



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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November 12, 2022
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Don't forget the
Christmas Bingo on
Sunday Nov 13th, at
2pm in the Parish
Hall

Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Prophecy of Malachi 3:19-20* and concerns the day of retribution, of judgment when the Lord will punish the wicked and reward His faithful ones.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12*, in which he addresses those few in the community who were unwilling to earn their daily bread and were abusing the charity of their fellow Christians.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke, 21:5-19*. The reason why these verses of St. Luke's gospel was chosen for today's Mass is that the Church wants us all to do a bit of spiritual stock-taking this morning. As next Sunday will be the special feast day of the Kingship of Christ, today's Mass is really the last of our liturgical year. Next Sunday, we begin our new liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent. To help us to be honest with ourselves in our stock-taking we are reminded today that this world will come to an end one day. We do not know when or how, but that end will come. It will be followed immediately by the general judgment. Christ will come in power and glory to judge the whole human race. Each one will receive the sentence he merited while on earth. The just will enter with Him into eternal glory. The wicked will go to their place of suffering, sorrow and remorse.

Long before that day comes, each of us here present today will already have faced his or her own particular judgment. It is this judgment which will seal our eternal fate. It is on this judgment that we should try to concentrate this morning. It is to help and encourage us to do just this that the church brings the thought of the end of the world before our minds. The end of this world will come for each one of us when we draw our last breath. How will we stand in God's sight when that moment comes? An eternity of happiness or grief will depend on our spiritual state at that moment.

The thought of death is a frightening thought for most of us. We would rather put it far from our minds, but of all the other things that can possibly happen to us on this earth, death is the one and only certainty. It would be utter folly then to try to ignore it or forget it. It is not the moment or the circumstances or the fact itself of death that matters. The vast majority, even of those dying of a slow illness, do not know that they are on the point of death. What matters is the judgment which follows death. How will we fare in that?

Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves this very moment. How would I fare if I were called before the judgment seat of God today? The best of us would certainly prefer to be better prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable thoughts about my friends and neighbors in my mind, so many acts of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise I have not made to my loving God.

What of those who have even more serious sins on their consciences? Over two hundred thousand people will leave this world between now and midnight. If we were called, and we have no guarantee that we will not be called today, could we dare to face our judgment in our present state? "Today if you hear God's voice harden not your heart" the scripture warns us. Today you have heard Him speak to you. He has reminded you that your end is coming, that you should put your spiritual accounts in order. This is an act of God's mercy. He does not need you, It is you who need Him. Your eternal future will depend on whether you listen to His call today, as tomorrow may be too late. You can put your accounts straight this very day. Why take a risk with your own eternal welfare?

The Christian who wants to die in the state of grace, that is, in the friendship of God (and can there be any real Christian who would not want to?) has but one way of making sure of this. He is to try to live always in God's friendship. The man who does this by living his Christian life daily need not fear death. It may be a sudden death, but it will never be an unprovided-for death.

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

Collection

November 05, 2022

Envelopes	\$185.00
Loose	\$45.00
Donation	\$125.00
	\$355.00

NOTICES:

1: Christmas Bingo: The annual Christmas Bingo will be held on Sunday November 13th, at 2pm in the Johnstown Parish Hall. Come win a great prize and have some fun. Door Prizes will be available. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group

2: Fr Greg MacLeod Lecture Series

The Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series on Wed. Nov. 16th at 7 pm is on Zoom and will address the issue of food insecurity and food prices. Please click on the attached link, or find it on facebook at CBU Chaplaincy and Newman Society. All are welcome to learn the solutions to address food security.

Zoom meeting ID #978 4491 3432

3: Guest Music: On Saturday November 19th, the Richmond County Men's Choir will join us for our regular Mass at 4pm

4: Mores Guests: The Knights of Columbus have again managed to get the travelling St. Joseph icon and want to reprise the devotion in my parishes. The plan is to attend the four parish Masses on Nov. 19 & 20 and pray the devotion in the place of the homily.

5: Johnstown Community Development Co-op AGM:

The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown community Development Co-operative will take place on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at **2:00 p.m.** at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

6: Cape Breton Chorale: On Saturday, October 29, make plans to join the Cape Breton Chorale and guests for Moonlight Masquerade at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

Start time: 7:30pm with cocktails and appetizers.

Special guest musical and dance performances.

Semi-formal dress code, Party masks optional.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person, up to 10 people per table, sold online at capebretonchorale.com or from chorale members.

7: Organ Donation is an act of charity

Would you or someone you know consider being a live donor of a kidney for transplant for someone in need? By doing the blood work to see if you are a match, you also get a top notch screening to find out if you have any medical issues. This screening and testing is something most never have access to. You may not be a match, or may decide after the testing not to continue on the process, as there is no pressure.

St. Pope John Paul II said, "organ donation is an act of love and solidarity for others."

We have a woman named Francine originally from North Sydney in need of a kidney and if you are open to at least going for the medical screening, please call the Renal Clinic in the Regional Hospital on behalf of Francine at 902-567-8067, or call her husband John who is searching for a live donor to keep his wife alive 780-394-8410. More information about living kidney donation can be found at:

www.blood.ca/organs-tissues

8: MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Please note that Mass For Shut-ins will be aired at a different time for the next two weeks:

Nov. 13, 9:30am Fr. Evo De Pierro with St. Theresa CWL

Nov. 20, 9:30am Fr. Bill Burke and Development and Peace

We are grateful to all those who express their care and concern for the sick and shut-in by being the congregation. If ever your parish wants to go on, please contact Nick Vince at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 902-539-6188 ext. 222.

We thank you for your support.

9: Change of Mass Time: On Saturday December 10th, Sacred Heart will switch their Mass time with Holy Guardian Angles in L'Ardoise – We will have Mass at 5:30 on December 10th

10: Christmas Eve: Mass for Christmas Eve is tentatively set for 5:30 pm