

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted" (Mt 23:8-12).

Remember to pray for the [Faithful Departed](#) particularly from November 1 through the 8th.

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10*. This reading states that this is a people who had wandered from the way of belief in God. The prophet chastises and threatens the priests of the temple.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13*. St. Paul is especially grateful that the Thessalonians received the word as from God, not men. The preacher of the word of God is well aware of his responsibility in proclaiming and preaching that word for he asks in the prayer before the gospel that the Lord will cleanse his heart and lips as he did Isaiah's for he is aware that it is God's word that is to be preached, not his own, or on his own terms. —Excerpted from *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from the Gospel of *Matthew 23:1-12*. As this picture of the Pharisees is painted by none other than Christ himself, we can have no doubt but that the description given is the truth and nothing but the truth. In spite of their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets" — the divine revelation God had given to the Chosen People—and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to God. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to God. Their religion was an empty external cloak which they used to attract attention and honor to themselves. Internally, they were so full of their own importance that there was no room for God in their hearts.

Our divine Lord warned his disciples, and through them all of us, to avoid that pernicious vice of pride. It should not be hard for any true Christian to avoid this vice. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by God, so we must give glory to God for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it why glory in it as if it were your

own?" We owe everything we have to God and we should use all the gifts he has given us for his honor and glory, and for that purpose alone.

Do we always do this? Are we never tempted to look down on our less fortunate brothers? If we have got on well in our temporal affairs do we attribute our success to our own skill and hard work or do we thank God for the opportunities he gave to us and not to others. If, aided by God's grace, we are keeping his commandments, do we show contempt for those who give in to temptations which we did not have to meet? The best of us can profit from an examination of conscience along these lines. If our external observance of the Christian rule of life is motivated solely by love and gratitude to God all is well. But if our hearts are far from God and our motives in our religious behavior is self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position. The sinners and harlots of Christ's day repented and were received into his kingdom; the Pharisees, unable to repent, were left outside.

—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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Receipts:

St. John the Baptist October 28, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 670.00
Cemetery	150.00
Truth & Reconciliation	20.00

Total **\$ 840.00**

St. Peter's October 28, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 862.00
Candles	23.05
Missals	7.00
Cemetery	210.00
World Mission	125.00
Parish Dues	20.00

Total **\$ 1,247.05**

Holy Guardian Angels October 29, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 881.50
Candles	25.85
Missals	5.00

Total **\$ 912.35**

Mass Schedule

Monday and Tuesday, November 6-7 are Clergy Study Days. See the topic in last week's bulletin. Due to this event there will not be a Mass at SJB on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Wednesday November 8, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

Friday, November 10, 2023

HGA 11:00 PM

+ *Charles Leo Sampson*

Saturday, November 11, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+*Bernard Pius Sampson*

Requested by Phil, Barbara & Michelle Boucher

SP 5:30 PM

+ *James, Isaac & Roderick Fougere*

Sunday, November 12, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11.00 AM

♥*Special Intention*

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost." Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother," and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

SJ

B: Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are now available for all three parishes. Boxes from Canada are being sent this year to Central America and the Ukraine. Please take and fill a box in support of this worthy cause. Last year 415,072 boxes were collected from across Canada. The deadline for their return is **Saturday, Nov. 11th for SJB and SP and Sunday, Nov. 12th for HGA.**

St. John the Baptist CWL

Contact Mary Fougere (902) 535-2699

Reminder to CWL members and friends to bring their recyclables to the bottle exchange in St. Peter's for our "Chalice" Christmas gift before the end of November. Thank you for your support. **St John the Baptist CWL.**

On behalf of parishioners from Holy Guardian Angels Parish we extend an invitation to our friends and neighbours from all parishes to join us on Monday, November 13th and Tuesday, November 14th for a two-day Mission. The theme is *Rekindle your Faith and Experience God's Healing Mercy*. What a great preparation for the Advent Season as we welcome the birth of Jesus.

Program for this Mission:

November 13-14, 2023

Monday, November 13

6:30pm - Music

7:00pm – Mass/Talk

8:15pm – Exposition/Adoration/Payers for healing

9:00 pm – Blessing

Tuesday, November 14 – Morning

9:00 am – Mass

9:45 am – Penitential Service and Confession

Evening

6:30 pm – Music

7:00 pm – Talk

7:45 pm – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/Adoration/Rosary

8:45 pm – Benediction followed by a social

HGA: All Souls Day commemorative ceremony for the faithful departed will take place at Holy Guardian Angels Church on Sunday, November 5th, at our regular 11:00 AM Mass. While we use this occasion to remember our dearly departed, it is also an opportunity to pray for those members of our parish community and friends who have died during the past year. **SP and SJB** will also be celebrating at their regular Saturday Mass. All families who have experienced a loss last year will be notified.

The Northside Gals Present

An evening with Sr. Jovita MacPherson



Join us for an evening with Sr. Jovita MacPherson as she shares what she's learned from people who struggle with poverty. Sister Jovita was born in Antigonish, NS, and is the youngest of a large family of 14 children: 10 boys and 4 girls! She is a Sister of St Martha and presently works at Wellspring, a hospitality center sponsored by her Congregation St Francis Xavier University. She has taught school in various parts of Canada; was a University Chaplain at both St.FXU and CBU. One of her favorite ministries was working with people who live on the streets. She worked in Halifax for 10 years and 2 years in Sydney. It is this latter ministry that we will hear about this evening.

When: Nov 15th 2023

Where: Holy Family Parish Hall

Time: 6pm-9pm

Price: Per Person: \$30

Price Per Table: \$240

Meal: Spaghetti & meatballs
with garlic bread & dessert.
meal served at 6pm

For tickets please contact Norma at 902-202-2972
or send us a message on our facebook page