



**Sacred Heart Parish
Bulletin**

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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**Change in Mass
Schedule for Dec 10th:
Mass in Johnstown will
be at 5:30, for this week
only.**

December 03, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday Readings, Year A:

The **First Reading** is from the Book of the *Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10*. To help us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, the Church recalls the prophecies of the great Isaiah on each of the four Sundays of Advent. To encourage the Chosen People who, because of the bad example of their worldly leaders, were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh their true God, the prophet reminds them of him who is to come. This was 700 years before Christ came, but it was a reminder that God, who had called Abraham and had made him the father and founder of the Chosen People some thousand years previously, had not forgotten his promises. He would fulfill his word. He would one day send them a ruler, a king, who would rule and judge with justice because he would have the true spirit of the Lord. He who was to come would set up a kingdom of peace, not only for the Chosen People but for all men. The kingdom he was to establish would be for Jew and Gentile.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 15:4-9*. St. Paul is telling newly converted Christians, converted Christians of Rome, many of whom were Jews, that the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament are still a source of instruction, encouragement, and hope. The call of Abraham and the promises made to him, and to his descendants, were fulfilled in the coming of Christ. Christ was the glory of the Chosen People—the fruit of centuries of preparation and expectation—but he brought the knowledge and blessings of the true God to the Gentile pagans also. Henceforth, all men are brothers of Christ.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction. Add to this what has been written concerning Christ's coming among us, with his teaching and promises, and we Christians surely have an inexhaustible source of encouragement and hope. To help us prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas, the Church brings before our minds sections of the Old and New Testaments, which should inspire us with new faith, hope and charity. Faith in God, who always fulfills his promises, hope for our eventual salvation, and charity, or love for God, who has done, and is still doing, such wonderful things for us unworthy men. This charity and love of God must spill over on our neighbor, if it is sincere, for as St. John tells us, the man who says he loves God and yet hates his neighbor is a liar (2 Jn. 4:20).

The Gospel is from the Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12, an angel announced to Zechariah, a priest of the temple, that he would have a son (even though his wife Elizabeth was barren and advanced in years). This son was destined to be the Precursor who would announce the proximate arrival of the long-expected Messiah. John, the name given him by the angel even before his conception, spent his youth and early manhood as a hermit in the desert of Judea, preparing himself for his exalted office. When God revealed to him that the Messiah was soon to begin his public life, John set out for the bank of the Jordan, where he began to preach repentance, in order to prepare the people for "him who was to come."

In this holy season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas. John the Baptist has words of advice and warnings for each one of us. He advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord," by true repentance of our past sins and a firm resolution to straighten "the ways of the Lord," that is, not to deviate from the true Christian way of life in the future.

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

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” — Benedict XVI

Collection
November 26, 2022

Envelopes	\$241.00
Loose	\$18.00
Missals	\$5.00
Heat	\$80.00
	\$344.00

NOTICES:

1: Bras d’Or Lakers AGM: The Bras d’Or Lakers will be holding their Annual Meeting on **Sunday December 4th at 2pm** at the Red Islands Fire Hall. All are welcome

2: Christmas Toy/Clothing Drive: It’s that time of year again. Bras d’Or Lakers annual toy and children's clothing drive is under way. We are looking for toys and children’s clothing to be donated to the St. Peters Food Bank for distribution to needy children at Christmas.

As usual, we request new, unwrapped gifts, either toys or children’s clothing.

Please bring your gifts to the Red Islands Fire Hall, between 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 4th. We look forward to seeing you there. Tea and snacks will be provided

3: Events in L’Ardoise: Saturday, December 3rd Breakfast and Food Drive.
Sunday, December 4th, Bake Sale and Merchandise Bingo.
All events at L'Ardoise Community Centre.

4: Change of Mass Time: On Saturday December 10th, Sacred Heart will switch their Mass time with Holy Guardian Angles in L’Ardoise – We will have Mass at 5:30 on December 10th

5: St. Mary’s Parish Frenchvale Fundraiser: 4 cords of firewood split and delivered with the CBRM, or \$500.00 cash. Tickets: \$1.00 each available from Cathy Johnston, 902-535-2774. Draw date: December 10th, at St. Mary’s Parish.

6: Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine “The Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine will open for a Christmas Shopping sale for one day only.
On December 10th from 1 to 4 pm. all gift items in the shop will be 50% OFF.

The Shrine remains open for visitation year round.

7: Christmas Concert: St. Joseph Parish Bras d’Or Christmas Concert Fundraiser Bras d’or Hall, 24 Villa Drive Sunday, Dec. 11th at 7:00 P.M Tickets \$12.00 For tickets call the parish office at 902.736.9633
Talent Co-ordinator: Fred Lavery
Appearances by Children’s Parish Christmas Choir, Aaron Lewis, Kimberly Fraser, Jenn Roland, Buddy MacDonald, MacArthur Dancers, Ian Aker & Fred Lavery, Hugh Toner, Dane Pedersen, Finney Boys, Father Godwin, Alan Gale, Andrew Doyle, St. Joseph Men’s Choir, Ward Glogowski & Hughie MacDonald and Earl Warhus.
50/50 and Canteen Service Available Accepting Food Bank Donations.
Not to be missed Christmas Event of the Season!

8: Christmas Concert: You are invited to a Christmas concert at St Theresa's church (381 Whitney Ave, Sydney) Dec 18 from 2:30 to 4:00pm. Local choirs and groups. Good will offering. Come in, sit down and enjoy the music!

9: Decorating for Christmas: Decorating the church for Christmas will be on Monday December 19th, at 10am. All are encouraged to come and help us get ready for Christmas Eve

10: Christmas Eve: Mass for Christmas Eve is set for 5:30 pm