



## Bulletin

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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**July 3rd, 2021**

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Masks are  
mandatory in  
the Church**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 2:2-5 and treats of the Exekiel's appointment as prophet among the exiles in Babylon.

The **second reading** is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10. St Paul feels forced to prove that he was a true Apostle — who suffered much for Christ and his Gospel and who also had been given the privilege of special visions and revelations. He goes on to describe some weakness he had which troubled him very much. He concludes that he is content with weakness and sufferings because the power and strength of Christ, working through a weak instrument, will be all the more visible and convincing.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 6:1-6. What happened in Nazareth was a foretaste of the later reaction of the scribes and Pharisees, the leaders of the people, to Christ's claim to be the promised Messiah. What the people of Nazareth tried to do (Lk. 4:29-30), the religious authorities in Jerusalem succeeded in doing, because they were able to threaten the Roman governor with blackmail. Even in their wickedness and unknown to themselves, they were putting into action God's plan for mankind. It was necessary that Christ should die so that all men could live forever with God. Christ's death, followed by his resurrection, was the key that opened the door of eternity for the human race.

Unfortunately for the leaders of the Jews, the good end did not justify the evil intentions and evil means which they used. It is hard to understand the irrational opposition of the Nazarites on this occasion, and of the Pharisees of Jerusalem later. The people of Nazareth had heard nothing but

marvelous reports of his wonderful preaching and outstanding miracles. One would therefore expect that if they were at all reasonable, they would rejoice on having one of their fellow-citizens admired by thousands and looked upon by so many as the long-promised Messiah. Instead, they turned against him in bitter hatred and there and then decided to put an end to his career (Lk. 4:29). Why? Because the demon of envy, a daughter of pride, laid hold of their hearts and minds. Why should a neighbor's son, and one of a lower status than many of them—a mere carpenter, be given this privilege while their sons were passed over? This could not be, their envy told them, and so they shut their minds against any proof to the contrary.

It was the same later in the case of the Pharisees. The same vices, pride and envy, darkened their intellects and prevented them from seeing the truth. They were the religious leaders of the people, or so they thought themselves to be. If the Messiah had come they felt that he should have come through them and with their approval. This impostor Jesus could not possibly be the Messiah. Not only was he not keeping the law as strictly as they kept it, but he was friendly with sinners and tax-gatherers. Furthermore, he was talking of some faraway kingdom in heaven and not of the earthly empire which they decided the real Messiah would establish. They had not only heard of his extraordinary miracles but had seen some of those who were cured. In Bethany only a few miles from Jerusalem Lazarus had been raised to life after four days in the grave. They tried very hard to deny these miracles (see Jn. 9: the man born blind), and they even thought of killing Lazarus to make the people forget the miracle! (Jn. 12:11). Thus their pride and envy made them irrational. Nothing but the cruelest possible death of the one hated could glory. Lifted up on the cross he drew

all men to himself as he had foretold (Jn. 12:32). Those on Calvary beheld the triumph of failure.

Would that all the opposition to Christ and his teaching, caused by human pride and envy, had ended with the Nazarites and Pharisees! Far from it. Pride and envy are still rife among us. All through the twenty centuries of Christianity, there have been proud men, men high in their own esteem. Not only would they not have Christ to reign over them, but they have tried to prevent his reign over even those who are gladly and proudly his subjects. Not content with dethroning Christ in their own hearts and minds, they have devoted all their energies to abolishing him and his Church from the face of our earth. Such enemies of Christ are still among us. They are more numerous than ever today but just as their predecessors failed in the past, so will these fail today. Christ will continue to reign and his Church will continue its mission of leading to heaven all men whose minds are free from sinful pride and therefore open to the truth.

Let us renew our loyalty to Christ today. He humbled himself so that we might be raised to the standing of sons of God. He shared our human nature with us so that we could share his divine nature. He died a cruel death on Calvary so that we could have an eternal life in heaven. We pray for light for those whose foolish pride has left them groping in darkness. Let us also ask the good God to keep us ever on the road of truth, the road of Christian humility which leads to the eternal home which Christ has won for us by his incarnation.

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

**Collection:**  
**June 26/2021**

Envelopes	\$590.00
Loose	\$20.00
	\$610.00

**Notices:**

**1: Take-out Strawberry Festival.** July 10<sup>th</sup>, time: 4:00pm. Take out will include, strawberries, oatcakes, biscuits, cream. \$10.00 each. You can pre-order or pick up that day. Sacred Heart Ladies Group is asking people to donate biscuits and oatcakes.

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Barbara: 902-828-2079  
Rita: 902-631-0209  
Edie: 902-322-6543  
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**2: Multi-Table Yard Sale**

Where: Johnstown Landing – Across from the Parish Hall  
When: Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> – rain date Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Cost: \$10.00 per table  
Hosted by: Johnstown Community Development Co-op

Contact the following to book a table:

Rita Campbell: 902-631-0209  
Roger Cormier: 902-578-9107  
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2: The following is the schedule for the summer and fall season. Some events are tentative at this time and more information will be forthcoming closer to the event. These events are subject to change due to Covid restrictions

- 3: Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>: Take-out Cold Turkey Plate
- 4: Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>: Cemetery Mass and Take-out Supper
- 5: Sunday August 22<sup>th</sup>: Bake Sale
- 6: Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>: Take-out Supper
- 7: Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>: Christmas Bingo

**In the Diocese**

From Bishop Kirkpatrick

In providing a COVID -19 update today, Premier Iain Rankin and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that the province will enter Phase Three, effective tomorrow, June 30. Phase Three allows for in-person faith gatherings in the province for 50% capacity up to 100 people indoors and up to 150 people outdoors. We will need to continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing. As Bishop, I support this directive.

Some have questioned whether there should be any Canada Day celebrations this year, in light of the recent discovery of about one thousand unmarked graves at Kamloops and Cowessess, on the site of two former Indian Residential Schools. We are all deeply troubled by this news. We need to gather to offer prayer for all who have died, especially those children who are buried in unmarked graves on these sites. We need to gather to pray for a time of healing.

We need to gather on Canada Day and use it as an opportunity to talk about Indigenous history and the dark chapter of our country's Indian Residential Schools. We need to gather to celebrate Mass on Canada Day. I also encourage you to offer the prayer to St. Joseph. Within the Novena and an Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph, there is a prayer for Canada Day.

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/St.-Joseph-Novena-EN.pdf>

Et acte de confiance dans la Neuvaine à Saint Joseph, il y a une prière pour la Fête du Canada.

<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/St.-Joseph-Novena-FR.pdf>

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick