



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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November 5, 2023

New Missals: The new missals for 2024 are now available in the church. Cost is \$5.00. You can put the \$5.00 in your regular envelope and indicate the \$5.00 is for the missal or have a separate envelope with your number on it.

Thirtieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10*. This reading states that this is a people who had wandered from the way of belief in God. The prophet chastises and threatens the priests of the temple.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13*. St. Paul is especially grateful that the Thessalonians received the word as from God, not men. The preacher of the word of God is well aware of his responsibility in proclaiming and preaching that word for he asks in the prayer before the gospel that the Lord will cleanse his heart and lips as he did Isaiah's for he is aware that it is God's word that is to be preached, not his own, or on his own terms. — Excerpted from *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from the Gospel of *Matthew 23:1-12*. As this picture of the Pharisees is painted by none other than Christ himself, we can have no doubt but that the description given is the truth and nothing but the truth. In spite of their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets" — the divine revelation God had given to the Chosen People—and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to God. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled

by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to God. Their religion was an empty external cloak which they used to attract attention and honor to themselves. Internally, they were so full of their own importance that there was no room for God in their hearts.

Our divine Lord warned his disciples, and through them all of us, to avoid that pernicious vice of pride. It should not be hard for any true Christian to avoid this vice. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by God, so we must give glory to God for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it why glory in it as if it were your own?" We owe everything we have to God and we should use all the gifts he has given us for his honor and glory, and for that purpose alone.

Do we always do this? Are we never tempted to look down on our less fortunate brothers? If we have got on well in our temporal affairs do we attribute our success to our own skill and hard work or do we thank God for the opportunities he gave to us and not to others. If, aided by God's grace, we are keeping his commandments, do we show contempt for those who give in to temptations which we did not have to meet? The best of us can profit from an examination of conscience along these lines. If our external observance of the Christian rule of life is motivated solely by love and gratitude to God all is well. But if our hearts are far from God and our motives in our religious behavior is self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position. The sinners and harlots of Christ's day repented and were received into his kingdom; the Pharisees, unable to repent, were left outside.

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

Collection October 29, 2023

Envelopes	\$285.00
Loose	\$10.00
Missals	\$20.00
Donation	\$200.00
Cemetery Fund	\$200.00
	\$715.00

Support: If you want to support Sacred Heart Parish, through your envelopes or just a donation, we are now set up for e-transfer: Please e-transfer to sacredheartjohnstown@gmail.com. Please include your envelope number. If you do not currently have a church envelope, please include your civic address. Receipts will be issued.

Bulletin: If you want to add a notice to the bulletin, please send an email to louisecampbel@gmail.com

Notices:

1: The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown Community Development Co-operative will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

Please Note: This meeting is open to the public. The business of the Cooperative will be conducted from 7:00 – 7:30. Following this, an Information Session/Question & Answer period on the Irish Cove Walking Trail Project will be held to update the public on our progress to date and to solicit community input as we move forward. We appreciate your participation in this important initiative.

2: In remembrance of our loved ones: November is the month of remembering those who have died. It is customary in our parish to remember our loved ones who have died since November of the previous year. Consequently, there will be a candlelight service of remembrance at the Sunday mass on November 5th. As the names are read, a family member will be invited to come to the candle stand to light a candle. Those to be remembered can include parishioners who have died during the year, relatives of parishioners whose burials took place in other parishes or relatives of people who were buried in Johnstown. Please call or email Louise at 902-535-3107/ louisecampbel@gmail.com

3: Annual General Meeting: District 10 Fire Department: The AGM will take place at the Red Islands Fire Hall, Sunday November 5th, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

4: Weekly coffee/tea drop-in: The Bras d'or Lakers Club is sponsoring a weekly coffee/tea drop in at the District 10 Red Islands Fire Hall, starting on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Come for a hot drink and see your friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome. Cards, puzzles and games are available, or you can just sit and chat. For more information call Barbara MacIntyre at (902) 577-4766.

5: Christmas Merchandise Bingo – Johnstown Parish Hall, Sunday November 12th, 2023. Time: 2:00 pm. Prizes include a turkey, gift cards and Christmas decoration, and many more. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group

6: Two-day Mission: On behalf of parishioners from Holy Guardian Angels Parish in L'Ardoise we wish to invite everyone to participate in a two day Mission, starting on Monday, November 13th with Mass @ 7:00 P.M. Our special guest is Father Too-chukwu from the Archdiocese of Halifax. On Tuesday, November 14th we will again have Mass at 9:00 A.M., followed by individual confession, concluding with an evening address and Adoration. Father "T" as he is affectionately known, reveals his faith and spiritual experiences that have had a profound effect on many. An excellent speaker, he has a great communicative ability to reach out and support us along our faith journey.

Program for this Mission: November 13-14, 2023 **Monday, November 13** 6:30pm - Music 7:00pm – Mass/Talk 8:15pm – Exposition/Adoration/Payers for healing 9:00 pm – Blessing **Tuesday, November 14** – Morning 9:00 am – Mass 9:45 am – Penitential Service and Confession Evening 6:30 pm – Music 7:00 pm – Talk 7:45 pm – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/Adoration/Rosary 8:45 pm – Benediction followed by a social

7: Christmas Concert with the Men of the Deeps. St. Mary's Church, Big Pond. Sunday November 19th, 2023, 2:00 PM. Doors open 1:00 pm. Tickets \$30.00. Proceeds to the Building Fund. Tickets can be purchased at East Bay Country Market, Gillis Building Supplies, St. Peters Home Hardware, Steffs Celtic Gifts, St. Peters or by calling the following: Anne MacPherson 902-828-2301, Mary MacInnis 902-574-1110 Josephine MacNeil 902-828-2279

8: Schedule for The Nativity of the Lord and The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 23, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00PM HGA - River Bourgeois

5:30PM SP - St. Peters

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:30AM SH - Johnstown

11:00AM HGA – L'Ardoise

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

8:00PM SP & SJB at SP

Monday, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)

9:30AM SH

11:00AM HGA

Saturday, December 30, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00PM SJB

5:30PM SP

Sunday, December 31, 2023

9:30AM SH

11:00AM HGA

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Eve)

8:00PM SP & SJB at SJB

Monday, January 1, 2024 (New Year's Day)

9:30AM SH

11:00AM HGA