



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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July 23, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of **Genesis, 18:20-32**. Last week we heard of Abraham's encounter with the three visitors and the promise of a son. Today we hear of Abraham's bargaining with God over the fate of Sodom.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of Paul to the *Colossians, 2:12-14*. To better understand today's reading, it is necessary to back up one verse: "In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ." The "circumcision of Christ" to which Paul refers is baptism. In the Old Covenant, the rite of initiation into God's family was circumcision. In the New Covenant, this same rite of initiation is baptism. In the Old Covenant, the mark was on the physical body but under the New Covenant, the mark is placed on the soul.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke, 11:1-13 in which we hear Luke's rendition of the "Our Father" and Jesus' teaching on prayer.

The Our Father is certainly the most sublime formula possible and contains the whole essence of the most elevated mental prayer. However, Jesus gave it as a formula for vocal prayer: "When you pray, say. . ." (ibid. 11:2). This is enough to make us understand the value and importance of vocal prayer, which is within the reach of everyone even children, the uneducated, the sick, the weary.... But we must

realize that vocal prayer does not consist only in the repetition of a certain formula. If this were true, we should have a recitation but not a prayer, for prayer always requires a movement, an elevation of the soul toward God. In this sense, Jesus instructed His disciples: "When thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber, and having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret.... And when you are praying, speak not much as the heathens" (Mt 6:6-7). It is interesting to note that in St. Matthew these prescriptions concerning the exterior and interior dispositions necessary for well-made prayer immediately precede the teaching of the Our Father.

Therefore, in order that our vocal prayer be real prayer, we must first recollect ourselves in the presence of God, approach Him, and make contact with Him. Only when we have such dispositions will the words we pronounce with our lips express our interior devotion and be able to sustain and nourish it. Unfortunately, inclined as we are to grasp the material part of things instead of the spiritual, it is only too easy in our vocal prayer to content ourselves with a mechanical recitation, without taking care to direct our heart to God; hence we should always be vigilant and alert. Vocal prayer made only by the lips dissipates and wearies the soul instead of recollecting it in God; it cannot be said that this is a means of uniting us more closely to Him.

—*Divine Intimacy* Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D

Today is the second annual World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.

The Optional Memorial of St. Sharbel (Charbel) Makhlūf, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Interment Service for Kenny Fougere will take place on Saturday July 23rd at 2:30 pm.

Funeral services for Vince Campbell will take place on Friday August 5th, at 11:00 am.

Collection July 16, 2022

Envelopes	\$145.00
Loose	\$27.50
	\$172.50

NOTICES:

1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market: The next market is Saturday July 30; 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: Spaghetti and Meatball Eat-In or Take-out Supper: Saturday July 30th, Johnstown Parish Hall. For tickets please contact any member of Sacred Heart Ladies Group – Cost \$12.00 each. Time: 4:45 pm. **NOTE:** Please let us know if you want a dinner so that we can order the correct amount for the dinner. If you do not order your dinner beforehand you might be disappointed.

3: 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

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

5: 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.

6: 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.

From August 16 - 21 2022, the Aurore String Quartet will perform six concerts across Nova Scotia part of Musique Royale's 37th Summer Festival taking place in historic venues in Lunenburg, Brooklyn, Yarmouth, Port Williams, Johnstown, and Truro. The quartet features violinists Jeanne-Sophie Baron and Daniel Dastoor, along with violist Ryan Davis and cellist David Liam Roberts. The ensemble will perform one string quartet by Mozart and another by Haydn, highlighting the two prolific composers in Vienna who had a special friendship that was based on mutual admiration, and untainted by envy.

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.

7: Accommodations Needed: Would anyone be able to have room for the String Quartet on Saturday Aug 20th. There are 4 people who will be looking for sleeping spaces for that evening. If you do can you let me know? Thanks Louise

8: 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.

9: Eat-in or Take-out Supper: Saturday September 3rd, Johnstown Parish Hall. For tickets please contact any member of Sacred Heart Ladies Group – Cost \$12.00 each. Time: 4:45 pm