



## Bulletin

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

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**September 25, 2021**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masks are  
mandatory in the  
church**

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Numbers 11:25-29. The book of Numbers is a narrative of the 39 years the Israelites spent wandering in the wilderness. Today's reading comes from the account of the journey through the wilderness.

The **Second Reading** is from the Epistle of St. James 5:1-6. The main purpose of this epistle is the teaching of morality and self-discipline. The sacred writer speaks with great severity, not mincing his words, in order to make people see that actions of the kind he condemns are incompatible with the profession of the Christian faith.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48. There are two very practical lessons we must learn from today's Gospel: the grave obligation we have of not causing scandal to our fellow-Christians or indeed to any man or woman and secondly, the willingness we should have to sacrifice any earthly possession which is a cause of sin to us.

Scandal, the sin of being a cause or an occasion of another's sin, is doubly sinful involving one's own sin and the sin of the person scandalized. Scandal can be caused by word—that is, by teaching or propagating wrong doctrine or by giving sinful advice, and it can be caused by one's own sinful deeds which may be imitated by others. Those in positions of authority such as parents whose duty it is to bring up their children in the Christian faith, are especially liable to give scandal if they fail to live truly Christian lives. Christian parents who fail to live according to their faith will be held accountable not only for their own

sins, but for the sins of their children and perhaps their children's children for generations to come.

Much, if not all of today's moral laxity and permissiveness can be blamed on parents who have failed to give the example of true Christian living in the home and in dealings with their neighbors. To children of such parents, Christianity is only a label; it does not inform or inspire their lives, hence they are only nominal Christians. It is true that there may be "black sheep" in the best of Christian homes. When, however, all the children of a home are "black sheep" the whiteness, the sincerity, of the parents of such a home must certainly be called into question. There may be many bad influences at work outside the home but the good example of truly Christian parents can counteract these influences. Let parents see to it that they will not be a cause of scandal and a cause of eternal loss to the children God put into their charge.

The second lesson for all of us in today's Gospel is that we should ever realize that eternal life is worth any sacrifice which we may be called on to make. The road we have to travel in life is not an easy one. As our Lord says in another place: "Enter by the narrow gate for the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. But the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Mt. 7: 13). We wish to reach heaven, therefore we must be prepared to follow Christ; we must not allow others to lead us astray but be prepared and determined to conquer and resist our own evil inclinations also.

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

**Collection:**  
**Sept 18/21**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
	<b>\$235.00</b>

### Notices:

**1: Gentle Yoga for Seniors with Helen Slade**

Johnstown Parish Hall  
Mondays, for 8 weeks, beginning  
September 27  
10:00 - 11:30 am  
Cost: \$25.00 – Call 902-226-0663  
to register

**2: 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](mailto:camprita@gmail.com) or  
902-631-0209.

**3: THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
FUNDRAISER CONCERT**

St. Joseph Church, in North Sydney on  
Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 at 7:00  
p.m. with music, song and dance  
performers. All social distancing and  
protocol in place. Donations accepted  
at the door. All proceeds go to the  
catholic women's league. Also 50/50  
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