



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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October 01, 2022
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Prophecy of Habakkuk, 1:2-3, 2:2-4*. This prophet wrote about 600 B.C. shortly before the Babylonian invasion of Judah and the capture of the city of Jerusalem. Political intrigue and idolatry were widespread in Judah and Jerusalem at the time. The prophet is arguing with God about this state of affairs—why should God allow these things to happen? God tells him, he has prepared a severe punishment for Judah and its wicked inhabitants but the just will be saved.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to Timothy, 1:6-8, 13-14*. This second letter to Timothy, Bishop of Ephesus, was written by St. Paul from his Roman prison where he was spending his second and last term. It was written about 66/67 A.D. and in it Paul is most anxious that Timothy should come to him in Rome. He does not forget to urge on his beloved convert the need to continue preaching and preserving the faith which he had learned from his father-in-Christ.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke, 17:5-10*. Although Christ was speaking to the Apostles, His words apply to all of us, each in his own station in life. Following the example of the Apostles, we must all pray for greater trust in God. Most of us are inclined to forget God and his providence when our earthly affairs are going well. How often do we thank Him when we are enjoying good health, and when our home-life and business are going smoothly? How many of us Catholics make a novena of

thanksgiving for all the gifts we have received and are receiving daily from God's providence. How many, rather, pat ourselves on the back for what we claim as our own successes? It is only when a storm arises in our lives that we think of Him. Remember that storm on the Lake of Gennesaret. The Apostles were rowing cheerfully across the lake. They were probably telling tall yarns about the size and the number of fish they had caught there in their day. They may have been striving against one another to show who was the strongest oarsman. They did not seem to notice that Jesus was sleeping soundly in the bow of the boat. They thought of Him only when the storm arose, and then when they realized that they were in danger they shouted to Him for help (Mk. 5 : 37). They didn't realize that both the calm and the storm were under His province.

Too many of us also, forget God and fail to give Him the thanks and the credit for our well-being which we owe him. We rush to Him only when trouble strikes. In His infinite goodness He often answers such panic prayers. If, however, we had thought of Him every day and realized His place in our lives with how much more confidence would we then approach Him in our hour of special need? If our own personal lives were stronger how much more readily would we accept the adversities and the trials that He sends us or allows to befall us for our eternal good? We can all ask God today to "increase our faith."

As regards our work for God's kingdom and for the salvation of ourselves and of our neighbor we are, like the Apostles, servants of God, and we should be proud of our status. We should be glad, that is, that He allows us to cooperate with Him in the building of His heavenly kingdom. Are we really dutiful

servants in this regard? Let us ask ourselves seriously today: What have I done up to now to help to make God known to my neighbor who is ignorant of God and never thinks of what will happen him after death? I may not be able to put in words very clearly what I know and believe about God and the future life, but I can speak to Him far more convincingly by my way of living, by my daily actions.

The sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor without going on the foreign missions. There are pagans and unbelievers, often such through no fault of their own, and there are many lax Christians all around us. We should, and we can, have an effective influence on them and on their eternal future, if we ourselves live our Christian lives as Christ expects us to do. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, a truly unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles, coming from a sincere layman can do more good than a series of sermons given by a renowned theologian in the parish church.

Look around you today. Think of your fellow-workers and those living in your own street. Many of them need help and need it badly. You can help them, God expects you to help them. It is His plan for getting you to help yourself to get to heaven. If you fail to cooperate with God by helping to bring His stray children back to Him, you may find that you will be a straying child on your day of reckoning. God forbid.

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

Collection
September 17, 2022

Envelopes	\$155.00
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NOTICES:

1: Damage from Fiona: The only damage around the church property from Fiona was 1 shingle off the roof of the vestry. Looking for someone who would be able to replace the shingle please let me know.

2: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market: The next market is Saturday October 8th; the location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. This will be the final Market of the year.

3: Sewing/knitting/handwork: The start for the sewing/knitting/handwork afternoons will be on Thursday October 6. This will take place at District 10 Fire Department in Red Islands. Once again they will run from 1 pm until 3:30. They will run every Thursday until December 8.

No fee for the classes because the Fire Department does not charge us for the room. If anyone would like to contribute to a donation there will be a collection box and you can add a loonie or toonie when you attend if you wish.

As usual Rita will bring her sewing machine so that you can sew without bringing your own machine.

Please feel free to forward this message to others you might know who are interested. No need to let Rita know in advance if you are attending. If you have questions Her phone number is 902 631 0209.

4: Cape Breton Ostomy Support Group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022 at 2pm – 4pm at the South Bar Fire Hall, South Bar This is a support group for those that have or will have an ostomy. Guest Speaker: Greg Cromwell, Coloplast representative. For more information contact Stasia at 902-562-1367

Thank you
Stasia Digout

5: From Bishop Kirkpatrick

Indigenous Reconciliation Collection

Bean last weekend in our diocese

Pope Francis during his penitential pilgrimage to Canada gave a heartfelt and solemn apology to Indigenous Peoples on behalf of the Catholic Church and called on us to continue to assist survivors and families in healing from the traumas they have suffered. Together with every Canadian diocese, the Diocese of Antigonish has committed to raising revenue for the national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund over the next 5 years. Money collected in Nova Scotia will be used here to support local projects and programs to promote education and healing.

Envelopes are being provided. Donations may also be made through the Donate link on our website:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com>: specify 'Indigenous Reconciliation Fund' in the parish box or comments.

For more on Truth and Reconciliation in our diocese:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation/>

6: FYI: We are finally getting our house renovation wrapped up and would like to introduce ourselves to our community.

We have a background in renovations/landscaping/cleaning and Rex is a journeyman tile setter.

We'd like to offer our services to our neighbors. If there is a task someone needs doing, we'd be happy to chat about it. We can be contacted at this email address. We can also be texted at 250-682-2142. We are often on the go so don't usually have time to answer a call. We do respond to text asap.

Cat and Rex.

They live in Irish Cove