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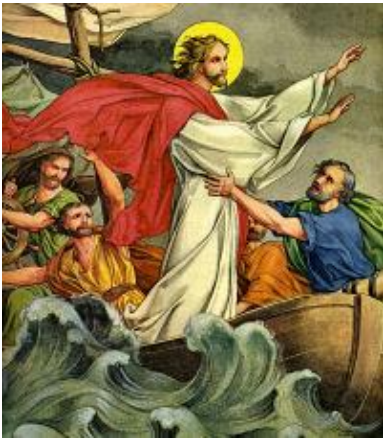
Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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June 19th, 2021
Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Masks are
mandatory in
the Church**



The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Job 38:1, 8-11.

The **second reading** is from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17. St. Paul is urging his converts never to forget what being a Christian means. They have been given a new mode of life because Christ died and rose from the dead for them.

The Gospel is from St. Mark 4:35-41. There is a very important lesson for every one of us in today's gospel story. Our lives are really a journey across the sea of time to the shore of eternity. During that crossing all who come to the use of reason encounter some storms. There is no smooth, calm crossing for anyone. This is the will of God. Our Lord knew that a storm was going to blow up that night in the Sea of Galilee. He allowed his disciples to face that terrifying ordeal, because he wanted his future Church to have confidence in his divine power and assistance, when tribulations and persecutions would seem to be on the point of ending her forever. Down through the centuries the Church of God has had to face storms and trials which would have swamped her if she had not a divine Founder and Protector. Christ, however, kept his promise — the gates of hell cannot prevail against her. She survived the storms and as a consequence of them gained new vigor and strength.

That same divine guarantee which Christ gave his Church will be with her until the last human being on earth has entered heaven. It is with her today. It will save her from internal weaknesses which could do more damage to her

spiritual vitality than open persecution from without could ever do. We know Christ is in the barque of Peter. He is waiting to be called. If we realize that of ourselves we are not able to weather this storm, and call on him, he will rebuke the winds of pride and calm the waves of turbulent self-assertion. The barque of Peter will enter calm waters once more.

What is true in the life of the Church is true also in the life of each member of the Church. God foresees all our life's storms. He permits them, because he is to use them as means to help us in our struggle to reach heaven. If we use these storms or trials of life to come closer to Jesus, to throw ourselves on his mercy, they will serve the purpose for which he permits them. Unfortunately, there are Christians who question not only the goodness of God, but his very existence, when some heavy seas break across their life's barque. "How could God, if he be good," they ask, "allow me to suffer like this, I who have been so faithful? Why should he let me bear all this poverty, all these pains, all this dishonesty of my fellowmen, when a small act of his will could remove it all and make me healthy, happy and prosperous?"

What such a Christian forgets is that God's purpose in creating him was not to make him healthy, happy and prosperous in this life, but to give him a share in his own eternal happiness in heaven. If this life were the end and sum-total of man, if all ended with death, then certainly that complaint would have some foundation. However, our human intelligence, and divine revelation, prove to us conclusively that this life is not an end for man but a means with which to attain his real end, perfect happiness.

Therefore, we must not expect to get from life what it cannot give. Instead, we must use what it gives us, the unpleasant as well as the pleasant, the rain as well as the sunshine, the pain as well as the pleasure, as means which will help us to reach our perfect ending, our eternal dwelling-place in heaven. Too often like the disciples that night in the storm, we think that God has forgotten us, that he is not interested in us when storms break around us. In fact, it is then that he is nearest to us. We think he is sleeping and that all is lost, when he is but using this storm to rekindle our faith, and make us realize that we are pilgrims on our way across this earth and not permanent residents here.

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

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Notices:

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

- 1: Saturday July 10th: Take-out Strawberry Festival
- 2: Saturday July 17th: Flea Market – Sponsored by the Johnstown Community Co-op – to be held at the Johnstown Landing site
- 3: Saturday July 31st: Take-out Cold Turkey Plate
- 4: Saturday August 14th: Cemetery Mass and Take-out Supper
- 5: Sunday August 22th: Bake Sale
- 5: Saturday September 4th: Take-out Supper
- 6: Sunday November 21st: Christmas Bingo

In the Diocese

- 1: June 22-30: Canadian Catholics to pray Novena to St Joseph

The faithful in Canada are invited to pray a Novena in honor of St. Joseph from 22 – 30 June, as part of initiatives to mark the Year of St. Joseph. During the nine days of prayer, we are encouraged to pray for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic, for those who have died, for the family – domestic Church, for peace and unity in the country, for an end to racism and discrimination, for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, for youth and the elderly, for frontline workers and the unemployed, and for the need, addicted and excluded.

Read the story here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-06/canada-catholics-novena-st-josephact-of-entrustment.html>

- 2: CCCB Update: Indigenous Delegation to the Holy See The CCCB has been working with Indigenous people and communities to develop a delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father, to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing. Read the CCCB statement on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/delegation-to-the-holy-see/>

- 3: Prayers and Solidarity for the Muslim Community "As Roman Catholics, we too express our remorse over the murder of the Muslim family in London, Ontario. It is apparent that while this family was out walking they were targeted in a violent attack simply for being Muslim. As a faith community, we stand in solidarity with the Muslim community and we too call for action against Islamophobia." - Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick
Read more on Our Blog: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/prayers-and-solidarity-for-the-muslim-community/>.

June 15, 2021

My Dear People,

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 Two, effective tomorrow, June 16. We will need to continue wearing masks and maintain physical distancing.

<https://novascotia.ca/reopening-plan/phase-two/#gatherings-and-social-contacts>

Phase Two allows for in-person faith gatherings in the province for 25% capacity up to 50 people. As Bishop, I support this directive and I instruct that our churches now be reopened. Once again, our parish offices, like our diocesan offices may be reopened to the public.

We are cautious about the Delta variant of this pandemic but with the vaccination rate up and many more eligible for a second dose of vaccine we are on the right path to a much better summer. We all agree that our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. We hope that as we celebrate Canada Day, we will be able to enter Phase Three which will enable greater numbers of people for indoors faith gatherings.

In keeping with the celebration of the Year of Saint Joseph, the CCCB National Liturgy Office has composed a Novena and an Act of Entrustment to Saint Joseph. The Novena begins on June 22 and ends on June 30, and is followed by the Act of Entrustment on Thursday, 1 July 2021 Canada Day. I have attached the links to these documents.

English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saintjoseph/novena-and-act-of-entrustment-to-saint-joseph/>

French: <https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/celebrons-lannee-de-saintjoseph/neuvaine-et-acte-de-confiance-a-saint-joseph/>

We pray that St. Joseph, patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Kirkpatrick (Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick