



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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**Masks are
mandatory in
the Church**

Office of the Bishop:

Due to the COVID_19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected:

The Special Collections for Development and Peace. Collection for the Holy Land and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works are now rescheduled for the fall. Here are the *new dates* for these collections:

November 15, World Day of the Poor: Development and Peace

Development and Peace's theme for the fall will be "COVID-19: Recovering Together." They will be featuring stories of projects that have already been initiated to help people in the Global South respond to the pandemic. For example: to feed their families, many Haitian tradeswomen, known as "*madam sara*" in Creole, buy produce in rural areas and travel to cities to sell it. The wide travel and close interactions that their trade requires places the *madam sara* at an elevated risk of catching and transmitting the virus. DPCC is helping Caritas Haiti provide food aid and pandemic prevention and care information to these women and their communities.

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10a. In today's reading Isaiah describes under the image of a great banquet, the blessings, the contentment and happiness that the messianic kingdom will bring.

October 10th, 2020

The feast of St. John XXIII, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. The Philippians were the only converts from whom St. Paul accepted any financial help. He is thanking them here for some such assistance which he must surely have needed for he was in prison when he wrote this letter. He assures them that God will reward them for the charitable aid given him.

The Gospel is Matthew 22:1-14. How foolish the Pharisees were in not listening to our Lord's warnings. He gave them every opportunity to turn away from the false path which their pride had chosen for them. His divine heart was ever ready to embrace them if only they would say "mea culpa." "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent to you, how often would I have gathered together your children, as the hen does her chickens under her wings, and you would not" (Mt. 23:37)? "God created us without our cooperation," says St. Augustine. "but he cannot save us unless we cooperate."

We too could make the Pharisees' mistake. We have the invitation to the wedding feast; in fact, we are already in the banquet hall, since our baptism; but are we wearing the wedding garment of virtue and grace? If not, we are no better off than those who rejected the invitation. The king may come in at any moment and cast out those who are not properly dressed. Being a member of the Church on earth is a wonderful privilege, and a sure guarantee that we will reach heaven, if we do what is expected of us.

But the same obstacles which prevented the Pharisees from entering the kingdom—love of this world, its wealth and its pleasures—can impede us too, unless we are on our guard. The world with its allurements is very close to us; heaven seems very far away. Thus we must be prepared to do violence to our ordinary inclinations, to go against them whenever and wherever "the things that are Caesar's" tend to blot out or make us forget "the things that are God's."

This implies a daily carrying of the cross, a daily struggle against our evil inclinations, a daily endeavor to acquire true love of God and neighbor. This may sound superhuman, but Christ did not ask anyone to do the impossible. He led the way, and millions have followed him to eternal glory. He has called us too and has placed within our easy reach in his Church all the grace we need. If we fail to use these divine helps, if we are found without the wedding garment, we will have no one to blame but ourselves. We have been called with the many. We can be among the "chosen."

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

Collection: October 03rd, 2020

Envelopes	\$605.00
Loose	\$10.00
	\$615.00

Notices:

1: 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 e-transfer money to Louise Campbell, by sending her a message on Facebook.

2: Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup and Biscuit Take-out

Saturday October 24th

Time: 4:45 pm

Pick up at the Johnstown Parish Hall

Cost: \$10.00 each

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group

Please contact the following people for tickets:

Please let us know by Oct 21st, so we can get the correct numbers

Louise: 902-535-3107

Barbara: 902-828-2079

Rita: 902-631-0209

Eddie: 902-322-6543

Elizabeth: 902-539-2078

3: Religious Christmas Cards for sale:

There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca

You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered 50 packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10.

Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

4. Mass for shut-ins will start broadcasting on Sunday, October 18th, at 11:30 am, on CTV. The taping for MFSI takes place at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Sydney River, on Saturdays, until further notice, due to Covid-19. We are inviting parishes and groups to call Mae, and book a taping.

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7. Some information about teenager Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified on Oct. 10, 2020

<https://youtu.be/DgLtOF0G2sQ>