

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The king said to him, "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." Many are invited, but few are chosen (Mt 22:12-14).

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10a*. In today's reading Isaiah describes under the image of a great banquet, the blessings, the contentment and happiness that the messianic kingdom will bring.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*. The Philippians were the only converts from whom St. Paul accepted any financial help. He is thanking them here for some such assistance which he must surely have needed for he was in prison when he wrote this letter. He assures them that God will reward them for the charitable aid given him.

The **Gospel** is taken from *Matthew 22:1-14*. How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us. But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbor. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

—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

October 7, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 822.00
Cemetery	800.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,622.00</u>

St. Peter's

October 7, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,021.00
Candles	12.00
Needs of Cdn Church	4.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,037.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels

October 8, 2023

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 702.00
Candles	33.75
Truth & Reconciliation	55.00
Missals	10.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 795.85</u>

Schedule of Masses

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+*Charlie King*

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

SP 9:00 AM

+ *Vincent Battiste*

Friday, October 20, 2023

HGA 11:00 PM

+ *Manny Mombourquette*

Saturday, October 21, 2023

SJB 4:00 PM

+*Charlie King*

SP 5:30 PM

+ *Eric Lacroix*

Sunday, October 22, 2023

SH 9:30 AM

HGA 11.00 AM

+*Manny Mombourquette*

HGA: THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our 60th Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 24. We appreciated the efforts of family and friends, and the many greetings and well wishes that made our day so memorable. Thank you all from the bottom of our heart. God bless. Tommy and Kay Mombourquette

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."

Laudate Deum:

On The Climate Crisis

This new Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis was released on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

“Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si’*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point,” Pope Francis writes. *Laudate Deum* is an urgent appeal for change now, including awareness, technology, politics, and spiritual reflection, renewal, and redirection, as “a human being who pretends to take

the place of God becomes the worst danger to himself.”

[Read Laudate Deum](#)

Human Trafficking Prevention Education Event

Oct. 17, 4-5 pm

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney

Join the CWL as we host a one-hour virtual presentation by the JOY SMITH Foundation, Canada’s leading authority on human trafficking prevention, intervention, and support for survivors.

Why: Human Trafficking can happen to anyone.

*Within 1 km of you someone is being lured into sex trafficking.

* 13 years old is the average age of entry into Sex trafficking.

*93% of Canadian human trafficking victims are born in Canada.

Education is our greatest weapon as we work together to end this horrific crime.

This event is open to everyone. Please come and join us.