



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays

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April 30, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, 5:27-32, 40b-41. The Apostles' failure to obey the Sanhedrin is obviously not due to pride or to their not knowing their place; the Sanhedrin is imposing a ruling which would have them go against God's law and their own conscience.

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of Revelation, 5:11-14. The host of angels around the throne act as a kind of guard of honor proclaiming the sublime perfection of Christ the Lamb; they list seven attributes which all point to the fact that he has everything that belongs to the Godhead.

The **Gospel** is from St. John, 21:1-19. The primary purpose in recounting this appearance of the Risen Christ to his Apostles, was to stress the actual conferring of the Primacy on Peter. From this very first meeting with Christ at the Jordan (Jn. 1:42) the Savior had told him that his name Simon bar-Jonah would be changed to Cephas, which means Rock. Some year or so later, at Caesarea Philippi, this change took place when Christ said to Simon, "You are (Peter) Rock. and upon this Rock I will build my Church . . . and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:18-19).

This promise, that Simon would be the foundation, the source of strength and unity, in the new Christian community, was made factual on the occasion described here by John. Christ uses a new metaphor—Simon (Peter) is to be the new shepherd—he would take the place of Christ, as head and director of the Christian flock. He would provide protection and pasturage for Christ's sheep and lambs. He would, in other words, be the keeper and head of Christ's Church.

That this position of authority was recognized by his fellow Apostles and by the first Christians, is evident in almost every page of the Acts—the book which describes the infant Church. It was Peter who presided at the election of Matthias, who succeeded Judas in the apostolic college (Acts 1:15-26): he gave the first Christian sermon after the descent of the Holy Spirit (2: 14-40); he worked the first recorded miracle wrought by any Apostle (3:1-11); he pronounced sentence on Ananiah and Sapphira (5:1-11); it was he who received the first Gentile convert into the Church (11:1-18) and it was he who defended Paul's action at the Council of Jerusalem (15:6-11).

In face of such evidence no serious historian can doubt but that the other Apostles and the first Christians saw in Peter the living head of the Church, the representative of Christ. The Church in the succeeding generations and centuries saw the successor of Peter, and the living representative of Christ in the occupant of the See of Rome, the bishopric held by Peter, when he was martyred for the faith. History is witness to this.

There were Christians who refused obedience to him, but not one of them claimed for himself the privilege of Peter and his successors. That the Church, the society founded by Christ to bring salvation to the world, should need a visible Head on earth, needs no further (and has not stronger) proof than that Christ himself saw it as necessary and arranged it accordingly. The power of the keys, given to Peter, were more necessary in the second and succeeding generations than in Peter's day, when the other Apostles were still alive. When Christ laid the foundation of his Church on a Rock. it was to be a Rock that would last as long as the Church. Peter died, but Peter's office will last until the last man goes to heaven. The Sheep and the Lambs of the twentieth and thirtieth centuries have as much need of pasturage and protection as, if not more than, those of the first century. Christ, our Savior and our Good Shepherd, provided for all time.

—Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Collection:

April 23, 2022

Envelopes	\$210.00
Good Friday	\$20.00
Donation	\$50.00
	\$280.00

NOTICES:

1: Bingo: Merchandise Bingo to be held on May 1st, 1:45 PM at the Tara Lynne Centre. River Bourgeois. Sponsored by the River Bourgeois Community Seniors Club.

2: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Market:

Calling all vendors! Are you an artisan, bee keeper, farmer, baker etc..? Then we are looking for you! The Johnstown Community Development Co-operative Ltd. has developed its very own outdoor market space!

The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. The outdoor market will run bi weekly starting Saturday June 4th ending the season on Saturday October 8th, 2022.

Vendors looking at participating in this outdoor market are responsible for bringing all materials required for your space ie. tents, tables, chairs, table cloths, etc.

Vendor spaces will be \$20.00 which can be e-transferred or paid in cash the day of the market. For more information, or a vendor application, please email johnstownlanding@gmail.com.

3: Notice: “ The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine has been open for visitation throughout the winter. The gift shop will be open from 1:00 to 4:00 pm every day starting on Sunday, May 1. Hours for the gift shop will be extended as of June 1 to 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Shrine remains open daily for visitation.

Thank-you for your support and we look forward to seeing you again.

Inquiries: 902-945-2221”

4: On Sunday, May 29, 3pm, Dr. Michael McCarvill will be ordained to diaconate by Bishop Kirkpatrick at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church followed by a reception at St. Theresa Parish Hall. A new formation program for deacons is soon to begin

5: Tentative Summer Schedule: more details will be provided closer to the event

- Sunday July 10 – Strawberry Festival and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass – 2 pm
- Saturday July 30 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper – 4:45 pm
- Saturday August 13 – Cemetery Mass – Eat-in/Take-out Supper 4:00 pm
- Friday August 19 – Milling Frolic – 7 pm – 1 am
- Saturday August 20 – Music Royal Concert in the church - Aurore String Quartet – 7:30 pm
- Saturday September 6 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper: 4:45 pm

6: Synod Update

Pray Connect Share Your Story

Now through the end of May, at the invitation of Pope Francis, our diocese is among those worldwide engaged in Synod consultations and conversations, asking our faithful to share their stories, ideas and dreams for the church moving forward. Information gathered will be compiled in a report for review by regional and national bishops to be part of a national submission to the Synod of Bishops in 2023.

How can you engage in the Synod?

- visit our website: antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch
- complete the online survey (link on the web page)
- send a submission to listeningchurch@dioceseofantigonish.ca or mail to : Listening Church, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, PO Box 100, Stn A Sydney NS. B1P 6G9

Questions or comments?

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Thank you for journeying with us.