



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

**Masks are
mandatory in
the Church**

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June 26th, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The first reading is taken from the Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 and references a truth which is clearly stated for the first time in the whole Old Testament — man's real destiny is an unending life with God.

The second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to give generously toward the collection he is organizing for the poor Jewish converts in Palestine.

The Gospel is from St. Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35-43. Today's gospel gives us two further proofs of the divine power and the infinite mercy of our Savior. Apart from the primary purpose of proving his claim to be the promised Messiah, all his miracles had as their aim and end — the benefit of suffering human beings. He worked no miracle for the sake of astonishing people or to satisfy idle gossip. Each one was performed in order to help someone in distress. All who were helped by his miracles of mercy had one thing in common — they were motivated by trust in his mercy and power. The leper in Matthew (8:2) expressed the sentiments of them all: "Lord, if only you will you can cleanse me (of my leprosy)." In many cases, as for instance that of Jairus above, it was a relative or friends who showed this faith and confidence. It was always present either in the fortunate person or in the relative or friend who asked for the miracle.

The Gospels give us only some of the many miracles our Lord worked. They give them to prove that he was what he claimed to be — the Son of God and the long-expected Savior; and also to prove his compassionate understanding and sympathy for suffering humanity.

We must not forget, however, that the meaning of his miracles and his mission was lost on thousands of his contemporaries in Palestine, small though the country was. While great throngs followed our Lord and listened to his message and were interested in his mission, still great throngs remained at home, stolidly immersed in their worldly tasks and thoughts. They heard rumors about the man from Nazareth who was said to be the Messiah, and was supposed to be able to work miracles, but they were too practical, too sensible to listen to such rumors. Anyway they had no interest in the Messiah, or in silly spiritual things, they were fully occupied with their financial and worldly interests.

Has the world changed much in nineteen centuries? How many millions of nominal Christians ignore Christ and his Gospel today, millions who are too practical, too down-to-earth to waste time on such a silly thing as their eternal salvation! How many millions are spiritually sick and dying but who have not the faith, humility and confidence of Jairus, to cast themselves at the feet of Jesus and ask him to cure them? How fortunate would not people be if they would repeat the leper's prayer: "Lord, if only you will you can make me clean"; if they could, like the suffering woman in today's Gospel, break through the throng of worldly pride, worldly interests and worldly associates and touch the hem of his garment; if they had the faith of Jairus; if only they could say to our Lord "come and lay your hands upon me so that I may be made well and live."?

Today, let us say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active faith which he has given us and beg of him to keep that faith ever alive in our breasts. Let us think, too, of our fellowmen, our brothers in Christ, who are so busy with their worldly occupations and pleasures that they cannot find time to listen to his message. They are spiritually anemic and almost spiritually dead, but cannot push their way toward Christ through the throngs of earthly, worldly barricades which they have built about themselves. Our sincere prayers can help them to overcome these obstacles; frequently and fervently let us ask God to send them his efficacious grace so that these brothers in Christ will also be with him in heaven.

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

Collection:
May, 2021

Envelopes	\$250.00
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June 19, 2021

Envelopes	\$630.00
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Notices:

1: First Event for summer: Take out Strawberry Festival. July 10th, 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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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

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

6: Saturday September 4th: Take-out Supper

7: 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/>.