

St. Peter, Holy Guardian Angels, and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13*. This reading has the tone and force of a lamentation psalm where persecutors are all around the just man, and his only strength is the Lord himself. —*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 5:12-15*. St. Paul is speaking of some of the immediate effects of Christian salvation, as brought to mankind by Christ. St. Paul stresses the fact that Christ through his death not only conquered sin but poured out divine grace so abundantly and lavishly on mankind, making them his brothers and therefore sons of God, that there is no comparison between the world redeemed by Christ's death and the world of sin which prevailed up to then. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 10:26-33*. What our Lord said to His Apostles applies to all Christians in the practice of their faith. By the very fact of living our faith openly and fully we are apostles by example. If we are always truthful and faithful to our promises, if we are honest in all our dealings, if as employers we pay a just wage and treat those working for us not as "hands" but as whole men and women, if as employees we give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, if we live chaste lives whether in single life or in marriage, we are true Christians. Above all, if we have true love of God and show our appreciation of all that he has done for us, and if we prove that love, by helping his other children, our neighbors, we are a light shining in the darkness, because we are helping others to see the true meaning of the Christian religion.

This true light is needed more today perhaps than ever before. Our world is three quarters pagan or neo-pagan. The neo-pagans are those who once were Christians but abandoned their religion, sometimes through their own fault, but more often than not, because of the bad example they were given by their fellow Christians. These are worse off spiritually than the pagans who have never heard of Christ or the true God. These latter have at least some idols, some ancestral deities, to whom they pay respect. The neo-pagans have only themselves to venerate, and they can find little spiritual uplift in this form of religion.

A large majority of today's teenagers, in most so-called Christian countries, have come to despise, or at least to neglect, the religion of their ancestors. In most cases the cause of this is that Christianity was never really put into practice in their own homes. There are cases of very black sheep coming out of very white Christian homes, but these are cases of weak personality—they prefer to follow the mob rather than try to force their way against it. On the whole, the decline of religion among today's youth is due to bad example from their elders.

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control ..."

These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves.

Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven."
—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

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Mass Schedule

Fr. Daniel MacDonald has agreed to celebrate Mass this Sunday, June 25th at Holy Guardian Angels at 11:00 AM for this week only.

Fr. Charles Cameron has agreed to celebrate Mass June 24th at 4:00 PM at St. John the Baptist and 5:30 PM at St. Peter's and if necessary for next 2 weeks, July 1 and July 8th at St. John the Baptist and St. Peter's.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HGA: The Annual Meeting of HGA Parish has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 25th @2:00 P.M., L'Ardoise Community Center. At this meeting, an annual report on the operation of the Parish will be given, including a financial statement. Also available at this meeting will be a review of the operation of the L'Ardoise community Centre and the Cemetery Fund. Various committees will also provide an update, including Religious Education, Social Action and the 200th Anniversary Committee. This meeting is open to the general public and everyone is encouraged to attend .

A 200th Anniversary Commemorative Souvenir Booklet and Vintage Calendar are now available for sale. An e-transfer account has also been setup and we can arrange to mail out a package to anyone. For more information on these

great souvenir items, contact Steve (902-631-4460) or Blair (902-535-4107).
Books and
Calendars are \$20.00 each.

Knights of Columbus winners were: 1st Prize (10 lbs. lobster & 10 lbs. crab)
Kelsey Boyce; 2nd prize (10 lbs. crab) **Trudy MacMillan** and 3rd prize (10 lbs.
crab) **Kay Mombourquette.** Congrats to all

Blessing and installation of new crosses for Holy Guardian Angels Cemetery
will take place at 10:30 am, July 28th. New crosses will be placed on graves
listed below, Everyone is welcome to attend the event commencing at Holy
Guardian Angel church.

Felix John Briand
Mrs Helair Mombourquette
Helair D mombourquette
Mrs Alex Mombourquette
Mrs Patrick Campbell
Joe Rehberg
Ann Pottie
Elizabeth Pottie
Maria Brymer
Joseph Mombourquette
Joseph Briand
Anthony Sampson
Mrs Anthony Sampson
Mrs Jules Sampson
David Riley
Sabine Riley
Alex B Mombourquette
Charles D Mombourquette
Alfred Pottie
Mrs Mary Briand
Mary E Pottie
Rose Marie Bona
Paula Bourdeau
Lawrence Mombourquette
Mina (Vina) Martell

Mrs Jane S Martell
Eliza Pottie
Margaret Martell
Alex W Sampson
Mrs Wilfred Burkey
Wilfred P Briand
Brenda & Robert Sampson
Elizabeth LeRue & son
Mateneau Martell
Mary S Evong
Albert Evong
Jean Peterson
Walter P Peterson
Pat Sampson
Mary J Sampson
Louis Pottie
Eliza M Pottie
Zibin Brymer
Colleen Briand
John Edward Macintosh
Mary Viola Macintosh
Francis P Pate
Margaret Bona
Joseph Bona
Unnamed Headstones x 11