



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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May 07, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7* and continues the description of the missionary preaching and missionary activity of Paul and Barnabas. For those who follow the reign of God as inaugurated in Christ, these apostles can promise nothing for sure but trials and hardships. And yet, the paradox of suffering and yet being joyful in the Holy Spirit is here expressed as it was in the ending of the readings from Acts last week. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Peter 2:4-9* in which he reminds the new converts to Christianity, that they must be holy, for they are the living stones out of which the new spiritual temple of God is formed. The cornerstone, the base and binding force of this temple, is the risen Christ. . Because of Him, and through Him, they are able to offer sacrifices which are acceptable to God.

The **Gospel** is from *St. John 14:1-12*. We may well wonder at the slowness of the Apostles in seeing in Christ nothing more than a man—a great man, a man with power from God, yes, but still a mere man. That He was the Messiah, they were convinced, but their idea of the Messiah was wrong. They thought He would free Israel from foreign domination (Lk. 24:21), and set up a new kingdom of God—a prosperous, earthly kingdom with God guaranteeing peace and plenty for all. If, therefore, He allowed His

enemies to put Him to death, all their hopes would be dashed to the ground. Hence, the mention of His impending death at the Last Supper filled them with dismay and despair.

But we must not judge them too harshly. Christ had indeed often claimed to be God, but His words fell on deaf ears. It was only after His resurrection that they began to understand that He had spoken literally—it was only then they believed He was indeed the Son of God, in human nature.

For us today, the Incarnation is still a mystery, but it is not the "how" that should trouble us, we know that with God all things are possible. It is rather the "why" that should cause us amazement. Why should God go to that length for our sake—mere creatures, and sinful, ungrateful creatures at that? The infinite goodness and the infinite love of God are the answer, but still an answer which is mysterious to us. For we, with our limited capacity for love, can form no idea of infinite love.

God created us "in His own image and likeness" (a very limited likeness, granted) and intended, because of the spiritual faculties He gave us, which enable us to see and enjoy truth and beauty, to give us a share in His eternal life and glory. To do this, the Incarnation of the second Person of the Holy Trinity was God's plan. There must have been other ways of doing this, but God, we can be sure, chose the best way. Even with our limited intelligence, we ourselves can see what a perfect way this was for proving to us the infinite love, goodness and compassion of our Creator.

Sin entered the world of man, as God had foreseen, but notwithstanding this ingratitude on our part, God's Son came in our lowly, human nature and suffered, even though sinless, all the effects of men's sins. He suffered in our name, and because He was God, His sufferings in His human nature made infinite atonement for the sins of all mankind.

His Incarnation had made us His brothers and co-heirs to heaven. His death on the cross wiped out, and gave us the means of wiping out, our sins, so that we would be capable of possessing our inheritance.

Knowing the story of the Incarnation therefore, we know of the love and kindness of God toward us. We need not ask, with Philip, "show us the Father," we have seen Him in His riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! "How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!" (Rom. 11:33). "What return can I make to the Lord?" All the mortifications and good works of all the holy men and women that ever lived, or will live, would not be adequate a return to God for the miracle of love He has shown toward us. But He accepts the widow's mite, the little acts of love, the little proofs of gratitude, the willing acceptance of the crosses He sends us, to purify us. In one word, all He asks in return is that we try to live our Christian life day after day, ever thanking Him for the gift of Christ and the Christian faith.

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

Collection April 30, 2023

Envelopes	\$215.00
Loose	\$10.00
Shrine	\$55.00
	\$280.00

NOTICES:

1: Gaelic Flag Raising: I am pleased to announce that we have set the date for the Gaelic Awareness Month flag raising/proclamation ceremony. It has been scheduled for May 8, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. We will have Lewis MacKinnon attend and we are welcoming all members of the public to join us. An official invitation will be sent out closer to the event via Facebook/Municipal Website.

We will have Telile Community Television live stream the event and I am hoping to get some photos:) We encourage you to ask others to join us, and if you know of students in your area...invite them too!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Shelley David

Municipal Clerk, Communications Administrator

Municipality of the County of Richmond

2: Musical Tribute to Stuart Calvert: East Coast Meets West End CB Orchestra & CB Chorale & Guests Sat. May 13th, 2:00 p.m. Savoy Theatre \$25 902-842-1577 or online at savoytheatre.com

3: Mother's Day Cake Auction May 13, 23 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Farmers' Pantry Nicolas Denys Museum Fundraiser Join us in person or view online and text your bids. Starting Bid \$20.00 with increments of \$2.00 or more. Follow Nicolas Denys Museum on Facebook for updates.

4: 40th Anniversary: Fr. Anthony O'Connor will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood next Sunday May 14th, at St. Mary's Church, East Bay. A presentation will be made at the 10:00 am mass and tea and sweets will be served in the vestibule following mass.

5: TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent: Sydney Tuesday, May 16, 2023 1:30 -3:30 pm

An invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent, 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, situated behind the Pier Post Office. 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 to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

6: RETREAT! A Spiritual Retreat for women entitled "*Women of the Bible – our Beacons*", will take place on Cheticamp Island, at the Lighthouse Retreat (vacation home), on Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 9am–5pm.

Seats are limited. For information and registration contact Ida Deveau, via PM (private message) or at idadeveau@gmail.com.

Registration Deadline: May 24, 2023.

It's a repeat of the one we had offered last fall in French.

7: 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.

8: 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**
- **Sunday July 9th – Shrine Mass**
- **Sunday July 30th – Pancake Breakfast**
- **Sunday August 13th – Cemetery Mass**
- **Sunday August 13th – Pancake Breakfast**
- **Friday August 18th – 90th Annual Milling Frolic**
- **Sunday September 3rd – Pancake Breakfast**