



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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May 21, 2023

Nex week, Sunday May 28th, Fr. Yake will be away and he was not able to get another priest to say mass that Sunday. There will not be a mass in Sacred Heart or L'Ardoise May 28

Solemnity of the Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

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

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaim Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo).

The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the State of Nebraska have retained the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on the proper Thursday, while all other provinces have transferred this solemnity for today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The usual Optional Memorial of Christopher Magallanes & Companions is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.

Collection
May 14, 2023

Envelopes	\$150.00
Loose	\$20.00
	\$170.00

NOTICES:

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

2: 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.

3: Biosphere Expo & Artisan Market, Saturday, May 27. 11:30 am-2:30pm in the St. Peter's Lion Hall. Please join the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Region Association at the first Biosphere Expo & Artisan Market. Together with some local artisans, music and refreshments, there is sure to be something of interest for everyone, whether a resident or a business. Learn about the Biosphere - the association's projects and initiatives, various partners and annual events. You will discover that the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Region is always within reach to explore, enjoy and nurture.

4: 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.

5: 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.

6: 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.

7: Update on Parish/Fire Hall: We are still waiting on the Diocese to get possession of the deed for the right of way behind the parish hall: See note from the Diocese lawyers. I have also contacted our MLA and Councillor and they are also working on getting the deed:

"As discussed, we have been unable to record the deed as of yet. The issue relates to the age of the deed – basically, we need to be able to match the description of the property being conveyed by the deed to a PID on the new land registration system. The property conveyed by the deed is a portion of an existing PID. In this situation we need a new PID encompassing only the property conveyed by the deed to be created before we can register.

I will follow up soon with a better timeline on when we may be able to have a new PID created."

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**