



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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June 4, 2023

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

No Mass this week, Fr. Yake is not feeling well.

Mass at the following:

Saturday June 3rd,
River Bourgeois: 4:00 pm
St. Peters: 5:30 pm

Sunday June 4th
Big Pond: 9:00 am

The **First Reading** is from Exodus 34:4-6; 8-9. Exodus, the second book in the Old Testament, describes the exit of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt under the leadership of Moses whom God appointed as their deliverer. The verses read today describe Moses's second meeting with the LORD on Mount Sinai. The LORD had told him to come there again so that he would rewrite the ten commandments on two new tables of stone. The mystery of the Blessed Trinity—was not revealed to the Jews of the Old Testament. They were not yet fit to accept this truth. Surrounded as they were by nations that practiced polytheism (many gods) there would be danger that the Jews would see three Gods in the Trinity—it would look like polytheism to them. Hence it was not revealed to them and therefore we have no Trinitarian text in the Old Testament which could be read on this feast of the Blessed Trinity.

The text chosen gives the basis for its eventual revelation. The LORD made a covenant with the Israelites. He made them his Chosen People, through whom he would eventually send his divine Son and the Holy Spirit to give man—the whole chosen human race—the possibility and the means of reaching the destination that he had planned for them from all eternity. The covenant made by God with Moses on Mount Sinai was the preparation for the revelation of the dogma of the Blessed Trinity and its relationship with our salvation.

The **Second Reading** is from 2 Cor. 13:11-13. These three verses are the conclusion of St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The letter was written during his third missionary journey, 53-58, and probably from Ephesus where he was from 54-57. Paul had much advice and correction to give them and he also praises them. In these last verses he repeats his appeal for unity and fraternal charity and wishes the blessings of the Holy Trinity upon them.

By celebrating the feast of the three divine Persons today, we too are invoking on ourselves the blessings St. Paul invoked on the Corinthians. We need the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ if we are to reach heaven. He has already put us on the right road by baptism, and has made us receptacles of grace, but that is only the first step although a supernatural one. Every human act we perform in the state of grace—even our eating and drinking, and our daily tasks—is moving us along the road to heaven. But if we lose the divine grace through mortal sin, all our actions, even holy actions, are useless as regards our heavenward journey.

The Gospel is from John 3:16-18. We have in these verses a part of the conversation that Jesus had with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a rich Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin, the supreme ecclesiastical court of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night for fear of his fellow Pharisees. Although the Holy Spirit is not mentioned in this text from St. John's gospel, the text is included in the readings for the feast of the Blessed Trinity because two of the Persons are mentioned. They are clearly distinguished one from the other, yet both are the one God. God the Father sent God the Son into the world (in human nature) in order to bring eternal life within the reach of all men.

While we must admit from the evidence so clearly given in the story of our redemption and elevation to adopted divine sonship, that the three Persons of the Trinity cooperated in that work, we cannot claim we understand the mystery of three Persons in one God. We can and must admit the fact on the evidence presented to us, but we must also admit that our human intellects are too finite to grasp the essence, the nature of that fact.

How could it be otherwise? If our limited minds could grasp the divine nature and all its qualities it would no longer be divine—it would be limited like ourselves. There are many finite created things in our world which we cannot fully understand. How then could we claim that we should be able to understand the infinite? Of infinity itself we have only a negative description—something that has no beginning or an end. When we get to heaven our minds will be illuminated with greater grace but even then there will always be something new in God for us to see and admire. In the meantime our attitude toward the Trinity should be one of sincere gratitude for having placed us on the road to heaven.

Collection **May 21, 2023**

Envelopes	\$220.00
Loose	\$142.00
Needs of the	\$40.00
Cemetery Fu	\$5,100.00
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NOTICES:

1: First market will be on Sunday June 25th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – See you there

Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: We are pleased to announce the second season of the Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market. This year the Market will operate 10 am to 1 pm every **SUNDAY** from June 25 to September 24. Interested vendors should contact johnstownlanding@gmail.com or Rita Campbell 902-631-0209. **Note:** vendors do not need to commit to attending every week. Johnstown Landing is located across from the Johnstown Parish Hall.

2: Strawberry Festival: The Strawberry Festival is fast approaching, July 9th, 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

3: Tea & Talk: An invitation to join with other women to share TEA & TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent, 24 NevilleStreet, Whitney Pier, situated behind the Pier Post Office. Tuesday, June 13th at 1:30 pm till 3:30 pm. 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 experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902-270-4840 or 902-539-6331.

4: The Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests - organized and coordinated by Worldpriest will be held on June 16, 2023, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Participation is easy - Please join Canada and unite with the rest of the world by praying the Holy Rosary on this day in thanksgiving and for the Sanctification of our beloved priests. You may pray as a family, individual or prayer group. For more information, please contact Isabel Gillis (902-870-3831) or www.worldpriest.com

5: The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou has been open and very much visited during the winter months.

The gift shop at the Shrine is now open for the season. The hours for the gift shop are 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, every day including Sundays and Holidays.

The Shrine is always open.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Call 902-945-2221 if you have any questions.

6: Father's Day Buffet Dinner Complete with Dessert, Coffee & Tea Sunday, June 18th. L'Ardoise Community Centre 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Admission: Adults \$15.00 Children (11yrs.& Under) \$8.00 Sponsored by: L'Ardoise 200th Anniversary Committee.

7: Summer Schedule

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

- **Sunday July 9th – Strawberry Festival – 2:00 – 5:00 pm**
- **Sunday July 9th – Shrine Mass – 2pm**
- **Sunday July 30th – Pancake Breakfast – 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**