



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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**Masks are
Mandatory in the
Church**

**See new Covid19 rules
on the second page**

October 09, 2021
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom, 7:7-11 and is the conclusion of the fourth Suffering Servant Song; Christ's divine gifts become our means to salvation.

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13 which discusses how Christ, our high priest, is greater than the priests of the Mosaic Law. Our confidence is based on Christ's high priesthood. He is the perfect priest because He is merciful and compassionate. As man, He has experienced the sufferings that affect us, although He was free from sin. Since He knows our weaknesses so well, He can give us the help we need, and when He comes to judge us, He will take that weakness into account. We should respond to the Lord's goodness by staying true to our profession of faith. A Christian needs to live up to all the demands of his calling; he should be single-minded and free from doubts.

The Gospel is from St. Mark, 10:17-30. By coming to Jesus with his problem this man has done all Christians a good turn. We have learned from Christ's answer that over-attachment to worldly goods is one of the big obstacles to entering heaven. The man in this story was a good-living man, he kept all the commandments from his youth upward and he had an interest in eternal life, while many of his compatriots of that day had not. Reading this man's heart like an open book, Christ saw that not only was he fit for eternal life but that he was one who could have a very high place in heaven if he would leave everything and become a close follower of his. Not only would he become a saint, but he would lead many to sanctity.

The price to pay for this privilege, however, seemed too high to this "good man." "He had great possessions" and he was too attached to them so he could not accept Christ's offer, "his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful." Although his case was exceptional, Christ saw in him the makings of a saint and he asked him to make an exceptional sacrifice, one which he did not and does not ask of all his followers; his remark to the disciples later: "how hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God" holds for all time and for all mankind.

This statement of Christ, however, does not mean that a follower may not possess any of this world's goods. He may possess and use those goods, but what he must not do is to allow them to take such a hold on him that he has no time for acquiring everlasting goods—the Christian virtues. Unfortunately, there are Christians whose whole purpose in this life is the accumulation of worldly goods. Concentration on such accumulation is wrong, but in many cases the methods of acquisition are unjust: defrauding laborers of their just wages; overcharging customers; cheating in business deals; giving false measures and many other devices which produce unearned wealth.

All this is far from Christian justice, and those who have let such sinful greed to regulate their lives are certainly not on the road to heaven. There are other sins, of course, which can keep us from heaven, but of all the sins a man can commit this irrational greed for the wealth of this world seems the most unreasonable of them all. How utterly inane and foolish to have spent a lifetime collecting something from which we shall soon be parted forever! The rich man's bank-book and his gilt-edged shares will be not only valueless in the after-life but they, if unjustly acquired, will be witnesses for the prosecution at the

judgment on which one's eternal future depends. While most of us are not guilty of such excessive greed for wealth, we all do need to examine our consciences as to how we acquire and use the limited wealth we have.

There are very rich men who have acquired their wealth honestly and justly and who spend much of their wealth on charitable causes. Their wealth will not hinder them from reaching heaven. On the other hand, there are many in the middle and lower income-bracket who may be offending against justice through the means they use to acquire what they have, and in the little helps which they refuse to a needy neighbor. We may not be able to found a hospital for the poor, or pay an annuity to support the family of a disabled fellow workman, but we are not excused from bringing a little gift to our neighbors who are in hospital, or from supplying even part of a meal for the dependants of the injured workman.

Remember that Christ praised the widow who put a mite (a cent) into the collection-box for the poor in the temple area, and he also said that a cup of cold water given in his name would not go without reward. We need not be rich in order to be charitable; often our own exaggerated sense of our poverty can make us hard-hearted and mean toward our fellowmen who look to us for help. The true Christian, whose principal purpose in life is to serve God, will not overburden himself with unnecessary pieces of luggage; instead he will travel light and be ever ready to help others also to carry their burdens.

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

Collection:
Oct 02/21

Envelopes	\$290.00
Loose	\$5.00
Shine Fund I/M of Margie Gardiner and Elizabeth Tonet	\$50.00
	\$345.00

Notices:

1: Sewing/knitting/needlework group

Our group will start up again on Thursday, September 30th at 1:00 pm, at the Johnstown Parish Hall. It will run every Thursday from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm until December 9th.

I'm asking those attending to give \$20 to pay for heat in the Hall.

The NS Government just announced that, effective October 4, anyone attending non-essential events must provide proof of vaccination.

If you have any questions please contact me at camprita@gmail.com or 902-631-0209.

2: Turkey Soup Take-out: Saturday October 16th

Included will be homemade turkey soup, biscuit and apple granola dessert. Cost is \$12.00.

Pick up time is 4:45pm.

To order a take-out please contact one of the following, or email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com

Louise: 902-535-3107

Barbara: 902-828-2079

Rita: 902-631-0209

Edie: 902-322-6543

Elizabeth: 902-539-2078

3: Christmas Merchandise Bingo: Sunday November 14: Time: 2:00 pm. No canteen will be provided.

Covid19 restrictions will be followed including proof of vaccination. The bingo will be held at the Parish Hall

4: Christmas Bake Sale: Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding a Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday

December 5th: Time: 10am – 12pm. Everyone is asked to donate to this fundraiser.

5: The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown Community Development Co-operative will take place on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

Betty MacNeil, Secretary, JCDC Ltd.

6: On this tenth anniversary of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Antigonish deacons will be preaching in parishes throughout the months of September and October. Rev. Mr. Berkley Guthro will be preaching in all Fr. Yake's parishes on the weekend of October 16-17.

NEW COVID19 Rules – as per Bishop Kirpatrick's updates (I only took part of the updates to print here)

Most, but not all restrictions are lifted, although some remain in place:

- masks will continue to be mandatory for indoor public places
- the physical distancing requirement will be lifted
- the gathering limits for our church services will be lifted
- contact tracing will not be required, except for weddings and funerals since these faith gatherings may bring in people from outside our territory
- our Church services are deemed to be essential by the government
- proof of full vaccination will be required for non-essential events and activities

Unfortunately, any activities held by our churches other than daily or weekly Mass will be subject to the POV, the proof of vaccine policy. For organized parish activities, the gathering limits will be lifted but the POV policy will apply.

If it is a regular group with the same people, then proof of vaccination can be obtained once and does not need to be done each time this same group meets.

There are no restrictions on singing but congregations will be required to remain masked. We need to re-introduce all aspects of our Eucharistic Liturgy slowly and carefully. We want to welcome back our people and assure them that we are gradually and safely re-opening.

Dr. Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's Chief Medical Officer of Health, has confirmed that "proof of vaccination is required for indoor and outdoor wedding ceremonies and funerals (including receptions and visitation) that are hosted by a business or organization. This includes those held in a church, temple, synagogue, mosque."