



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 22:19-23*. Because of the reference to the "key of the house of David" in this text, some Fathers saw in it a messianic prophecy, foretelling the removal from power of the leaders of the Chosen People of the Old Testament, and the transfer of that power to Christ, who in turn handed it to Peter as head of the Church, the new Chosen People.

Second Reading is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 11:33-36* in which he offers praise and thanks to God for including everyone in the salvation He offered, first to the Jews, then to the Gentiles.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 16:13-20*. Jesus, the true Son of God, became man in order to make all men His brothers and co-heirs with Him, to the divine, eternal kingdom. To carry on His divine mission on earth (after He had ascended into heaven), He founded the Church on the twelve Apostles. This Church was to be God's new Chosen People (hence perhaps the twelve Apostles take the place of the heads of the twelve tribes of the Chosen People of old). It was to be made up of all races from all parts of the world. As its mission was to bring the message of salvation to all men, it was to go on until the end of time. For this Church, this divinely instituted society of human beings, to carry out its mission of helping all men to reach their eternal kingdom, it was necessary to be sure of the road and the aids offered to its members.

In other words, the Church should be certain that what it told men to believe and to practice was what God wanted them to believe and to practice. Today's reading from St. Matthew tells us how Christ provided for this necessity. In making Peter the head of the Apostolic College, the foundation-stone of his Church, the guarantor of its stability in the symbol of the keys and the promise that all his decisions would be ratified in heaven, Christ gave him the power of freedom from error when officially teaching the universal Church.

In other words, Peter received the primacy in the Church and the gift of infallibility in his official teaching on matters of faith and morals. As the Church was to continue long after Peter had died, it was rightly understood from the beginning that the privileges given to him and which were necessary for the successful mission of the Church, were given to his lawful successors—the Popes.

This has been the constant belief in the Church from its very beginning. The first Vatican Council solemnly defined this dogma and it was reconfirmed recently in the second Vatican Council. In giving these powers to Peter and to his lawful successors Christ was planning for our needs. In order to preserve and safeguard the right conduct of all its members He provided a central seat of authoritative power in His Church. Through the gift of infallibility He assured us that whatever we were commanded to believe (faith) or to do (morals) would always be what He and his heavenly Father wanted us to believe and to do.

How can we ever thank Christ for these marvelous gifts to his Church, that is, to us? Let us say a fervent: "thank you, Lord; You have foreseen all our needs and provided for them, grant us the grace to do the little part you ask of us in order to continue our progress on the one direct road to heaven."

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

Collection

August 20th

Envelopes	\$340.00
Loose	\$123.10
	\$463.10

NOTICES:

1: The Johnstown Market will be held on Sunday August 27th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The market will be held in the Parish Hall if we have inclement weather.

2: Milling Frolic: Financial Update

Income: 4945.80

Expenses: 1136.97

Profit: 3808.83

3: Graveyard Service for Theresa Campbell will be held on Wednesday August 30th, at 11:00 am in Sacred Heart Graveyard, followed by a lunch at the hall.

4: Donation of sandwiches and sweets will be greatly appreciated for the lunch on Wednesday.

5: The faith community of Holy Guardian Angels Parish invite neighboring parishioners to join our special celebration on Sunday, September 3rd as we commemorate 200 years of Ancestry Faith and Family. A special mass of Thanksgiving will take place @ 3:00 P.M. with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick as main celebrant, joined by our pastor, former clergy and invited guests. All are welcome.

6: Mother of Sorrows

Pioneer Shrine

Mabou, Cape Breton

Save the date and plan to attend our Annual Celebration at the Shrine on Sunday, September 10th a Continuous Rosary will start at 1:00 pm at the Shrine and will continue until 3:30, just in time for Feast Day Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Following Mass there will be refreshments at the Mabou Hall Compliments of our CWL If you have any questions, please call 902-945-2221

7: Musique Royale: Bumarang

Musique Royale announces a six-concert province-wide tour of the Celtic band Bumarang, a trio of virtuosic Celtic musicians: Kate Bevan-Baker (Hey Rosetta!, The Dardanelles), Sarah Pagé (Barr Brothers), and Dave Gossage (Orealis, Land of Kush), Bumarang draws from their diverse musical backgrounds in jazz, classical, African, bluegrass, and traditional music to create an unforgettable Celtic sound. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance, and students pay \$10 at the door.

Saturday September 9 at 7 pm - St John's Centre of the Arts, 2513 Highway 206, Arichat [Buy Tickets](#)

Sunday September 10 at 3 pm - St Barra's Catholic Church, 47 Church Rd, Christmas Island [Buy Tickets](#)

8: Richmond Conty Registration information: Registering & Payment Options → Register online by visiting <http://www.richmondcounty.ca> → Register by phoning 902.226.0663 → Pay online via credit card or hybrid card → Pay by cash/cheque/debit at the municipal administration office → Pay via credit card over the phone **QUICK AND EASY ACCESS TO ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT!** 902.226.0663
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9: Beginner Line Dancing Ladies and gentlemen, Belinda welcomes you to a fun and rewarding way to get a total body wellness both physically and mentally all while having fun dancing to many different music genres. If you can count to 8, you can line dance. The best steps you will ever take! No partner required. United Church Hall, St. Peter's Tuesdays, for 8 weeks, beginning September 19 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Fee: \$40.00 or \$5.00/drop-in Instructor: Belinda LaRochelle

10: Chair Yoga 55+ Red Islands Fire Hall, Johnstown Wednesdays, for 8 weeks, beginning September 27 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm, Fee: \$25.00 Instructor: Lynne Doucette

11: Support: If you still want to continue supporting Sacred Heart Parish, through your envelopes or just a donation, we are now set up for e-transfer: Please e-transfer to sacredheartjohnstown@gmail.com. Please include your envelope number. If you do not currently have a church envelope, please include your civic address. Receipts will be issued.