

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Mt 21:42-43).

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 5:1-7*. Under the image of a wine-grower who had done everything he could to make his vineyard fertile and productive, the prophet describes God's care for and interest in his Chosen People.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9*. St. Paul is encouraging his converts to put their full trust in God.

The **Gospel** is from *Matthew 21:33-43*. There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

But they had other plans; they wanted their kingdom on earth. Yet God was patient with them; again and again He pardoned their infidelities. He sent them prophet after prophet to recall them to their senses, but they maltreated these messengers of God and refused to heed their warnings.

Then "the fullness of time" came and He sent His divine Son on earth in human form. He took His human nature from one of their race, lived among them and preached His gospel of love and peace to them. He tried to soften their hard hearts, and made them the final offer of the Father's mercy and pardon. But instead of accepting God's offer of mercy the chief priests and elders only made it an occasion of an even greater sin. To their crimes of infidelity and injustice they added the murder of God's Messiah and Son.

In God's plan of love and mercy the tragedy of Calvary turned out to be the great "triumph of failure." That death brought life to the world and opened the gates of God's eternal kingdom for all nations and races. The Gentiles rallied around the standard of Christ. A new vineyard was set up in which all men could work for their Father in heaven and for their own eternal interests.

We Christians today are the successors of the first Gentile followers of Christ. We too have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honor and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.
—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

Sept. 29, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,028.00
Cemetery	250.00
Needs of Cdn Church	30.00
Truth & Reconciliation	40.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,348.00</u>

St. Peter's

Sept. 29, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,117.00
Candles	7.00
Needs of Cdn Church	75.00
Truth & Reconciliation	40.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,239.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
Sept. 30, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,078.00
Candles	33.75
Needs of Cdn Church	205.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,316.75</u>

Schedule of Masses

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM
+Charlie (Chick) & Florence King

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

SP 9:00 AM
+ Vincent Battiste

Friday, October 13, 2023

HGA 11:00
+ Mike Sutherland

Saturday, October 14, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM
+Charlie (Chick) & Florence King
SP 5:30 PM
+ John Duncan Johnson

Sunday, October 15, 2023

SH 9:30 AM
HGA 11.00 AM
+Monica, Pearl & Simon Mombourquette

A big thank you to anyone and everyone who helped in any way the family of Charlie (Chick) King in dealing with his loss. Your support meant a great deal. Thank you all so much.

The King & Doary families

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a flea market on Oct. 6, 7, & 8 in the parking lot of St. Peter's Glebe.

HGA: 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."

Indoor Yard Sale, Saturday, October 28th, L'Ardoise Community Centre, Lower Level. Time: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Great selection, sponsored by L'Ardoise Social Action.

L'Ardoise Acadian Festival - wrap-up meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15 @ 2:00 PM. Dates for 2024 festival will be set and a financial statement will be provided. Hope to see you there.

Registration for Religion Classes will take place on Tuesday, October 10th at 3:30 PM at the basement meeting room of St. Peter's Parish Glebe House. All children in Gr.1 to and including Gr. 6 are invited to attend this faith development experience.

The Richmond County Men's Choir is up and singing for another year. We welcome any men of the county to join us. Practices are held every two weeks and the choir sings once a month in one of our Richmond County churches. In September we sang in L'Ardoise. **In October we will sing in St. Peter's on the 14th.** Our next practice will be October 11th in the Louisdale Church from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Come join a group who honour God with their voices. 'Those who **sing, pray twice.**' (St. Augustine)

L'Arche Cape Breton Benefit Concert

St. Peter's Lions' Club Sunday, October 15, 2023 2-4 PM. Featuring David Stone, Jason MacDonald, Tommy & Shelly Samson, Mannie Bourgeois, Evelyn Mac Rae, Tyrone David, Wayne Bona, Jack MacQueen & Pamela & Gerard Sampson. Freewill offering at the door, 50/50 tickets available.

October 13, 2023

Worldwide Rosary Coast to Coast

Atlantic start: 9 pm

The event will be livestreamed. Anyone unable to join the livestream is invited to light a candle and say a prayer at that time. The event will also be recorded for viewing at a later time.

For the Zoom link and more details:

<https://rosarycoasttocoast.ca/>