

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

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## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (Matt 11:25-27).*

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### Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-10* and indicates that the humility asked for by Jesus is the kind that he himself endured, for he came in meekness and without pageantry, yet his dominion would be to the ends of the earth. The example of the humble servant is the very person of Jesus himself who invites us in the second part of the gospel to come to Him for refreshment and rest. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13* and contains one of the most important yet often misunderstood themes of St. Paul. The hellenistic dichotomy between the lower and higher nature is not found here, for flesh and spirit mean the whole man and the whole man stands in need of redemption by Christ. The Pauline teaching is not that part of man is redeemed and part of him is damnable. Rather man's whole personality is redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ. The vocation of the Christian, both "body" and "soul," is to conform his already redeemed person to the same Spirit he has already received at baptism. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 11:25-30*. Pagans and Jews had the same hardships of life to face as we have, and even greater ones. They earned their daily bread with the sweat of brow and body. Their illnesses were more frequent and less bearable than ours, for they had not the medical helps that we have. Death came to young and old then as it does now, but for them it was a final parting from loved ones, and no hope of a future happy meeting served to lighten their sorrow. All their crosses were crushing weights, sent to make life more miserable. Life on earth was passed in gloom and darkness and there was no shining star in the heavens to beckon them on or give them hope.

Surely God is good to us, to put us into this world at this day and age, and give us the light of faith, and the knowledge of God and of His loving plans for us, which make the burdens of this life so relatively light and even so reasonable for us. We still have to earn our bread. We still have sickness and pains. We still have death stalking the earth, but unlike the people before Christ we now see a meaning to all these trials.

The yoke of Christ is not really a yoke but a bond of love, which joins us to Him, and through Him, to our loving Father in heaven. The rule of life which He asks us to keep, if we are loyal followers of His, is not a series of prohibitions and don'ts. It is rather a succession of sign-posts on the straight road to heaven, making our journey easier and safer. He does ask us to carry our cross daily, that is, to bear the burden of each day's duty, but once the cross is grasped firmly and lovingly it ceases to be a burden.

Ours is a world which is in an all-out search for new idols. It is a world which has left the path marked out by Christ, and forgotten or tried to forget, that man's life does not end with death. To be a Christian and to have the light of faith to guide our steps in this neo-pagan darkness, is surely a gift, and a blessing from God, for which we can never thank Him enough. Thank you, God, for this gift. Please give us the grace and the courage to live up to it and to die in the certainty that we shall hear, as we shut our eyes on the light of this world, the consoling words, "come you blessed of my Father, possess the kingdom prepared for you."

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

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

**Please call the office:**

**902-535-2053**

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

### **Instructors for Baptism:**

Mary Fougere, SJB (902) 535-2699

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

### **Receipts:**

#### **St. John the Baptist**

**July 1, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 913.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Donation</b>	<b>410.00</b>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,323.00</u></b>

#### **St. Peter's**

**July 1, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 884.25</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Road Work</b>	<b>667.00</b>

**Total** **\$ 1,571.25**

#### **Holy Guardian Angels**

**July 2, 2023**

<b>Envelopes &amp; Loose</b>	<b>\$ 987.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>26.50</b>
<b>Education for candidates To priesthood</b>	<b>255.00</b>



<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-07/sea-sunday-church-is-close-to-seafarers.html>

### **The 10th North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) July 15 – 23, 2023**

The Games will host competitions in 16 sports within 21 venues across Kijipuktuk (Halifax), Dartmouth, Millbrook First Nation and Sipekne'katik. The Games will bring together more than 5,000 athletes, coaches, and team staff from 756+ Indigenous Nations celebrating, sharing, and reconnecting through sport and culture with the help of 3,000 volunteers. I believe Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, July 15 as the Games open.

### **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday, July 23, 2023**

Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.” This year’s theme is “His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50), raising the relational interconnection between the old and the young.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2023/06/15/230615a.html>

### **Anniversaries**

The 40+ annual "Outdoor Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine" at Johnstown will be celebrated on Sunday, July 9 with Mass at 2 p.m. followed by the Strawberry Festival at the Parish Hall.

St. Joseph Church in Glencoe Mills is celebrating its 150 Anniversary on Saturday, July 29 with Mass at 5 p.m.

St. Lawrence Catholic Women’s League in Mulgrave are celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Saturday, August 26 with Mass at 4 p.m.

Holy Guardian Angels Parish in L'Ardoise continues celebrating its 200 Anniversary on Sunday, September 3 with Mass at 3:00 p.m..

### **St. Anne Mission on Chapel Island**

As part of the annual five-day St. Anne Mission on Chapel Island, the spiritual gathering of the Mi’kmaq people with Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy and the Mi’kmaq Grand Council, I will celebrate Mass on Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m..

### **Ordination of a Deacon August 15, 2023**

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, we are delighted to announce the Ordination of David Rankin to the Order of Deacon on Tuesday August 15, 2023, the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary Church, Mabou at 2 p.m.

### **Bishop’s Barbecue August 23, 2023**

St. Pierre Church in Chéticamp has graciously agreed to host the annual Bishop’s barbecue on Wednesday August 23, 2023 beginning at 3 p.m.

### **Priests Retreat June 2 – 7, 2024**

Everyone enjoyed the good food and facilities from our Retreat this past year, so our Priests Retreat 2024 has been booked from June 2 to 7, 2024 again at the Gaelic College.

May this summer be a time of renewal for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Joseph  
Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **HGA: NOVENA to St. ANNE:**

From July 17 to July 25, HGA will be praying a novena to St. Anne at 10:30 each morning at Holy Guardian Angels Church. Everyone is welcome.

**The Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**HGA: There will be a celebration of life for the late Gale (Cotie) Martell at 1:00 PM at the L'ardoise Community Centre on July 23, 2023. Burial at a later date**

### **Retreat Weekend with Fr Mark Cherry**

**July 21-23, 2023**

#### **Our Lady of Grace Monastery**

Theme: Show Us Your Face, Lord

God is moving very powerfully this year, pouring out His Spirit abundantly on all who are thirsty. If you are seeking a fresh touch from the Lord upon your life, healing, wisdom for these times, along with sound Catholic teaching and anointed praise and worship, then this Conference is for you. Come expecting great things as we gather in the name of our wonderful Lord Jesus.

Doors open 5 pm on Friday, July 21. Accommodations available.

**For conference options and registration:**

<https://ourladyofgracemonastery.ca/conference-weekend/>

### **Bishop Emeritus of Edmundston**

**Dies at age 83**

Most Rev. François Thibodeau, C.J.M., died June 26, 2023, at the Residence Domaine Mahonia in Quebec City.

Diocesan funeral will be July 5 in Edmunston.

<https://www.lepinecloutier.com/fr/avis-de-deces/71381-mgr-francois-thibodeau>

**Sundays 7 - 9pm**

**Entre Deux Rivières/Between Two Rivers with Fr Peter LeBlanc  
on CKJM FM: Coopérative Radio Chéticamp Ltée**

Uplifting reflections and spiritual music. Aired on 106.1 FM in the Cheticamp area, 92.5 FM in Pomquet and 97.5 in Sydney.

**Listen via radio or the CKJM website:**

<https://www.ckjmfm.ca/>

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# **Festival on the Lake – Sampsonville 2023**

## **Thursday, July 13**

Kids' Movie Night  
Popcorn & Drinks - \$2.00  
6:00 PM

## **Friday, July 14**

45 Card Play for home baking - \$.50 /game  
7:00 PM

## **Saturday, July 15**

Flea Market - tables for rent \$10 each  
Tea/coffee and treat \$2.00  
10:00 AM till 2:00 PM  
Concert 7:00 PM till 11:00 PM (Bar Open)

## **Sunday, July 16**

Pot luck dinner  
11: 00 AM till 1:00 PM  
Adults \$12.00, Children 10 years and under \$8.00

**Tickets on sale throughout events for a combination prize of a Grass Trimmer with battery pack and a Washer Toss Game - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**

**All events at Lakeside Community Centre**