



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays  
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August 27, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Sirach 3:17-18, 20:28-29*. In today's reading we have a few more of the words of wisdom on humility from this saintly man who spent his life meditating on the law of God revealed to the Chosen People.

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul to the *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24*, in which he contrasts two scenes. One is the giving of the Old Covenant, and the other is the assembly of those justified by the New Covenant. The reason why the Church has selected these verses is the same reason that St. Paul had when he wrote them. He wanted to impress on the Jewish converts the superiority of the Christian religion over that of the Old Testament, which they had practiced until their conversion.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 14:1, 7-14*, in which Jesus had been invited to dine in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisees were so convinced of their own perfect knowledge and observance of the law, that they thought nobody else could possibly know it or observe it as perfectly as they did. In a very simple parable, Jesus told them where their pride would lead them.

A proud Christian, that is, a proud follower of the humble Christ, is a contradiction in terms. Christ, the Son of God, lowered himself to our level when He took our human nature. He was born in a stable, reared in the obscure village of Nazareth, earned his meager meals as a country carpenter, died on a

cross as a malefactor with two thieves as companions and was buried in a God's banquet. Thank God, there are few whose pride leads them to these extremes, but there are far too many who set themselves up as judges over their neighbor and appoint themselves as the models to be imitated by all others.

There is a little demon of pride in each one of us. There is a natural inclination in each one to esteem ourselves a little better in most ways, if not in all, than our neighbor. We must keep this demon in check and not let him grow in us. Any gifts of mind or body that we have are from God—our duty is to use them properly and to thank God for the loan of them. If He gave greater gifts to another, I thank God for it. That other was able to make better use of them than I would. I have enough gifts to go on. I shall not be judged on the use or abuse of gifts which I did not receive.

If I use all the gifts which God gave me, to help my neighbor, the spiritually poor, the lame and blind, to heaven, instead of keeping myself aloof from them as the Pharisees did, then my judgment will be easy. I shall be "repaid in the resurrection of the just."

The proud Christian sets himself up as a critic of God's wisdom. He muses: God forgives sinners too easily. God doesn't know them as well as I do. That conversion cannot be trusted, it will not last, he says. The "sinners" prosper, they are blessed with good health, a happy family, more than their share of the world's goods, and here am I who never failed God, who always did what was right and even more, and I am neglected by God. God doesn't know his real friends!

These are the questionings of a proud soul. Such Christians raise themselves above their neighbors in their own minds. They choose the first places, and from their self-appointed heights they look down on their fellow guests at stranger's grave. Could He have done more to induce us to listen to his counsel when He said: "Learn of me, for I am humble of heart?"

Yet, there are Christians who are proud. Like the Pharisees of old, they thank God that they are not like the rest of men. They shun any contact with sinners. They cover their ears when any scandal is mentioned. Yet they never miss the gossip and are always ready to condemn offhand the unfortunate giver of scandal, without knowing the extenuating circumstances.

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

**Collection**  
**August 20, 2022**

Envelopes	\$230.00
Loose	\$20.00
	\$250.00

**NOTICES:**

**1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:** The next market is this Saturday August 27; 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: Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance:** Thank you again for all the work people put into the Milling Frolic. It was a chance to have the Milling Frolic after two years of Covid, but it turned out very well. We had an income of  
4131.45  
-1388.94 expenses  

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2742.51 profit

**3: Music Royal Concert in the church - Curly Music** – Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm \$25 at the door (\$20 advance by emailing [louisecampbel@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**4: Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine:** “The Annual Celebration for Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will take place on Sunday September 11th. The Continuous Rosary starts at 1:00 pm at the Shrine.

Mass will be offered at St. Mary’s Church at 4:00 pm with Father Dan MacDonald officiating. There will be refreshments at the Parish Hall after Mass Compliments of St. Mary’s CWL For inquiries please call  
902-945-2221

The Gift Shop at the Shrine is open every day from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.”

**5: September 10<sup>th</sup>:** Our regular September 10<sup>th</sup> mass will be in remembrance of John Oram, who passed away this summer. Following the mass there will be a light lunch in the hall.

**6: The Spiritual Rights of the Child**

Written for the International Year of the Child 1979 by Ann and Jerry van Regan of Sydney, NS

- The right to know and love God.
- The right to participate in a living community of faith.
- The right to the needed resources is for spiritual growth.
- The right to religious and moral education from informed parents.
- The right to hear the Word of God and have it interpreted.
- The right to times of silence and solitude to develop a contemplative spirit.
- The right to active participation in community worship.
- The right to live in a home with faith in God as the heart of daily life.
- The right to pray freely.
- The right to be of service to others.