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**Bulletin**

**Sacred Heart Parish**

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**Eucharist Schedule**

**Saturday 4:00**

**Protocols for Mass – see second page**

**NOTE: Starting Saturday Aug 1st, masks will be mandatory during Service.**

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.

The **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 Matt. 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.

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.

**Aug 29th, 2020**

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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.

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| **Envelopes** | **$520.00** |
| **Loose** | **$40.00** |
| **Cemetery Fund** | **$100.00** |
| **Initial Offering** | **$50.00** |
|  | **$710.00** |

**Collection: Aug 15th, 2020**

**Notices:**

**1: Take out Dinner:**

Date: Saturday September 5th

Time: 4:45 pm

Pick-up: Johnstown Parish Hall

Cost: $10.00

For Tickets you can email me back or call the following numbers:

Louise: 902-535-3107

Barbara: 902-828-2079

Rita: 902-631-0209

Edie: 902-322-6543

**2: Tickets on a quilt:** The tickets are out on the quilt. You can purchase tickets from any member of the Sacred Heart Ladies Group, or etransfer money to Louise Campbell, by sending her a message on Facebook.

**3: Custom Headstones at Talbot House**

Are you looking for a headstone for your loved one resting in your local cemetery?

Talbot House in Frenchvale makes beautiful headstones for $175

The revenue generated from these sales goes to support the healing work that Fr John Webb began, and continues at Talbot House to this day.

Simply call: (902) 794-2852 to order your gravestone marker.

**4: Annual Feast Day Celebration:**

All are invited to attend our Annual Feast Day Celebration on Sunday, September 13th, here at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou.

The Continuous Rosary will be prayed at the Shrine starting at 1:00 pm and continuing until 3:30 pm. Mass will be offered by Father Danny MacLennan with Father Bernie MacDonald at 4:00 pm in St. Mary's Church, set up safely as it is for our weekend Masses. The intentions of "Friends of the Shrine"

will be offered at the Mass .

To keep everyone safe we will have Public Health protocol in place; only 4 in the Shrine at one time, the rosary leaders will be designated to rotate in and out, keeping only 4 persons in the Shrine at a time. The leaders will be amplified outside and those who attend will be seated outside. People will move to their cars if need be. Only two at a time in the gift shop in addition to staff. Washrooms are available.

Unfortunately we will not be providing that nice lunch and tea after Mass.

We will hope and pray that we will be able to gather without all these restrictions again next year.

If you have any inquiries please call 902-945-2221 Hope to see you here!!

**5: Floor Yoga**

Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown NEW

Mondays, 8 weeks, beginning September 21

\*There will be no class on October 12

10:00 - 11:30 am, Fee: $25.00

Please register for this program by calling

902-226-0663.

**6: Blueberry Fest:**

L’Ardoise Community Center
Saturday Sept 19th 4-6pm $10.00
Advanced ticket sales only

Includes your choice of soup with roll or biscuit and a selection of blueberry desserts (choose when you get to the center)

To purchase ticket call:

Raymonde Burke 902-587-2675 – 902-227-8552

Andree Sampson 902-587-2201

Or at Cotie’s Convenience Lower L’Ardoise

This will be a walk-up and take-out event with limited seating available. All social distancing protocols will be in place, including mask requirements

**Corvid19 Protocols for Mass**

1. Entering the Church
	1. **Starting Saturday Aug 1st, masks will be mandatory**
	2. Only the side door will be open for entering the Church
	3. You should have a piece of paper with your name, phone number and email; this will be dropped in a basket as you enter. This information is to be kept for 30 days in the event that we need to do contact tracing. This is to be done at every mass you attend. If you forgot to bring the paper, one will be provided as you enter.
	4. Use the hand sanitizer that is provided, or bring you own, but use as soon as you enter the church
	5. Follow the marks, on the floor, to your seat, please keep 2m (6ft) apart for physical distancing
	6. You are to remain in your seat until communion
2. Communion
	1. The first rows to go to communion will start from the front of the church to the back, starting on the window aisle
	2. Remain in your seat until the usher has indicated that your row can start going to communion
	3. Keep 2m (6ft) apart while walking to communion
	4. Only one line will form down the middle aisle
	5. Once it is your turn to receive communion, stretch out your hands towards the Priest to receive Communion
	6. If using a mask, remove the mask using the straps and without touching the front of the mask, while the person ahead of you is receiving Holy Communion
	7. Walk back to your seat following the 2m (6ft) distance
3. Leaving the Church
	1. Both the side and back door will be open to leave the church
	2. The people who wish to leave by the back door, will follow the following procedure
		1. The last rows of seats in the church will leave first, once they have left then the next row will leave, the usher will be there to guide you on distancing.
		2. Please remain 2m (6ft) apart
		3. Use the hand sanitizer on the way out
		4. Leave the church without spending social time with the priest and fellow parishioners at the door
	3. The people who which to leave by the side door, will follow the following procedure
		1. The front rows will leave first, once they have left then the next row can leave, the usher will be there to guide you on distancing
		2. Please remain 2m (6ft) apart
		3. Use the hand sanitizer on the way out
4. Collections:
	1. There will be no collection during mass, please deposit your envelope or donation at the basket provide, on your way out of the church. A basket will be provided at both doors