raise our voices in anguished prayer for our sisters and brothers, women and girls, men, and boys, who are modern day slaves; They are your beloved daughters and sons, exploited sexually or forced to work because of human*

*violence and greed.*

*Fill us with your holy anger and your sacred passion that those who are trafficked might know healing and justice; that traffickers will come to repentance and conversion; that all of us might live in such a way that others are not made to pay the price for our comfort and convenience.*

*Hasten the coming of the day when all people and our precious Earth itself will be treated, not as a commodity, but as radiant images of your freedom, beauty and truth. Amen. May it be so.*

(Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, N.J.)

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## **February 11**

### **World Day of the Sick**

is observed each year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This year's theme is "Take care of him" - Compassion as a Synodal exercise of healing.

"On the thirty-first World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness" - Pope Francis

**Read Pope Francis' message:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>