



Sacred Heart Parish  
Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday  
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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** taken from the the *Acts of the Apostles* 9:26-31 is about St. Paul's first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of John* 3:18-24. In today's verses the Beloved Disciple is urging his readers to believe firmly in Jesus Christ the Son of God, and to love their neighbor with a practical love, a love which will help him in his corporal and spiritual needs.him as he is in the future life.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John* 15:1-8. The words of consolation and encouragement which our Lord spoke to his Apostles on Holy Thursday night were intended to console and encourage all his followers for all time. They encourage and console us today, and we need encouragement to persevere on the road to heaven. Living a truly Christian life is never easy. We have always the attraction of the world, and the temptations by the agents of evil, to make that life less easy still. But in our own day these difficulties have increased a hundredfold. The attractions of this world have been multiplied by the increased comforts, pleasures and means of self-indulgence which science and technology have put within our reach. Human nature, always inclined to choose the easiest way out, has been given so many means of escape from the strain of self-control that even for a fervent Christian it is frequently very difficult to avoid these worldly allurements.

Indeed we all act like sheep on many occasions, when it comes to the things that concern our spiritual welfare. We often ramble off from the flock to nibble at little bits of forbidden pasture. However, we have a Shepherd who understands us, one whose patience and love are infinite. He is always ready to go after us when we stray too far; his voice is constantly reaching out to us in missions, retreats, sicknesses, crosses and other various ways. How many times have we already felt his loving grace calling and helping us back to the safety of his fold?

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

The devout Christian will not stop at good example only. If he truly loves God, he must truly love his neighbor and must want him to have a share in his own good fortune. He knows there is welcome and room in heaven for all men, and he knows that the greater the number there the greater will be God's eternal glory. He will strive then by every available means to help his neighbor into Christ's fold.

After good example, prayer will be his most potent weapon. Day in, day out the devout Christian must pray for the conversion of his fellowmen who are wandering aimlessly in the barren desert of this life far from God. He must also learn all he can about the truths of his faith in order to be able to help honest enquirers. He must also cooperate with any parochial or diocesan societies for the propagation of the faith, insofar as his family and financial state allow him.

The sermon preached by our Savior nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world, calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold. Do not shut your ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping your fellowman to see the light of the true faith.

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

Collection

April 21/2024

|                                 |          |
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| Envelopes                       | \$255.00 |
| Loose                           | \$20.00  |
| Donation I/M of Alice MacDonald | \$200.00 |
|                                 | \$475.00 |

Notices:

**1: Pastoral Airs Concert** Sunday, April 28 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. St. Peter’s United Church- Crock-Pot-Luck meal to follow in the church hall- Free will offering at the doors- A great line -up of musicians- Partial proceeds to go to Parkinson’s Canada Research.

**2: Food Handler's Certification** course for seniors over 55 in the District 10 Volunteer Fire Department area Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 10 am to 3 pm. No charge for this course. Limited seating available. Call Debbie Johnston at 902-304-0558 to confirm your attendance.

**3: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer’s Market:** We are pleased to announce the third season of the Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer’s Market. This year the Market will operate 10:30 am to 1 pm every **SUNDAY** from June 30 to September 8. Interested vendors should contact johnstownlanding@gmail.com or Rita Campbell 902-631-0209. **Note:** vendors do not need to commit to attending every week. Johnstown Landing is located across from the Johnstown Parish Hall.

**4: A Heavy Garbage Collection Program** will be carried out in Richmond County from May 6 to June 2, 2024. Waste should be placed curbside by 8am on Monday of the scheduled collection week for the area; items placed at the curb after collection has started in the area may not be collected.

**Week 2 (May 13 - 19)**

- Louisdale, Grand Anse, Lennox Passage
- Johnstown, Loch Lomond to St.Peter's, remaining portions of Richmond East of St.Peter’s Canal

Items Accepted For Collection (Includes but is not limited to)

- Walk behind lawnmowers;
- Barbecues (no propane tanks);
- Snow blowers;
- Bicycles;
- Lawn Furniture;
- Furniture;
- Box springs and mattresses;
- Appliances (refrigerators, stoves, washers, etc);
- Hot water heaters;
- Fixtures (sinks, toilets, bathtubs, etc);
- Residential renovation,/ construction material;
- Bagged waste must be in clear, transparent, bags;

Please place similar items such as metals and loose wood in separate piles at the curbside.

Please note that no scavenging of materials at the curbside by third parties is permitted.

Items placed for heavy collection shall not exceed 75 kg (165 lbs) in weight for any one item or 150 kg. (330 lbs) for all items for any one dwelling unit and no individual item shall measure more than 2.1 meters (7 ft.) in any dimension.

Waste that qualifies for curbside collection (municipal solid waste and recyclables) should NOT be placed for Heavy Collection – it should be placed for weekly collection.

**5: Tentative List of events taking place at the Johnstown Parish Hall**

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| Sunday July 7 - Strawberry Festival - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| Sunday July 7 - Guadalupe Mass - 2:00 pm                |
| Sunday August 11 - Cemetery Mass - 9:30 am              |
| Sunday August 11 - Pancake Breakfast - 10:15 am         |
| Friday August 23 - Milling Frolic 7:00 pm - 12:00 am    |

**6: FLEE MARKET**

St. Theresa's CWL Flee Market, Saturday May 4, 9:00-11:00 am. To be held at St. Theresa's Hall, St. Peters Road, Sydney.