



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays

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May 28, 2022

Solemnity of the Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter

For **Ascension Sunday**: At the end of His earthly life, Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaim Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo).

The ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, and the State of Nebraska have retained the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord on the proper Thursday, while all other provinces have transferred this solemnity to today, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Today is **World Communications Day**.

The **Optional Memorial of St. Paul VI**, which is ordinarily celebrated today, is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

Collection:

May 12, 2022

Envelopes	\$215.00
Loose	\$20.00
Papal Works	\$50.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
	\$295.00

The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

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

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.

2: 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

3: 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

4: Synod Update for the Sixth Week of Easter

"I draw great hope in his ability to listen"

Synod conversation participant on Pope Francis

Sharing your story gives you a voice in the Synod process and holds great value to us who are privileged to hear it. Submissions to the Synod will be accepted until June 3. The Synod team stands ready to assist. Contact Jennifer Hatt, Communications Officer, jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca, ph 902-759-2181 or visit www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch

Thank you for journeying with us!

We invite you to our Diocesan Synod Closing Celebration

Sunday, June 5, 3 pm in St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish

Mass celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick followed by a light reception in St. Ninian Place. Please join us to honour contributions to our diocesan Synod phase and pray for our next chapter of engagement as 'church'

Friday, June 3

Deadline in our diocese for individual and group submissions to the Synod

Email: ListeningChurch@dioceseofantigonish.ca or jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Mail: Listening Church, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, PO Box 100, Stn A Sydney NS. B1P 6G9

Phone: Jennifer Hatt, 902-759-2181

Tuesday, June 7, 7:30 pm

Holy Family Church, Sydney Mines

'Mama's Faith'

A tribute to mothers and their faith in stories and song

Tickets available from parish offices in Holy Family, Sydney Mines; St. Anne's, Glace Bay; and St. Joseph's, Port Hawkesbury and the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Membertou or by phone from the Emmaus Centre (902) 539-6188/toll free 1-800-656-5311 ext 222