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**April 6, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

## **Mass Readings**

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet *Isaiah*, 43:16-21. Last week we heard of the conclusion of the exodus from Egypt; the first Passover celebration in the land of Canaan. This week we look forward to a new exodus that God promises through the prophet Isaiah. The new exodus promises to be far more wonderful than the first. God promises to restore His people after they have suffered in exile.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians*, 3:8-14, and is a warning to the Philippians about false teachers; Judaizers who would try to hang on to the old ways while at the same time claiming to be Christians. The Judaizers taught that in order to be a Christian, you first had to be a Jew: to be circumcised and to obey all 613 Old Covenant commandments. This question, whether or not Gentile converts to Christianity must first become full and legal Jews, prompted the Council of Jerusalem.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John*, 8:1-11 and is about the woman caught in adultery. "The two of them were left on their own, the wretched woman and Mercy. But the Lord, having smitten them with the dart of injustice, does not even deign to watch them go but turns his gaze away from them and once more writes on the ground with his finger. But when the woman was left alone and they had all gone, he lifted up his eyes to the woman. We have already heard the voice of justice; let us now hear the voice of gentleness. I think that woman was the more terrified when she heard the Lord say, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her,' . . . fearing now that she would be punished by him, in whom no sin could be found. But he, who had driven away her adversaries with the tongue of justice, now looking at her with the eyes of gentleness, asks her, 'Has no one condemned you?' She replies, 'No one, Lord.' And he says, 'Neither do I condemn you; I who perhaps you feared would punish you, because in me you have found no sin.' Lord, can it be that you favour sinners? Assuredly not. See what follows: 'Go and sin no more.' Therefore, the Lord also condemned sin, but not the woman' (St Augustine, *In Ioann. Evang.*, 33, 5-6).

Jesus, who is the just One, does not condemn the woman; whereas these people are sinners, yet they pass sentence of death. God's infinite mercy should move us always to have compassion on those who commit sins, because we ourselves are sinners and in need of God's forgiveness. —*The Navarre Bible—St. John, Year C*

# Schedule of Mass Intentions

## Tuesday, April 8, 2025

SJB 4:00 PM  
+ *Marjorie Digout*

## Wednesday, April 9, 2025 9:00 AM

SP  
+ *Melvina Pottie*

## Friday, April 11, 2025

HGA 1:00 PM  
*Mass of Christian Burial*  
+ *Duncan Anthony MacDonald*

## Saturday, April 12, 2025

SJB 4:00 PM  
+ *Marjorie Digout*  
SP 5:30 PM  
+ *Frank & Mike Sutherland*

## Sunday, April 13, 2025

SH 9:00 AM  
HGA 11:00 AM  
+ *Lawrence, Clara, Ralph & James Bona*

# Receipts

## St. John the Baptist

March 29, 2025

Envelopes & Loose \$ 922.00

Total \$ 922.00

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## St. Peter's

March 29, 2025

Envelopes & Loose \$ 996.00  
Candles 12.00

Total \$ 1,008.00

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## Holy Guardian Angels

March 30, 2025

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 1,195.00
Candles	41.05
Dues	10.00
Share Lent	105.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 1,351.05</u>

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## Community Notes

### **Rev. Pierre Antoine St. Cyr, C.S.C.**

Father Pierre Antoine St. Cyr, C.S.C., died on April 1 at the Cheticamp Hospital after a brief struggle with cancer. He was age 57, in his 27th year of priesthood. He has served as Pastor of Paroisse Saint-Pierre, Cheticamp, and Paroisse Saint-Joseph, St. Joseph du Moine, since June 2019.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Father Pierre Antoine's family, his parish communities, as well as the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

**PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP!** In Canada, about 300 innocent children are aborted everyday. Do you want to learn how to defend these innocent pre-born children, and have meaningful conversations on abortion and the dignity of human life? Join for training and hands-on experience doing pro-life outreach in Halifax, NS from **May 2-6**. You can learn pro-life strategy and apologetics that will equip you to reach our culture to change minds and save lives. ***Application deadline is April 25th.***

**From: Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**Elections have consequences. Don't vote for candidates who will expand the killing.** Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director,

**This is an important election for those who oppose killing people.**

[Canada's 2023 euthanasia report](#) stated that there were 15,343 reported euthanasia deaths representing 4.7% of all deaths.

My research uncovering the [2024 Canadian euthanasia data](#) indicates that there were approximately 16,500 reported euthanasia deaths. In [Québec, the number of euthanasia deaths increased again](#). Québec has the highest euthanasia rate in the world.

The Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario released a report from the [Ontario MAiD Death review Committee](#) indicating that there were at least [428 non-compliant Ontario euthanasia deaths](#) from 2018 to 2023.

Recently, Canada's federal government was studying [expanding euthanasia to advance requests](#), meaning, to permit people who state in an advance directive that they would want euthanasia, that the person could be killed if they become incompetent.

Canada is currently scheduled to allow euthanasia for mental illness (alone) [beginning on March 17, 2027](#). A report by the Special Joint Committee on

Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD) that was [tabled in the House of Commons on February 15, 2023](#) called for a drastic expansion of euthanasia by recommending that children "mature minors" and patients with mental illnesses should be eligible for euthanasia and that patients with dementia should be permitted to make advance requests by advanced directives for euthanasia.

On March 21, 2025 the [Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committee report](#) urged Canada's federal government to:

Repeal Track 2 Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), including the 2027 commencement of Track 2 MAiD for persons whose “sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness”;

Not support proposals for the expansion of MAiD to include “mature minors” and through advance requests;

**Elections have clear consequences.**

I urge you to not vote for candidates or a government that will be committed to further expansions of killing.

Reject the status quo. We cannot afford another euthanasia expansion government.

**The officers’ and regular meeting of the Father / Pere Vincent de Paul Council** will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Glebe at 6:30 pm.

**HGA:** Anyone wishing to donate towards Easter Flowers please mark the envelope with your number and put it the collection. Thank You

**HGA: Trivia**

L’Ardoise Legion, Sat, April 12th, 8:15 pm

Fundraiser for Cadet Reunion

Contact: Theresa 587-2511 or Gail 951-0330 to put in a team.