



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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October 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*. The prophet, second-Isaiah, who lived in Babylonia with the exiled Jews, tells us, in God's own words, that he is the God, not only of the Jews, but of history and of the whole world.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5b*. St. Paul praises his converts for their fidelity to God and to Christ his Son and tells them how they are ever in his prayers so that they would continue to be faithful to the call God had given them, a call proved by the many gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed on them.

The **Gospel** is from *Matthew 22:15-21*. God's plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellowmen. Society must be governed, there must be authority which will direct the actions of the component members toward the common good, which common good is principally, though not exclusively, the material welfare of the members as a whole. As his ultimate end, however, man has his spiritual welfare. This government, this temporal power to rule and direct the human groups or societies or states, comes, therefore, from God for it is his will that such societies should exist. The answer of our Lord explicitly restates this fundamental norm of the divine natural law. "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's;" the state authorities have a right to the obedience and cooperation in all things that tend to the material welfare of the state,

provided always the spiritual welfare of the members is not impeded by the rulers' demands.

As a partly spiritual being man is destined to be a citizen of a spiritual eternal kingdom, and while on this earth he has the duty and the possibility of preparing himself for citizenship in that kingdom. And since this kingdom is of a higher and much more important nature, man's primary aim in life must be to reach that kingdom. He must, in other words, find out and fulfill his duties toward God; he must "give to God what is God's."

This dual citizenship of man and the dual obligations that arise from it are the common knowledge of all from the natural law but are made more explicit still in divine revelation of which today's answer, given by Christ to the Pharisees, is a precise and perfect resume. We have duties to God and duties to our country and the fulfillment of the latter is part of the fulfillment of the former. We Christians have no doubts as to our obligations under these two headings. We fulfill our duties to God by being faithful, loyal, active members of the spiritual kingdom, the Church, which Christ established on earth in order to lead us to our eternal kingdom. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State, by paying all lawful taxes, and by contributing our share, whenever called on, toward the common good.

Both St. Peter (1 Pet. 2: 13-14) and St. Paul (Rom. 13: 1-7), stressed the obligation on the early Christians of being an example to all in their loyalty as citizens of the state. The same necessity obliges us too. We who know the divine, positive and natural law so much better than many others, must help to enlighten those others by our faithful observance of these laws. And our loyalty, too, will give the lie to those enemies of the faith who, in their ignorance and foolish opposition to things spiritual, are only too ready to think that loyalty to our Church and our God must of necessity make us disloyal to our

country. History already has given the lie to such calumnies, for the loyal Christian has ever been the loyal citizen, but we must keep on writing such history in glaring lights of daily deeds, for there are, and there always will be, those enemies who cannot read history books.

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

Collection **October 15, 2023**

Envelopes	\$220.00
Loose	\$20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$30.00
	\$270.00

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

The Mass intention for this Sunday, Oct. 22 will be for the repose of the soul of Mary Jessie Savoie.

NOTICES:

1: Johnstown Sewing/handicraft

The weekly Johnstown sewing/knitting/ needlework group will start up again on Thursday, October 5 at 1:00 pm, at the District 10 Firehall, Red Islands. For further information: Rita Campbell, 902-631-0209

2: Public lecture in the Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series

Wednesday Oct. 25 at 7:00pm.

The Role of Community Entrepreneurs in Depleted Communities: *How Fr. Greg's Action Research Impacted Cape Breton*. The lecture will be by Dr. Colin Mason, retired professor of the university of Glasgow, Scotland. It will be held in The Pitt Lounge campus centre at CBU.

3: Halloween party: A Halloween party will be held on Sunday Oct 29 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the District 10 Red Island fire hall. Everyone is welcome to get dressed up and show off your best costume. This event is for adults and children.

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: 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.

6: 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

7: 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

8: 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

9: 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