



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today is the annual celebration of World Day of
Grandparents and the Elderly.

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19* where the author reminds us that the kind of judgment we receive depends not on the scales of godless justice, but instead on the mercy and love of God for those who strive to live life in response to His love. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27*. The theme is the activity of the Spirit in helping us in our weakness to pray as we ought, for it is the Spirit who makes intercession for us and intercedes for us before God. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 13:24-43*. Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take

his faith from him but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.

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

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Apostolic Penitentiary, in order to increase the devotion of the faithful and for the salvation of souls, by virtue of the faculties attributed to it by the Supreme Pontiff Pope Francis by Divine Providence on the occasion of the the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, recently instituted by the Supreme Pontiff on the fourth Sunday of the month of July, graciously grants the Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity, will participate on 25 July 2021, on the occasion of the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, in the solemn celebration that the Most Holy Father Francis will preside over in the Vatican Papal Basilica or at the various functions that will be held throughout the world, who may also apply it as suffrage for the souls in Purgatory.

Collection

July 16th

Envelopes	\$690.00
Loose	\$61.00
Cemetery Fund	\$25.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Donation Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
	\$886.00

NOTICES:

1: The Johnstown Market will be held on Sunday July 23rd, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If there is inclement weather the market will be held in the Parish Hall

2: 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.

3: 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

4: 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, Bishop Kirkpatrick will celebrate Mass on Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m.

5: Musique Royale Concert in Sacred Heart 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.

6: Looking for 3 rooms to host the Musique Royale musicians on Wednesday August 9th. If you can host, please let me know.

7: The Broad Cove Scottish Concert is deemed as the largest outdoor Scottish concert in Cape Breton. This yearly celebration of Scottish music, culture, and heritage gathers talented musicians, dancers, and performers in Broad Cove to entertain our audiences. We are dedicated to preserving and promoting Scottish culture, and this event is a tribute to the lasting impact of Scottish music and dance. Whether you are a passionate follower of Cape Breton music or seeking to discover a distinct cultural experience, we cordially invite you to join us for an unforgettable experience. The Annual Broad Cove Scottish Concert has the distinct pleasure of welcoming The Barra MacNeils as our headliner for this year’s 67th concert along with many respected and revered performers from across the island. LOCATION: On the grounds of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish: 178 Broad Cove Marsh Rd, Inverness, NS B0E 1N0 DATE: Sunday, July 30th / 3pm-9pm /Rain or Shine. ADMISSION: \$25 and persons under 12 are free.

8: 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.

9: Summer Schedule

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

- **Sunday July 30th – Pancake Lunch – 10:00 am**
- **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**