



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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April 02, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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*

Collections: March 26, 2022

Envelopes	\$135.00
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Notices:

1: Yoga with Helen Slade will resume on Monday April 4th, from 10 – 11:30 am, at the Johnstown Parish Hall. Contact information will be in the spring edition of Reflections of Richmond

2: April 3 is Solidarity Sunday. This will be an opportunity to reflect and pray for "People and Planet First". Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's letter, and follow the links for free resources and ways to support this important campaign.

3: Holy Week Schedule

Chrism Mass – April 11, at St. Ninian's Cathedral, details TBA

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

There will be no foot-washing.
4:00pm HGA
5:30pm SP
7:00pm SJB

Friday April 15, 2022

Friday April 15, 2022 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3:00 PM Service

Fr. Yake will celebrate Good Friday service at Sacred Heart.

Lay persons TBA will lead in the other parishes.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) 3:00 PM Service
Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday Service typically consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. When a priest is not available to celebrate the Good Friday Service a Deacon or a lay person may do so. In this exceptional case the service consists of optional readings and the reading of the Passion of the Lord (John 18:1 – 19: 42) followed by the Stations of the Cross. Assuming that some Covid rules are still in place there is no individual procession for the Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:
8:30pm SH

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 The Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 AM SJB
10:00 AM SP & Chapel Island
11:30 AM HGA

4: The annual Fishcake and Beans Supper: Friday April 15th, (Good Friday) at 4:00 at the Johnstown Parish Hall. This year we will do both eat in or take out supper. To order a meal please call the following: Cost: \$12.00
Louise: 902-535-3107
Barbara: 902-828-2079
Rita: 902-631-0209
Edie: 902-322-6543
Elizabeth: 902-539-2078
or email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com

5: Help with Fishcake Supper: Anyone interested in helping with the fishcake supper can be at the Parish Hall at 10:00 am on Friday April 15th. All help is welcome.

6: Update on the Parish Hall: District 10 Red Islands Fire Department and Sacred Heart Parish Council met with Cathy Farrow, Managing Director/Financial Administrator The Catholic Episcopal Corporation Of the Diocese of Antigonish, this week. All three groups agreed that the idea of a new Fire Hall/Community Hall is a win win win situation. The next steps are to get the right-of-way transferred over and for the Fire Department to provide more detailed plans to the diocese. This was a very positive meeting.

7: April 28: Spring Deadline for Bishop Power Foundation The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants. Deadline is April 28 for consideration this spring. To apply or for more information: www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

8: April 1-7

Fast from Idle Gossip,

Feast on Purposeful Silence

Spouses or children, parents or parishioners, we love those in our special relationships but can chafe against the frustrations of disagreement, unhappiness, or discontent.

Inviting conversation, and offering silence to reflect and listen can ease the tension, clear the air, and allow us to see the limitless blue sky behind the occasional dark cloud.

Almsgiving:

Offer to host a Synod conversation at your home with family and friends or in your parish. Take notes or record your conversations, if that's agreeable, to share with our Synod journey, or embrace this process for your personal exploration

Prayer:

Offer up a Stations of the Cross, giving thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus for all of us and the invitation issued by Pope Francis to share in this journey

9: April 7, 7 pm

Youth Conversation on Mental Health via Zoom

Sponsored by the Atlantic Association of Youth Ministers

To register: <https://form.123formbuilder.com/5873910/form>