

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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Readings

The **First Reading** is taken from *Isaiah 58:7-10*. When lowliness unites all men, then God will fill the need of the world with his glorious presence. The final age will have to come.

The **Second Reading** is from *St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:1-5*. We continue this week with Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians as he addresses divisions within the Church. As you will recall, two weeks ago we heard Paul address those who claimed to belong to Apollos, those who claimed Cephas, others who claimed Paul, and even those who followed only Christ. At that time, he reminded them all that the Church is the body of Christ and as such cannot be divided. Last week he reminded us that God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning to be His followers. If anyone can boast, they can boast only in that they have been chosen by God. This week he reminds us that we are to pay attention to what is important—we are to hear the clear message of the crucified Christ and pay attention to it and not the messenger.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 5:13-16*. No less an authority than Christ himself calls his true followers the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." These are titles of honor, surely, and of the greatest distinction. Christ is putting his true follower on almost a level with himself. He was the light of the world; he was the salt of the earth. He it was who gave men the knowledge of the true nature of God, as shown by the Incarnation. He it was who gave this life its flavor, who gave this life its meaning, its preservation. By his death and resurrection, he took away the sting of death, and removed its eternal corruption, by the guarantee and promise of a resurrection to an eternal life.

This every Christian knows, and this knowledge every Christian helps to bring to those who are ignorant of it, if he lives his life daily and sincerely. The Christian who does this, is really another Christ; he is continuing his work of salvation during his years on earth. He is the salt, of the earth and the light of the world. How many of us, can truly say that these honorable titles, which Christ gives to his followers, are given to us?

In true humility, we can all say that we are far from worthy of any such honorable titles. Yet in all sincerity too, many if not the majority among us, are doing their little bit of Christ's work, in cultivating their own small corner of his vineyard. The parents who teach the Christian way of life to their children by word, and especially by example, are spreading the Christian faith. The workmen, whether in office or factory, who show that they are Christians by their honesty, charity for their fellowmen, their respect for God, and the things of God, in their speech, are spreading their Christian faith. All those who show moderation in their personal expenditures, and donate some of their savings to help their brothers, their fellow men who are in need, these are true disciples of Christ and are cooperating with him in bringing God's children back to their Father who is in heaven.

Unlike the salt that has lost its flavor, and the light that is kept under the bushel, the Christian who has thus behaved can change his attitude, provided he is aided by God's grace which is never refused. He can become once more what he ought to be—a life-preserver for his neighbor. Life on earth is short. The demands of our Christian life may not always be easy, but we know that if we live up to them, we are other Christs. We are continuing his great work by our own good example to our neighbor, and we are giving glory to God, and are earning for ourselves the eternal light of heaven.

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

Schedule of Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

SJB

+ Warren Burke

4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

SP **9:00 AM**
World Day of the Sick
For parishioners who struggle with poor health

Friday, February 13, 2026

HGA **11:00 AM**
+ Mary Lucille Boudreau

Saturday, February 14, 2026

SJB **4:00 PM**
+ Warren Burke
SP **5:30 PM**
+ Eva Landry

Sunday, February 15, 2026

HGA **11:00 AM**
Family of Frances Taylor
+ Alvin & Debbie Roger

Receipts

St. John the Baptist
January 31, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	1,251.00
Property Maintenance		650.00
Donation		100.00
Cemetery		100.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>2,101.00</u>

St. Peter's
January 31, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	825.00
Altar Society		205.00
Initial Offering		5.00
New Year's Offering		10.00
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>1,045.00</u>

Holy Guardian Angels
February 1, 2026

Envelopes & Loose	\$	895.00
Candles		42.50
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>937.50</u>

Community News

The family sincerely thanks everyone for the prayers, kindness, and support shown during our time of loss. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Yake, the parish choir, and the CWL for the beautiful service, as well as for all Mass offerings, charitable donations, the CWL reception, food donations, and every expression of sympathy. Your generosity and compassion have brought us great comfort.

The family of Lucille Boudreau

SJB: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 17th at the Tara Lynne Centre 4pm to 6pm, \$12 per adult and \$5 for children 10 and under. Also at the centre, 45 Card Game every Sunday at 2:00 pm: prizes \$100, \$60, \$40, Bring a partner only \$10 each to play.

The Netherlands already allows infant euthanasia.

This article was [published by National Review online](#) on August 25, 2025.

By Wesley J Smith

An article in the *Daily Mail* sounds the alarm that permitting infant euthanasia — i.e., infanticide — is under serious consideration in Canada:

Canada's assisted suicide laws have continued rapidly expanding in recent years, with a group of doctors now pushing for disabled newborn babies to be euthanized. . . . As assisted deaths have become a major part of Canada's health care system, the Quebec College of Physicians suggested legalizing euthanasia for infants born severely ill.

Canada has jumped so enthusiastically into the euthanasia abyss that I have little doubt that infanticide will eventually be allowed there. It's only logical. If killing is an acceptable answer to suffering, why limit the killing to adults?

Besides, as the story briefly notes, the Netherlands already allows doctors to lethally inject disabled and terminally ill babies. There is even a bureaucratic checklist to guide the infanticide known as the "Groningen Protocol." Here is what I wrote some 20 years ago when the protocol was first released:

The publishing of the Groningen Protocol isn't designed to end the secret that is not a secret. It is intended to legitimize eugenic infanticide and move it from a crime tolerated by the, oh, so tolerant Dutch, to outright legality. In other words, the last vestige of protection left in the Netherlands against infanticide — that is, the technical illegality of killing babies in the Netherlands — is to be stripped away, including the protection against the killing of disabled infants not dependent on intensive care for survival.

In a more righteous world, allowing infanticide would make the Netherlands a pariah nation, but we have become morally stunted in the West, so what's a little baby killing among friends? Many (but certainly, not all) in bioethics believe that killing babies that don't suit us is morally acceptable — and not just Peter Singer. Indeed, the protocol was even published without criticism in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

So, let us not be shocked by Canada's threatening infanticide rumblings. Instead, let us look clear eyed at the policies that logically follow from eliminating suffering by eliminating the *sufferer*, and turn back from the metastasizing euthanasia cancer before we lose what remains of our moral compass.

Previous articles about this topic:

- Canada's euthanasia lobby is pushing for child euthanasia ([Link](#)).
- Australian Human Rights Commission pushes Assisted Suicide for Children. ([Link](#)).
- The euthanasia lobby is pushing for child and infant euthanasia ([Link](#)).
- Canadian children may be euthanized with or without parental consent ([Link](#)).