



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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August 13, 2022
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from *Jeremiah 38:4-6; 8-10*. The prophet was maltreated and imprisoned. Jeremiah was a man of God who suffered all his life for the sake of the true religion.

The **Second Reading** is from *St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-4*. The author of Hebrews says that our Lord endured the cross for the sake of the joy which lay before him. A great part of that joy was our resurrection to a glorified existence in the future life which his cross was earning for us.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 12:49-53*. We who appreciate what he has done for us, and who are striving hard against our natural weaknesses to profit by his salvific work, can do something to console him for the desertion of so many that he still loves dearly. God wants no human being lost eternally. He detests sin but he still loves the sinner. He is always ready to grant a full pardon for each and every sin a man commits, if only the sinner has the humility to say "mea culpa."

Let those of us who have remained faithful never let a day pass without a fervent prayer for the prodigal sons of God, that they will get the humility to return to their father's home and ask for his pardon. Another grace, too, that we must ask of God is that peace between fellowmen will soon be restored. Christ foresaw that this concord would be broken, because of his very gospel of peace. First and foremost we must pray for, and do everything we can to help bring about, a reunion between all

Christians who are followers of Christ by their baptism. Thanks to the late saintly Pope John, active steps are now being taken to restore the unity which Christ wished and intended to exist among his followers. We may not be able to solve the theological problems which are preventing this unity, and each of us can do much to make personal contacts between the members of what were once opposing Churches. We are all followers of Christ, we are all on the road to heaven—if we really love God and if we really appreciate what the Son of God has done for us, we must want every one of his followers to be in heaven with him.

Let us put aside all past prejudices and opinions. Neither we nor our separated brethren are responsible for the sins and failings of our ancestors in the eleventh or the sixteenth centuries. We are responsible for our own actions today. We are failing Christ if we do not take a sincere and active interest in the noble and truly Christian work of ecumenism.

To mention our brothers in Christ first, does not mean we forget the children of Abraham whom, in our Mass, we call "our father in faith." They are still dear to God. We are now the Chosen People of the New Covenant but that New Covenant is for them also. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, Greek or Barbarian in the Church of Christ. It is for all mankind, as St. Paul tells us. The followers of Mohammed also have much in common with us Christians; they believe in one God, the Creator of all. They believe in a future life and hope to reach it by keeping the rules laid down by their Prophet. While respecting the beliefs of Jew and Moslem, which correspond with some of those we ourselves hold, let

us pray fervently that God will give them the grace to recognize Jesus as the Person he was, the Son of God in human nature, who came on earth to make us fit for heaven.

God speed the day, and let us each give him a helping hand in this work, when not only all Christians will be one but when our Jewish and Moslem fellowmen will also be with us, thanking Christ for all that he has done for us. That day may still be a long way off, but every step I take towards bringing it about, is bringing me a step nearer to heaven and making me dearer to God.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings Cycle C*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Collection August 06, 2022

Envelopes	\$270.00
Loose	\$35.00
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
	\$405.00

NOTICES:

1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market: The next market is Saturday August 13; the location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

2: Bangers and Mash Eat-in or Take-out Supper: Saturday August 13th Johnstown Parish Hall. For tickets please contact any member of Sacred Heart Ladies Group – Cost \$12.00 each. Time: 4:45 pm Please book your dinner

3: Cemetery Mass: Saturday August 13th Time: 4:00 pm

4: Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance: Friday August 19th. Events include: Country Store, Fancy Booth, Bake Sale, Bingo, Straw Game, Lunch, Milling, Gaelic Singing and a Square Dance with Shelly Campbell and Allan Dewar. **NOTE:** The square dance this year will be a Family event, all ages are welcome. Time 7:00 pm – 1:00 am Donations will be needed for the Bake Sale, Lunch, Fancy Booth, and Country Store. A list of workers will be made at a later date. If you are interested in helping out please let Louise know.

5: Music Royal Concert in the church - Aurore String Quartet – Saturday August 20th, 7:30 pm \$25 at the door (\$20 advance by emailing louisecampbel@gmail.com) Students \$10 at the door.

These musicians were selected out of many applicants to participate in the prestigious Equilibrium Young Artist program led by soprano Barbara Hannigan, taking place at the Lunenburg Academy of Music and Performance during the week leading up to this Musique Royale concert tour, which will finish with a Gala Concert on August 13 with the famed soprano and conductor. The quartet is made up of four of Canada's most brilliant emerging artists at the beginning of their extraordinary careers. Musique Royale is delighted to showcase their talents across the province as part of its 37th Summer Festival.

6: Music Royal Concert in the church - Curly Music – Sunday August 28th, 4:00 pm \$25 at the door (\$20 advance by emailing louisecampbel@gmail.com) Students \$10 at the door.

Musique Royale welcomes two musicians from Europe, Birgit Bornauw and Benjamin Macke to perform "Curly Music" part of the 37th Summer Festival with concerts taking place in historic venues in Blandford, Crousetown, Johnstown and Parrsboro. Birgit Bornauw and Benjamin Macke, both renowned musicians in their field, collaborate regularly and share their contagious love of this old music with great generosity and enthusiasm.

The repertoire, carefully chosen by Birgit and Benjamin, comes mainly from the Baroque period, but not exclusively, since it is a musical genre that has inspired composers to this day. The duo thus plays tunes from different eras which all have the particularity of "sounding baroque to their ears". Baroque music has many points in common with the traditional music they know well: short melodies and simple structure, significant work on variations, ornamentations, style, and a close relationship to dance.

7: Update on the Parish Hall/Fire Hall. The Diocese is waiting to hear from the Department of Public Works on the right-of-way that runs behind the hall. According to our MLA this could take at 6 months or more. Rather than let the room at the back of the hall deteriorate further the Parish Council has agreed to accept a grant from the NS government to do work on the roof and back wall. This work will take place later in the fall.