



**Sacred Heart Parish  
Bulletin**

**Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday**  
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**July 02, 2023**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**No Mass in Johnstown this week**

**Mass at the following:**  
**Saturday June 24**  
**River Bourgeois 4:00pm**  
**St. Peters 5:30pm**

**Sunday June 25**  
**Big Pond: 9:00 am**

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a*. The account of Elisha and the woman was a minor incident in the life of this prophet, who worked greater miracles, but it is narrated to show that God rewards those who are charitable to his friends.  
 —*The Sunday Readings*

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*. St. Paul stresses that we are buried with Christ in baptism. We die with him to sin. Then we rise with him to a new life.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 10:37-42*. In the first part, Christ tells his representatives, his delegates the Apostles, and those who succeed them, that they must be prepared to undergo great sacrifices, even death itself, if called on to do so for the sake of Christ. Even though they had only a very vague idea then of what he meant, when the time came, they remembered his words and gladly suffered imprisonment, hardships, and finally martyrdom for Christ. This shows how the resurrection of Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on them, changed them from worldly weaklings into fearless heroes. They had become convinced that Christ was the Son of God who had come on earth to bring all men to heaven. They came to realize how transitory, and unimportant, the few years of the earthly life were when compared with the eternal life of bliss to follow.

It was not only the Apostles who gave their lives gladly for Christ. There are thousands of martyrs who, during the first three centuries of the Church, not only accepted but welcomed death for Christ's sake, because they were convinced that it was the door to eternal life, the only life that mattered. Nor did occasions for martyrdom cease when the Church was granted freedom by Constantine, the first convert Roman emperor. Here and there, down through the centuries, the followers of Christ have been persecuted because of their belief in him, and many of us can be proud that we have had among our ancestors men and women who died for the faith.

Today, too, there are still those who are suffering a lingering martyrdom, worse than quick death on the scaffold, because they obey God rather than man. We can help them to persevere, by our prayers. We ourselves, who are free from any overt persecution, must show our gratitude to God for being allowed to practice our religion openly and without fear, by doing just this. We must live according to the convictions of our Christian faith. We are here in this world for a few short years, our real and lasting home is in heaven. We must keep this thought uppermost in our minds, in all our doings and dealings.

As well as carrying out our own personal duties, we must remember the spiritual needs of our fellowmen. They, too, need to go to heaven and anything less will be eternal disaster for them. We may not be able to preach, or teach them the truth of the Christian faith, but we can and must help all those who are doing so.

Remember our Lord's words today. He who receives or gives hospitality and help to a prophet will have the reward of a prophet. He who helps those who are preaching and teaching the message of salvation, the good news of Christ, at home and abroad, will himself share in the reward of these preachers and teachers. When we get to heaven, one of the many pleasant surprises awaiting us will be the gratitude we will receive from saints we've helped to send to heaven, people we never knew or perhaps thought about. We helped those who thought about them and worked for their salvation, and we thus have a share in their reward. Remember Christ's promise: even a cup of cold water will not go unrewarded, every little helping hand we give to bring our fellowmen to heaven will help us, too, toward the same goal. Heaven is our real goal in life—it alone will satisfy all our desires and it alone will last forever.

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

**Collection:**

June 25<sup>th</sup>:

Envelopes	\$140.00	
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## NOTICES:

**1: 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](mailto: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.

**2: Canada Day Celebrations:** Everyone is welcome to the Canada Day Celebrations at the District 10 Fire Hall, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

**3: Market will be on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm** – See you there. For inclement weather the market will be in the Parish Hall

**4: Guadalupe Mass:** Happy to Report that Fr. Duncan MacIsaac has agreed to come down and say the Guadalupe Mass, on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm

**5: Strawberry Festival:** The Strawberry Festival is fast approaching, July 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will need bakers of biscuits, bonnach and oatcakes, and help with hulling the berries and workers serving the berries. If you can help, please call Louise at 902-535-3107 or email [lcampbell1@bellaliant.net](mailto:lcampbell1@bellaliant.net)

**6: Help needed:** Anyone that wants to help at the Strawberry Festival we will be at the hall at 8:00 am on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> to hull the berries. All are welcome.

**7: Update on Fire/Hall Community Hall:** Happy to report that the Diocese has received the Deed and the Parish Council, Fire Department and the Diocese met this week. The next step is for the Fire Department to bring the Parish/Diocese a detailed plan of the land and building. We are moving forward with this project.

## 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 – 2:00 – 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> – Shrine Mass – 2pm**
- **Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast – 10:00 am**
- **Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> – Cemetery Mass – 9:30 am**
- **Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast – 10:30 am**
- **Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> – 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Milling Frolic – 7:00 – 12:00 am – Music for square dance by Kenneth MacKenzie, Shelly Campbell and Mac Morin**
- **Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pancake Breakfast – 10:00 am**

## 9: Pastoral Appointments 2023

I am pleased to announce the following pastoral appointments. I am grateful for the co-operation of our priests and deacons and the assistance of our Personnel Committee.

\*Rev. Tom Stephan from the Diocese of Miao, India was appointed on March 1, 2023 to serve at St. Patrick Parish, Lochaber, St. Paul Church, Sherbrooke and St. Joseph Church, St. Joseph.

\*Rev. Sunny Sebastian from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, Kerala, India was appointed on November 11, 2022 to serve at St. Peter Church, Port Hood.

\*Rev. MacLeen Anyanwu Ejiogu SMMM from the Diocese of MacKenzie/Fort Smith is appointed to serve at St. Anne Church in Glace Bay effective August 7, 2023

\*Rev. Godwin Kalu SMMM from St. Raphael Church Blackville, NB to serve at St. Ann, Guysborough, St. Peter, Larry's River, St. Patrick, Guysborough Interval and St. Thomas, Salmon River effective July 4, 2023.

\* Priests new to our diocese

## **Retirement / Sabbatical / Transfer**

Rev. Dan MacDonald will retire at the end of June as Pastor of St. Mary in Mabou, but he will continue to provide weekend assistance until August or a when a new pastor is appointed.

Rev. Bedford Doucette has retired as Producer for Mass for Shut-Ins at the end of May 2023. He has also retired as Diocesan Master of Ceremonies.

Deacon Art Riley serving Immaculate Conception, Heatherton, St. Andrew, St. Andrews, and Ste. Croix, Pomquet retired on December 31, 2022.

Rev. Duaine Devereaux will go on sabbatical effective August 5, 2023.

Rev. Callistus Abazie SMMM is transferring to New Brunswick effective July 4, 2023 from St. Ann, Guysborough, St. Peter, Larry's River, St. Patrick,

Guysborough Interval and St. Thomas Salmon River. We thank Father Callistus for his 10 years of service here.

## **Deacons**

Deacon Michael McCarville will move from Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River to serve at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney.

Deacon Berkley Guthro in addition to serving as the Bishop's Delegate for Responsible Ministry, he will serve as Diocesan Master of Ceremonies.

## **Seminarians**

Following his ordination to the transitional Diaconate on August 15, 2023, at St.

Mary Church in Mabou, Deacon David Rankin will return to St. Augustine's Seminary in September for his final year.

Seminarian Joseph MacMaster will return to St. Augustine's Seminary in September for his second year of Theology.