



**Sacred Heart Parish  
Bulletin**

**Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday**  
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**April 30, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)**

**PLEASE NOTE: There is a scam circulating that asks for gift cards/money in my name, Rev. Dr. John Yake.**

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41* and if taken together with that of the following Sunday provides an alternative theme in exploring the preaching of the early Church in the persons of Paul and Barnabas. The mission first to the Jews is now to be placed second to the mission to the Gentiles,—a theme which the reading for next Sunday also explores with the warning of the preachers that those who follow the Lord will necessarily have to endure trial and sufferings. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of Peter 2:20-25*. In these verses today, St. Peter is giving advice to Christians who were slaves. He tells them to be submissive to their masters with all respect.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 10:1-10*. One of the oldest paintings of Christ, in the Roman catacombs, represents Christ as carrying the injured, straying sheep gently on His shoulders back to the sheepfold. This is an image of Christ which has always appealed to Christians. We have Christ as our shepherd—He tells us so himself in today's gospel—and we do not resent being called sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness! But with Christ as our shepherd and the "good shepherd" who is sincerely interested in the true welfare of His flock we have reason to rejoice.

The leaders of the Jews, the Pharisees and Sadducees, were false shepherds who tried to prevent the people from following Jesus, but they failed. They then killed the shepherd but in vain. He rose from the dead and His flock increased by the thousands and will keep increasing until time ends.

We surely are fortunate to belong to the sheepfold of Christ—His Church. We surely are blessed to have the Son of God as our Shepherd, who came among us in order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation? We know His voice, we know what He asks of us, but do we always listen to that voice, do we always do what He asks of us?

There are many among us today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are in total ignorance of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. Alas for them, a day of reckoning lies ahead, a day that is much nearer than they would like to believe. What will be their fate when they meet Christ the Judge, whom they had refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth?

This is a misfortune that could happen to any one of us, unless we think often of our purpose and our end in life. We have a few short years, but short though they be, we can earn for ourselves an eternity of happiness during this life. Let the straying sheep boast of their false freedom and of the passing joys they may get in this life—

this freedom and these joys are mixed with much sorrow, and will end very soon. We know that if we follow the shepherd of our souls, we are on the way to the true life, the perfect life, the unending life which will have no admixture of sorrow, regret or pain. Where Christ is, there perfect happiness is, and there with God's grace we hope and trust to be.

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

**Collection  
April 23, 2023**

Envelopes	\$220.00
Loose	\$50.00
Donation I/M of Alice MacDonald (Weeks)	\$200.00
	\$470.00

## NOTICES:

**1: Gaelic Flag Raising:** I am pleased to announce that we have set the date for the Gaelic Awareness Month flag raising/proclamation ceremony. It has been scheduled for May 8, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. We will have Lewis MacKinnon attend and we are welcoming all members of the public to join us. An official invitation will be sent out closer to the event via Facebook/Municipal Website.

We will have Telile Community Television live stream the event and I am hoping to get some photos:) We encourage you to ask others to join us, and if you know of students in your area...invite them too!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Shelley David

Municipal Clerk, Communications Administrator

Municipality of the County of Richmond

**2: Gaelic Classes** Gaelic beginner conversation classes

Tuesdays, 1:00 pm - 3:30pm, Red Islands Fire Hall

Begins May 2, \$50 for 8 weeks

Contact: Cathy Campbell: 902-217-2088

**3: FLEE MARKET:** St. Theresa CWL Saturday, May 6, 2023 9:00am-11:00am At St. Theresa Parish Hall St. Peter's Road, Sydney Admission: \$1.00 Bring your own bags!

**4: Musical Tribute to Stuart Calvert:** East Coast Meets West End CB Orchestra & CB Chorale & Guests Sat. May 13th, 2:00 p.m. Savoy Theatre \$25 902-842-1577 or online at savoytheatre.com

**5: TEA and TALK** at Holy Redeemer Convent: Sydney Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:30 -3:30 pm

An invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent, 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, situated behind the Pier Post Office. This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

**6: Pastoral Arts Concert:** St. Peter's United Church:

Sunday, April 30 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. St. Peter's United Church, St. Peter's

Crock-Pot Luck Dinner to follow in hall Free will offering at each.

**7: Mother's Day Cake Auction** May 13, 23 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Farmers' Pantry Nicolas Denys Museum Fundraiser Join us in person or view online and text your bids. Starting Bid \$20.00 with increments of \$2.00 or more. Follow Nicolas Denys Museum on Facebook for updates.

## 8: Summer Schedule

Tentative Schedule for summer events at the Johnstown Parish Hall: More information will be provided closer to the event.

- **Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Festival**
- **Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> – Shrine Mass**
- **Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast**
- **Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> – Cemetery Mass**
- **Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast**
- **Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> – 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Milling Frolic**
- **Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pancake Breakfast**