



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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June 11, 2023

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

No Mass at St. Peters,
River Bourgeois, or
L'Ardoise either.

Mass at the following:
Sunday June 11th
Big Pond: 9:00 am

The **First Reading** is from *Deuteronomy 8:2-3; 14-16*. The Chosen People's journey from Egypt to Palestine, led through the vast desert of Sinai, an expanse of wilderness without food or water. God provided for them a special food which fell around their encampments every evening—a food that has ever since been called "manna," expressing the wonderment of the Israelites when they first saw it. This food, as well as water which burst forth from the rocks at the command of Moses, nourished and sustained them during their forty years' journeying in the desert until they eventually reached the Promised Land.

That this "manna," this miraculous food from the skies, was a symbol, a foreshadowing, of the more miraculous food from heaven which our divine Lord was to give to us to sustain and nourish us spiritually on our journey toward our eternal promised land, hardly needs emphasizing. Our Lord himself refers to the "manna" given by God to their ancestors in the desert but says that he will them *the true bread* from heaven (Jn 6:31ff).

The **Second Reading** is from *1 Cor 10:16-17*. St. Paul has much to say about the Blessed Eucharist in this first Epistle to the Corinthians. In these two verses he shares how Christians take part in the real sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ and are therefore in communion with God. The feast of Corpus Christi or the Body of Christ is a commemoration or calling to mind of that extraordinary act of love for us which our Divine Lord performed on the night before he died. Through his divine power he left to his Church, to his followers, the power to re-present again and again the sacrifice of his human nature which he was about to offer to the Father next day on the cross for the salvation and elevation of mankind.

The **Gospel** from *John 6:51-58*; from Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. This section refers directly to the fact that Christ's human body—his "flesh" and "blood"—would be the sacrificial victim that would win eternal life for men and at the same time as a sacrament it would be their heavenly food and drink. Not only the incredulous Jews, but even many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve: Will you too go away? Simon Peter answered him, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Corpus Christi Sunday

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday. The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.
—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch.

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: Tea & Talk: An invitation to join with other women to share TEA & TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent, 24 Neville Street, 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.

3: 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

4: 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.

5: Canada Day Celebrations: Everyone is welcome to the Canada Day Celebrations at the District 10 Fire Hall on Saturday July 1st, from 3pm – 5pm. Sponsored by Bras d'Or Lakers

6: 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

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**