



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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September 03, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9* in which we hear Jeremiah giving voice to this internal anguish of mind; he hates what he has to say to his people, yet he is compelled by God to say it.

Second Reading is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12:1-2* in which he tells the Roman Christians (converts, for the most part, from paganism) that they must prove themselves worthy of this great favor, they must live truly Christian lives.

The **Gospel** is from *Matthew 16:21-27*. From all eternity this was God's plan for mankind. But because sin had entered into the world before the Incarnation took place, the Son of God in his human nature had to suffer the violent death of the cross at the hands of sinners. In this very suffering he became the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world, as the second-Isaiah had foretold in his "suffering servant" prophecies (Is. 53: 1-7; 42: 1-9 etc). His death, because he was God as well as man, was a sacrifice, an atonement, of infinite value, and therefore obtained forgiveness from the Father for all the sins of the human race.

In foretelling his sufferings and death, which took place some months later, Christ intended to prepare his disciples and other followers for what he knew would be for them a severe crisis of faith. He also took occasion from it to remind his

disciples, and all others who would follow him, of what their attitude to suffering and death should be. He told them, and us too, that we must be ever ready to accept sufferings in this life, and even an untimely death if that should be demanded of us, rather than deny our Christian faith.

To prove their loyalty to their faith in Christ thousands of Christians in the early Church, and thousands more during persecutions in later centuries, gladly took him at his word and went joyfully to their martyrdom. It is to be hoped that, aided by God's grace, we would all be ready to imitate their example, if called on to prove our fidelity to Christ and our Christian faith. But at the moment what Christ expects and asks of us is that we should bear the sufferings and hardships of daily life cheerfully and gladly for his sake. This daily carrying of our Christian cross can be, and is for many, a prolonged martyrdom. Poverty, ill-health, cruelty and hardheartedness met with in the home and in one's neighbors, are heavy crosses which only a truly Christian shoulder can bear. But, if we were offered health, happiness, peace, wealth and power for the next fifty or seventy years on this earth, in exchange for an eternal heaven after death, what rational one among us would accept that offer?

Christians know that this life is a period of training, which makes us ready hereafter to receive the eternal reward which Christ has won for us. Every trainee knows that one must endure certain hardships and sufferings in order to merit graduation into one's chosen profession or trade. On our Christian graduation day we shall, please God, hear the welcome words : "Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater, come and join in your Master's happiness" (Mt. 25: 21). May God grant that every one of us will hear these words of welcome.

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

Collection Second August 27th

Envelopes	\$210.00
Loose	\$84.50
I/M of Catherine MacLean	\$100.00
	\$394.50

NOTICES:

1: The Johnstown Market will be held on Sunday September 03, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

2: The faith community of Holy Guardian Angels Parish invite neighboring parishioners to join our special celebration on Sunday, September 3rd as we commemorate 200 years of Ancestry Faith and Family. A special mass of Thanksgiving will take place @ 3:00 P.M. with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick as main celebrant, joined by our pastor, former clergy and invited guests. All are welcome.

3: Mother of Sorrows

Pioneer Shrine

Mabou, Cape Breton

Save the date and plan to attend our Annual Celebration at the Shrine on Sunday, September 10th a Continuous Rosary will start at 1:00 pm at the Shrine and will continue until 3:30, just in time for Feast Day Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Following Mass there will be refreshments at the Mabou Hall Compliments of our CWL If you have any questions, please call 902-945-2221

4: Musique Royale: Bumarang

Musique Royale announces a six-concert province-wide tour of the Celtic band Bumarang, a trio of virtuosic Celtic musicians: Kate Bevan-Baker (Hey Rosetta!, The Dardanelles), Sarah Pagé (Barr Brothers), and Dave Gossage (Orealis, Land of Kush), Bumarang draws from their diverse musical backgrounds in jazz, classical, African, bluegrass, and traditional music to create an unforgettable Celtic sound. Tickets are \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance, and students pay \$10 at the door.

Saturday September 9 at 7 pm - St John's Centre of the Arts, 2513 Highway 206, Arichat [Buy Tickets](#)

Sunday September 10 at 3 pm - St Barra's Catholic Church, 47 Church Rd, Christmas Island [Buy Tickets](#)

5: Richmond Conty Registration information: Registering & Payment Options → Register online by visiting <http://www.richmondcounty.ca> → Register by phoning 902.226.0663 → Pay online via credit card or hybrid card → Pay by cash/cheque/debit at the municipal administration office → Pay via credit card over the phone
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6: Beginner Line Dancing Ladies and gentlemen, Belinda welcomes you to a fun and rewarding way to get a total body wellness both physically and mentally all while having fun dancing to many different music genres. If you can count to 8, you can line dance. The best steps you will ever take! No partner required. United Church Hall, St. Peter's Tuesdays, for 8 weeks, beginning September 19 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Fee: \$40.00 or \$5.00/drop-in Instructor: Belinda LaRoche

7: Chair Yoga 55+ Red Islands Fire Hall, Johnstown Wednesdays, for 8 weeks, beginning September 27 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm, Fee: \$25.00 Instructor: Lynne Doucette

8: 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

9: Support: If you still want to continue supporting 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.