

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

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July 14, 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Amos 7:12-15*. When he foretold the murder of Jeroboam and the exile of Israel Amos was denounced by Amaziah, the priest in charge of the sanctuary of Bethel, and was expelled from Israel.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10*. This letter was written from Rome to remind St. Paul's converts to continue to be faithful to the teaching he had given them while in Ephesus.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 6:7-13*. That Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love, his message of eternal salvation, to the whole world without human help need not be proved. He could, for instance, have written the Gospel in the sky-over each country in its own language. He could have gone to every part of the earth, after his resurrection, and taught his doctrine to all peoples, confirming his words with extraordinary miracles. Yet he chose the weaker but the more human way of evangelizing men—he sent their own fellowmen to bring them the message. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature, much better and much more effectively than the use of any of the supernatural means which he could have employed.

God, and Christ is God, gave man the gift that we call freewill. Man is able to choose between alternatives. God wants man to choose heaven as his eternal home, but he wants him to choose it without compulsion or coercion. He will have volunteers in heaven not conscripts. The man who chooses heaven must choose the means for going there. If you choose a holiday resort for your summer vacation, you must buy travel tickets, book a hotel and save up the expenses necessary for the holiday. By appointing mortal men to bring the news of salvation, the news of heaven, and the means of getting there to all of us, Christ has given us the chance of exercising our freewill and therefore of meriting heaven. Refusal to accept would hardly be possible if Christ informed us miraculously or taught us in person. If some extraordinary individual could persist in refusing, his refusal would be utterly inexcusable.

God's mercy and love can reach into the darkest corners and produce fruit from the most unlikely and apparently most neglected of orchards.

While we thank God from our hearts today for having been put on the road to heaven, let us remember in our prayers our fellowmen, God's other children, who are trudging along through the fields and hedges. May God continue to show his mercy and divine understanding toward them!

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

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office:
902-535-2053

Office Hours: 9:00 AM– 12:00

Monday & Tuesday (Laureen Burke)
Wednesday & Thursday (Mary Sutherland)

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM
+Catherine Boudreau

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

SP 9:00 AM
+ Peggy Collet

Friday, July 19, 2024

SP 11:00 AM
Mass of Christian Burial
+ Arthur Sampson
SP 1:00 PM
Mass of Christian Burial
+ Cecilia Whitty

Saturday, July 20, 2024

SJB 4:00 PM
+ John MacNeil
SP 5:30 PM

Sunday, July 21, 2024

SH 9:30 AM
+ Robert Pictou
HGA 11:00 AM
+Rita Sampson

Receipts

St. John the Baptist

July 6, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 825.00
Cemetery	20.00
Property Maintenance	535.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,380.00</u>

St. Peter's

July 6, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,229.00
Candles	12.95
New Tractor Donations	400.00
Cemetery Donation	150.00
Improvement Fund	5.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,796.95</u>

Holy Guardian Angels

July 7, 2024

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 776.00
Candles	36.70
Candidates for Priesthood	250.00
<u>Total</u>	\$ <u>1,062.70</u>

Community News

A Report from Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Monday, July 8, 2024

-There were approximately 15,280 reported Canadian assisted deaths in 2023 up by more than 15% from 2022.

-As I wait for the federal government to release Canada's 2023 euthanasia data, last week British Columbia released its 2023 provincial euthanasia data.

-According to the BC Medical Assistance in Dying [2023 report](#) there were 2,767 reported assisted deaths up by 10% from 2515 in [2022](#).

-It is concerning that "other conditions" represented 32.9% of the BC assisted deaths in 2023. Other conditions were reported under these categories:

Autoimmune Condition 2.4%, Chronic Pain 24.8%, Diabetes 9.8%, Frailty 60.5%, Other Comorbidities* 52.1%

-Canada's MAiD law does not require that a person be terminally ill. Diabetes, frailty chronic pain and autoimmune conditions are usually chronic and not terminal conditions.

-The report doesn't indicate the conditions that comprise "Other Comorbidities" yet the report indicates that Mental Disorders, as a comorbidity, is within that category.

-Euthanasia for mental disorders alone is not permitted in Canada but if a person has a mental disorder and another comorbidity (condition) then the person can qualify to be killed.

-The report excludes any important information, such as an analysis of questionable deaths or a further examination of why a person actually asked to be killed, rather it only includes their condition.

Canada's euthanasia statistics:

On February 6, 2024 I predicted that there were approximately 16,000 Canadian euthanasia deaths in 2023. At that time I had less data.

Based on the data from Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta and Nova Scotia, I now predict that there were approximately 15,280 Canadian euthanasia deaths in 2023. Here is how I came to that predication: CBC Radio Canada published an article on March 9, 2024 stating that there was a 17% increase in Québec euthanasia deaths with 5,686 reported deaths representing 7.3% of all deaths, which is the highest rate in the world in 2023. The Radio Canada report was based on the Quebec euthanasia deaths between January 1 - December 31, 2023.

-The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario released the December 2023 MAiD data indicating that there were 4,641 reported euthanasia deaths in 2023 which was up by 18% from 3,934 reported euthanasia deaths in 2022.

-The Alberta Health Services reports that there were 977 reported assisted deaths in 2023 which was up by more than 18% from 836 reported assisted deaths in 2022.

-The Nova Scotia Medical Assistance in Dying data indicates that there were 342 reported assisted deaths in 2023 which was up by more than 25% from 272 in 2022.

-An article published by Global news, which may only be preliminary data, indicated that there were 236 reported Manitoba assisted deaths in 2023 which was up by 6% from 223 in 2022.

-The BC Medical Assistance in Dying 2023 report stated that there were 2,767 reported assisted deaths up 10% from 2,515 in 2022.

-According to the data from Ontario, Québec, Alberta, Nova Scotia, Manitoba and British Columbia, there were 14,413 assisted deaths in 2023 (in those Provinces) which is up by 15.4% from 12,490 assisted deaths in 2022 (in those Provinces). Since the total number of Canadian assisted deaths in 2022 was 13,241, I can predict that there were approximately 15,280 Canadian assisted deaths in 2023.

HGA

EVERYONE WELCOME:

We are planning to have a nine-day novena to honour St. Anne from Wed, July 17 to Thurs, July 25 at 10:30 each morning at HGA church in L'Ardoise. We shall have prayers and hymns for about 30 minutes followed by the veneration of our relic of St. Anne. We invite you to join us to pray for the sick and the suffering, and for your own personal intentions.

HGA Festival

Holy Mass on Saturday, July 27, 2024 will be at 6:30 PM with the Richmond Men's Choir. The change of the time of Mass will be for this date only due to the festival. St. John the Baptist will be at regular time of 4:00 PM and Sacred Heart will be at regular time of 9:30 AM on Sunday, 28th with St. Peter's at 11:00 AM.

Quilt & Artisan Sale

August 2, 3, 4 & 5

St. David's Church, Port Hastings

10:00 AM till 7:00 PM

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Bring your crafts in on August 1, 2024 to be displayed