



**Sacred Heart Parish
Bulletin**

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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June 25, 2023

Twelfth 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
L'Ardoise 11:00 am.
Big Pond: 9:00 am

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13*. This reading has the tone and force of a lamentation psalm where persecutors are all around the just man, and his only strength is the Lord himself. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:12-15*. St. Paul is speaking of some of the immediate effects of Christian salvation, as brought to mankind by Christ. St. Paul stresses the fact that Christ through his death not only conquered sin but poured out divine grace so abundantly and lavishly on mankind, making them his brothers and therefore sons of God, that there is no comparison between the world redeemed by Christ's death and the world of sin which prevailed up to then. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 10:26-33*. What our Lord said to His Apostles applies to all Christians in the practice of their faith. By the very fact of living our faith openly and fully we are apostles by example. If we are always truthful and faithful to our promises, if we are honest in all our dealings, if as employers we pay a just wage and treat those working for us not as "hands" but as whole men and

women, if as employees we give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, if we live chaste lives whether in single life or in marriage, we are true Christians. Above all, if we have true love of God and show our appreciation of all that he has done for us, and if we prove that love, by helping his other children, our neighbors, we are a light shining in the darkness, because we are helping others to see the true meaning of the Christian religion.

This true light is needed more today perhaps than ever before. Our world is three quarters pagan or neo-pagan. The neo-pagans are those who once were Christians but abandoned their religion, sometimes through their own fault, but more often than not, because of the bad example they were given by their fellow Christians. These are worse off spiritually than the pagans who have never heard of Christ or the true God. These latter have at least some idols, some ancestral deities, to whom they pay respect. The neo-pagans have only themselves to venerate, and they can find little spiritual uplift in this form of religion.

A large majority of today's teenagers, in most so-called Christian countries, have come to despise, or at least to neglect, the religion of their ancestors. In most cases the cause of this is that Christianity was never really put into practice in their own homes. There are cases of very black sheep coming out of very white Christian homes, but these are cases of weak personality—they prefer to follow the mob rather than try to force their way against it. On the whole, the decline of religion among today's youth is due to bad example from their elders.

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your work-place. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control ..."

These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves. Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven." —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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2: First market will be on Sunday June 25th, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – See you there. For inclement weather the market will be in the Parish Hall

3: Guadalupe Mass: The Parish Council is working on getting a Priest to say Mass at the Guadalupe Mass, if Fr. Yake is still not available.

4: Canada Day Celebrations: Everyone is welcome to the Canada Day Celebrations at the District 10 Fire 2:

5: 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

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 9th to hull the berries. All are welcome

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**