



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles* 8:5-8, 14-17. In this reading Peter and John are sent from Jerusalem to Samaria to be ministers of the coming of the Spirit to the new converts in that town. These men had already been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the imposition of hands completes the initiation of these converts. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of Peter* 3:15-18 and indicates that baptism initiates a person to imitation of the death and resurrection of Jesus and that the destiny of all believers is to live according to the realm of the Spirit. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. John* 14:15-21. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

During those two thousand years great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies and vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated like all things human. The names of one-time mighty men who ruled over millions are now nothing more than a nuisance for children in their history classes. The large tracts of our globe which they ruled are now divided and known by other names. This was, is, and will be the lot of all merely human enterprises. Today's despots, where they rule with iron hand, will share the same fate.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we men could become His brothers, and adopted sons of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to men of all races, ages and colors the salvation and exaltation of mankind, which His life and death had won for us.

Knowing only too well the weaknesses and waywardness of human nature, He and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to remain with His Church as its infallible guide until the last man has entered heaven.

This is a very brief summary of what the Blessed Trinity has done, and is continuing to do for us, through the Church. We, the people of God, the chosen race of the New Testament are God's Church on earth. It is for you and me that the Holy Spirit is at work this very day. When He guides the steps of Peter's successor, the Pope, or the deliberations of the bishops, the heirs of the apostolic college, it is for us and for our salvation that He is acting. While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear; we are on the sure road to heaven, to enjoy eternal happiness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit whom we shall thank and glorify forever.

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

Collection **May 07, 2023**

Envelopes	\$210.00
Loose	\$40.00
Diocesan Society	\$70.00
	\$320.00

NOTICES:

1: 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.

2: 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.

3: Internment for Eddie and Peter Campbell, summer residents, (sons of Jim and Madge Campbell, formally of Johnstown), will take place on Saturday May 20th, at 11:00 am, at Sacred Heart Cemetery, followed by a lunch in the Parish Hall.

4: Mass Intentions: Mass on Sunday May 21st, will be for the intentions of Eddie and Peter Campbell.

5: Spaghetti Supper: There will be a spaghetti supper on Sunday, May 21, from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Tara Lynn community Centre in River Bourgeois. The supper is a parish fundraiser and includes dinner, dessert, and beverages for \$12 All are welcome.

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: Variety Concert: Sacred Heart Church in Marion Bridge (Trout Brook Road) is having a variety Concert called "Music on The Mira" June 4th from 2-4pm. Marion Bridge Elementary Choir will be singing, The Ukulele Unlimited, Guitar Gals, and D&R dance group, along with Jerry Gillis and Phyllis and Wilfred MacEachern! Good Cape Breton tea and Oatcakes will be served. Times are especially hard now for so many, so we are depending on the generosity of donations at the door. For any further inquiries call 902 578 8879.

8: 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.

9: 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**