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September 10, 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt 18:19-20).

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9*. The vocation of a prophet, as envisioned in terms of Ezekiel's oracles, is to judge the evil and the wicked and to dissuade them from their ways. The prophet has the responsibility of announcing the judgment of God, not his own judgment, and non-fulfillment of preaching the message of God involves death for the prophet, whereas he will save his life if he is faithful to the message given to him to preach. —Excerpted from *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 13:8-10*. In the first seven verses of this chapter St. Paul urged the Christian converts of Rome to obey all lawful civil authority. He now turns to the obligation each Christian has of loving his neighbor. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 18:15-20*. Unfortunately, there are far too many Christians today who pay no heed to the serious obligation of encouraging an erring brother to give up his sinful ways. They shrug it off by saying : "I have more than enough to do to keep myself from sin" or "am I my brother's keeper"? The answer is in this lesson we have just read. We are our brothers' keepers, and even if we have many temptations and inclinations to sin we shall not overcome them if we have no time to think of our neighbors' need.

There are, alas, millions of lapsed or luke-warm Christians who could and would have been active members of Christ's mystical body if their neighbors had fulfilled this grave obligation which Christ has imposed on us all. They are now a source of scandal to the weaker and youthful members of the Church, and an impediment to the possible acceptance of the faith by non-Christians. Would the Reformation, which has caused whole countries of the western world to lose almost all faith in Christ and indeed in God, have had such disastrous effects, if those who remained within the Church had put this law of fraternal charity into practice? However, it is no use crying over spilt milk! Let us see our present-day obligations and what we are doing to help our neighbors retain their Christian faith and practice. How much of the indifference to religion which the youth of today seems to be showing is due to lack of parental control and example? How many children of Christian families grow up as practical pagans because their Christian faith meant little or nothing to

Holy Guardian Angels

Sept. 3, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,756.75
Candles	148.10
Candidates for the Priesthood	20.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,924.85</u>

Schedule of Masses

Monday, Sept. 11, 2023

HGA 11:00 AM

♥*Gerard & Frances Taylor*

60th Wedding Anniversary

Fr. Mariadoss

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

+ *Lloyd Richards*

See the announcement below.

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Francis "Mickey" & Lillian Martel*

+ *Huguette Martell*

Fr. Mariadoss

Friday, September 15, 2023

HGA 11:00 AM

+ *Manny Mombourquette*

Saturday, September 16, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+ *Peter E. Pottie*

SP 5:30 PM

Sunday, September 17, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11.00 AM

+ *Dan & Anita Longaphy*

COMMUNITY NEWS

SP: There will be a memorial Mass for Lloyd Richards on Sept. 13th 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.”**

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."

HGA: Friends of Fr. Mariadoss are having a going away celebration for him on September 10th from 2-4 PM at L'Ardoise Jolly Club. All are welcome. We wish him well on his return trip to India.

HGA: There will be a 60th 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.

The 200th Anniversary Committee of Holy Guardian Angels Parish would like to acknowledge the wonderful support of our families, friends and neighbors who shared in our special day this past Sunday. God blessed us with beautiful skies and an atmosphere which made us feel grateful for sharing our gifts and talents with others. Thank you to all our loyal volunteers who assisted in preparations at Church and the Community Centre. Your presence and participation is our humble gratitude. We continue to pray for guidance and support as we answer our baptismal call of service to others.

Stevie Sampson

Chair

Holy Guardian Angels Parish 200th Anniversary.

Note: Telile Community Station will air the 200th Anniversary Mass next Monday and Tuesday @11:00 AM.

Feast of St. Ninian

Saturday, September 16

St. Ninian is the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Antigonish.

This year, St. Ninian Cathedral is launching the celebration of its 150th anniversary in 2024 with a Mass and supper on the feast day.

For details on the 150th parish celebrations:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/b06b76f3801/ceb400f5-ba9e-4e01-93eb-0c22e6f93b63.pdf>

St. Ninian, pray for us.

Presentation: Hope in a Time of Climate Emergency

After a summer where we have experienced the disastrous effects of climate change-related wildfires and flooding, it is hard not to be anxious about the future. Dr. Hilda Koster will offer a presentation bringing the wisdom of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home to the work of reimagining our lives together for a future that is just and sustainable for all. All are welcome to attend.

Dr. Koster is Associate Professor of Ecological Theology at Regis-St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, University of Toronto where she directs the Elliott Allen Institute for Theology and Ecology. Her presentation is part of the St. FX Vicar of the Founder lecture series.