



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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October 02, 2021
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Genesis, 2:18-24, "So the Lord God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: 'This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called woman for out of her man this one has been taken.'" This reading has been chosen to show the origin of the Church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter to the Hebrews, 2:9-11, "He who 'for a little while' was made 'lower than the angels', that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." Today's reading talks about Jesus' exaltation through abasement.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark, 10:2-16. On the "divorce" section of this Gospel see today's first reading. Christ clearly states that from the very beginning, God's plan for marriage was that it should be a life-long unity of one man and one woman. Its purpose is the procreation of children and their education, as well as the mutual love and fulfillment of the husband and wife. These demand this life-long bond. Divorce, which tries to break this bond, breaks the law of the Creator who decreed what was best for the temporal and spiritual welfare of the human race.

The last four verses of today's Gospel describe an incident which is in no way connected with the previous discussion but which has a very useful lesson for all Christians. It describes Christ's love for children and while manifesting this love he stresses the need for all his true followers to be childlike. "I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." To receive the kingdom of God is to accept the teaching of Christ and live according to it in his kingdom on earth. He who does this will enter, after death, into the eternal kingdom of heaven. Christ says, however, that we must accept "like a child": his kingdom on earth, his teaching and the Church he founded to carry on that teaching. It does not mean: in a childish way, an unthinking, uneducated way, but in a child-like way—a humble, grateful, receptive way. A child is unselfconscious, content to be dependent on others' care and generosity. Christianity is a gift of the generous God to us, we have done nothing and never could do anything to merit it. We must accept it simply and gratefully as a gift; we could never deserve it.

While Christianity is a religion of reason and conforms in all its aspects to the rational nature of man—its basis is the revelation of God who is the author and foundation of all rationality—yet it is the heart of man rather than his intellect which Christ means to capture. The assent of the intellect to the doctrine revealed by Christ is not sufficient of itself for a Christian to earn the eternal kingdom; faith is the total acceptance and commitment of the believer to God through Jesus Christ. The man of true faith commits himself to God with a filial childlike trust, assured that if he does all that he can God will do the rest.

Therefore, our Christian faith must be childlike, a trusting, humble and obedient faith. This is the kind of faith that will move mountains—the mountains that loom so large in the vision of too many Christians today—the mountains of doubt, selfishness, unwillingness to be subjected to authority. Christ asks us, if we would be his followers: to take up our daily cross and climb the way to Calvary after him. This daily cross is made of the troubles and trials of life from which no one can escape. They can be borne with reluctance and grumbling or they can be accepted as the loving God's means of training us for the future life. Every true Christian accepts his trials in the latter way, for if he is true to his faith he knows that his years on earth are his apprenticeship to prepare him for his eternal life.

God is surely not asking too much of us when he asks us to live our Christian faith in childlike humility, candor and confidence during the days of our pilgrimage on this earth.

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

Collection:
Sept 25/21

Envelopes	\$750.00
Loose	\$60.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$55.00
	\$865.00

Notices:

1: Gentle Yoga for Seniors with Helen Slade

Johnstown Parish Hall

Mondays, for 8 weeks, beginning September 27

10:00 - 11:30 am

Cost: \$25.00 – Call 902-226-0663 to register

2: Sewing/knitting/needlework group

Our group will start up again on Thursday, September 30th at 1:00 pm, at the Johnstown Parish Hall. It will run every Thursday from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm until December 9th.

I'm asking those attending to give \$20 to pay for heat in the Hall.

The NS Government just announced that, effective October 4, anyone attending non-essential events must provide proof of vaccination.

If you have any questions please contact me at camprita@gmail.com or 902-631-0209.

3: THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE FUNDRAISER CONCERT

St. Joseph Church, in North Sydney on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with music, song and dance performers.

All social distancing and protocol in place. Donations accepted at the door. All proceeds go to the catholic women's league. Also 50/50 draw

4: Turkey Soup Take-out: Saturday October 16th

Included will be homemade turkey soup, biscuit and apple granola dessert. Cost is \$12.00.

Pick up time is 4:45pm.

To order a take-out please contact one of the following, or email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com

Louise: 902-535-3107

Barbara: 902-828-2079

Rita: 902-631-0209

Eddie: 902-322-6543

Elizabeth: 902-539-2078

5: Christmas Merchandise Bingo: Sunday November 14: Time: 2:00 pm. No canteen will be provided.

Covid19 restrictions will be followed including proof of vaccination. The bingo will be held at the Parish Hall

6: Christmas Bake Sale: Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday

December 5th: Time: 10am – 12pm. Everyone is asked to donate to this fundraiser.

7: The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown Community Development Co-operative will take place on

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

Betty MacNeil, Secretary, JCDC Ltd.

8: On this tenth anniversary of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Antigonish deacons will be preaching in parishes throughout the months of September and October. Rev. Mr. Berkley Guthro will be preaching in all Fr. Yake's parishes on the weekend of October 16-17.