



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays

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April 21, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29 and concerns the Council of Jerusalem which falls in the middle of the book of Acts and describes the turning point for the Church when the council officially recognized the evangelization of the Gentiles. This evangelization had been initiated by Sts. Peter, Barnabas and Paul. Thus, the Christian church broke away from the Mosaic rules while maintaining its roots in the rich theology and traditions of the chosen people.

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 and continues the description of the Heavenly Jerusalem. In the heavenly Jerusalem there is no longer any need for God to have a dwelling-place, because God the Father himself and the Lamb are always present. The Godhead does not need to be brought to mind by the temple (the symbol of his invisible presence), because the blessed will always see God face to face. This sight of God is what causes the righteous to be forever happy.

The **Gospel** is from John 14:23-29. In the first reading at today's Mass, we were given the story of the first General Council ever held by the Church authorities. There we saw that a vital decision was reached through the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and ours" (Acts 15:28) was how the authorities announced the conclusion they had reached. In this Gospel which we have just read, Christ promised his Apostles, the night before his death, that when he returned to the father,

the Holy Spirit would be sent to them. He would teach them all things and recall to their minds all that Christ had taught them. In other words, the Church, through the Apostles, was promised the direct assistance of the Holy Spirit in preserving and interpreting what we call "the deposit of faith" or the sum total of the divine revelation given to us for our sanctification.

That promise was fulfilled in a very solemn way within twenty years of our Lord's resurrection at the Council of Jerusalem. It has been fulfilled again and again down through the history of the Church. And this has been the case not only on the solemn occasions of General Councils, or when definitions concerning faith and morals were given *ex cathedra* by the Pope, but in many circumstances of less solemnity.

The Holy Spirit "breathes where he wills." He assists the local authorities in the Church. He inspires individual Christians if they call on him in their need. He inspires young people of both sexes to offer their lives to the service of the Church and their neighbor. He has inspired founders of orders and congregations to form institutes which would help the spread of the faith. He is at work today among us and among the separated brothers of the Church, helping and inspiring them towards that unity for which Christ prayed.

There are moments of crisis in all our lives, moments when a vital decision has to be made.

If that decision is wrongly made it may not only seriously interfere with our earthly welfare, but more important still jeopardize our eternal salvation. We should call on the Holy Spirit to help us daily, but we should call for his assistance especially when we have a serious decision to make.

His role in the Church and in the lives of all Christians is to preserve and protect the revelation that God has given us. There are times in the lives of many of us when we are tempted to doubt about what we are called on to believe, or to hesitate with regard to what we are called on to do. It is on such occasions that the help of the Holy Spirit is especially necessary. He will not fail us if we turn to him earnestly and sincerely

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

Collection:

May 14, 2022

Envelopes	\$115.00
Loose	\$25.00
	\$140.00

NOTICES:

1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday – bi-weekly – June 4th – October 8th

Dates: June 4, 18, July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27, September 10, 24, October 8

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.

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: 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

4: 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
- Sunday August 28 – Music Royal Concert in the church - Curly Music - Benjamin Macke accordion, Birgit Bornauw bagpipes, baroque musette – 4:00 pm
- Saturday September 3 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper: 4:45 pm

5: Choir: The Richmond Co. Men's Choir is actively singing again. The men sing in a different parish in Richmond Co. one Sunday/Saturday of each month (excluding July & August). If you love to sing, come join us! We practice in Louisdale Church every second week from 7:15 PM till 8:15 PM. Our next practice will be on May 11th. Choir will be in Glendale on May 29th at 10:00 AM Mass

6: Priests' retreat will be held from Monday, May 23 until Friday, May 27th via Zoom