



**Sacred Heart Parish
Bulletin**

**Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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July 16, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Welcome back Fr. Yake.
We are very glad that
you are feeling better
and are celebrating
Mass with us again.**

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:10-11*. The word of God which came to the Chosen People through the prophets, and the divinely inspired writers, came out of God's loving interest in His people. He wanted to prepare them for the inheritance, the real "promised land," that, when the messianic age (the "fullness of time") came, would be theirs, provided their lives on earth were lived as they should be. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23* and is about present suffering and the glory of God. Suffering is an essential part of the Christian life and one who truly believes will have his or her share of hardships and trials. Yet, these are not ends in themselves, as there is hope that they will terminate with the full revelation of the glory of God. The theme and message of St. Paul is not to lose hope in the Lord into whose risen life we have been initiated by Baptism. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 13:1-23*. Christ's description of His audience, that day in Galilee, is unfortunately as true today as it was then. His message of salvation has been preached to a great part of the world's population, but the proportion of those who accept it and live up to it, is about the same today as it was then.

There are millions of men and women today, in what was once Christian Europe, who are like the seed sown on the unplowed path. They refuse to accept the message, they have no thought for their future, they are content to end in the grave after their few years of misery and hardship on this planet.

There are others who see the truth and the consolation of the Christian gospel, but when it comes to making sacrifices for it, they give up. The message did not sink into their hearts and minds. They are like the seed which fell on rocky ground because the faith had no deep roots in their lives. Others again, and they are legion, are like the seed that fell among the briars and thorns. They accepted the faith and it took root in them, but later on, "the cares of the world and the delight in riches chokes the word and it proves unfruitful,"—these are our Lord's own words.

The last class of Christians, are like the seed sown on good soil. They not only accept Christ and his teaching, but they live up to it, and, come what may, they are faithful to it. These will produce fruit and will earn for themselves eternal happiness.

Each one of us can look into his own conscience today and discover to which class he or she belongs. Are some of us perhaps, like the seed that fell on the rocky ground? While Christianity makes no very difficult demand we are all for it, but when it demands mortification, the curbing of passion, real sacrifices for our neighbor, do we forget our Christian calling then and ignore its precepts? And how does our type of Christianity stand up to the temptations of the world—the desire to get all the

enjoyment we can out of this life, licit or illicit, breaking God's commandments weekly or maybe daily? Are we chasing after wealth and power, using all our energies to rise in the world to be above our neighbor by fair or foul means? If the above are our aims in life, our Christianity has been or is being choked out of us.

There are millions of saints in heaven today, enjoying eternal happiness, who had some, if not all, of our present failings. We, too, can be with them one day, provided we do what they did. They repented sincerely and remained God's close friends, until he called them to himself. May the merciful God give us the grace to imitate them while we yet have time.

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

Collection:

July 09:

Envelopes	\$715.00
Cemetery Fund	\$90.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Donation	\$200.00
Cemetery Fund I/M of Olga Dunphy	\$100.00
Donation Shrine	\$150.00
Shrine Mass	\$437.25
	\$1,702.25

NOTICES:

1: Thank You: A great big Thank You to all who made the Shrine Mass and Strawberry Festival another success. A special thank you to Fr. Duncan MacIsaac who graciously filled in for Fr. Yake. Thank you to all who came and hulled berries, who came and served, and who baked. Also, to all the people who supported the event by attending the Mass and Festival. A profit of over \$1700.00 was realized.

2: The Johnstown Market will be held Sunday July 16th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

3: Community Meeting with Richmond MLA: On Tuesday July 18th, Trevor Boudreau, the MLA for Richmond, will be holding a community meeting. Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm, at the Johnstown Parish Hall. All are welcome to come and discuss any issues with Trevor.

4: Funeral/Burial: The funeral and burial for Brian and Darryl MacNeil (former residents of Irish Vale), will be held, in the church, on Wednesday July 19th, at 2:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

5: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday, July 23, 2023, Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.” This year’s theme is “His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50), raising the relational interconnection between the old and the young.

6: Pancake Breakfast: Our first Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held on Sunday July 30th, following Mass, at 10:00 am. Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Biscuits and Tea: Cost \$12.00

7: St. Anne Mission on Chapel Island As part of the annual five-day St. Anne Mission on Chapel Island, the spiritual gathering of the Mi’kmaq people with Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy and the Mi’kmaq Grand Council, I will celebrate Mass on Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m.

8: Music Royal Concert in the church - Duo Oriana - How Like A Golden Dream - Sinéad White, soprano; & Jonathan Stuchbery, lutenist– Wednesday August 9th, 7:00 pm \$25 at the door (\$20 advance by emailing louisecampbel@gmail.com, just to put your name on the list. Payment will be at the door.).

Musique Royale invites you to hear Duo Oriana performing music from their new album “How Like A Golden Dream” on tour in historic venues across Nova Scotia part of our 38th Summer Festival. In this album, the luminous voice of soprano Sinéad White illuminates the long shadows of dusk and night. Lutenist Jonathan Stuchbery adds energizing precision and with both lute and theorbo, he serves White with silvery gusts of harmonic colours. The repertoire on How Like a Golden Dream traverses the sacred and the secular; 17th-century hymns and antiphons from the Office of Hours, sung at Vespers and Compline in monasteries and Irish folk songs influenced by Celtic missionaries.

9: 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.

10: Summer Schedule

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

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