



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays  
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September 17, 2022  
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Prophet Amos 8:4-7*. Amos was a shepherd in the kingdom of Judah who was called by God to go to Israel, the northern kingdom. There he was to speak in God's name to the people. This was in the 8th century B.C. The country enjoyed material prosperity but idolatry and injustice were rife among the upper classes especially. Against these vices the prophet spoke fearlessly, until he was driven from the kingdom eventually. Today's reading deals with the injustices practiced against the poor and the helpless.

The **Second Reading** is from *St. Paul's first letter to Timothy 2:1-8*. What St. Paul is telling Timothy, the bishop of Ephesus, to teach his congregation is the necessity and the obligation of prayer.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 16:1-13*. These words of Christ warning those who would follow him on the road to heaven not to become the slaves of earthly things are applicable to all of us. Most of us may feel that this warning is for millionaires and business magnates. Our Lord didn't say so. There was not a single millionaire in his audience. He meant it for all of us, for what he warned against was not the just acquisition of this world's goods but their unjust acquisition, and the dishonest use of them when they were justly acquired.

It was God who created all that exists in this world. He intended these goods for the use of man. We are only managers, therefore, of these worldly goods. It is on our way of managing these goods, not on the quantity we had to manage, that our judgment will be based. Millionaires can get to heaven while all paupers have no guarantee that they will make it. Our Lord deduces two lessons for us from the parable of the unjust manager or steward. Firstly, the enterprise which he showed in providing for his earthly happiness when he would lose his employment, was greater and keener than that shown by most of us in providing for our eternal happiness.

Did I give one hour a day to God and the things of God, helping the needy, learning more about my religion, giving a hand in parochial affairs, advising those in difficulties, spiritual or temporal, praying for my own and my neighbor's needs—yet even if I did, it is less than one-tenth of the free time I had at my own disposal.

If I did not, if I barely managed to to get in the Sunday Mass and a few hasty prayers, could anyone suggest that I was showing great interest and was very enterprising as far as my future life was concerned? God is very generous with me. He gives me lots of time for providing for my health and temporal needs each week, and a lot of free time besides. I should not express surprise if he is disappointed at how little of that wonderful gift of time I am willing to give back to him. The unjust steward was far more enterprising as regards earthly provision for himself.

The second lesson our Lord wishes to teach us is that we should use what we can spare of our earthly possessions in helping those who are in need of our help. By doing that, we will be making friends who will help us at the judgment seat to get a lasting reception in heaven. Remember that description of the judgment which our Lord gave when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me"? What we do for the needy, we do for Him. Those whom we help, as far as we can, will be witnesses testifying for us when our final examination, on which our eternity will depend, comes upon us. Two resolutions worthy of your serious consideration today in relation to earthly goods are: Never let them take up all your time. You have a far more serious purpose in life. Give it a little more thought and enterprise than you have been doing. Secondly, be grateful to God for what He has given you in this life. You might like to have a lot more, but God knows best. Work honestly and be generous with what you have. You are serving God, not money. God will be waiting for you where there is no currency, and where the one bank account that matters will be the good use that you made of your time and your share of this world's goods while you were alive.

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

**Collection**  
**September 10, 2022**

Envelops	\$210.00
Loose	\$84.00
	\$294.00

**NOTICES:**

**1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:** The next market is Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>; 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: 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.

**3: Richmond County Programs:** If you are looking for more information on a specific program, or you are looking to register for a program, please contact Sharla Sampson at 902-226-0664 or by email at [smombourquette@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:smombourquette@richmondcounty.ca).

**4: Gentle Yoga 55+** For seniors who are looking for a safe, effective way to enhance their physical health and overall wellness, the stretching, breathing, and meditation practices of yoga can be a great solution. In fact, as you will see, doing yoga regularly can result in a host of benefits for older adults, from greater flexibility and improved balance to lower stress and better sleep.

Gentle Flow Yoga  
Red Island Fire Hall, Red Islands  
Mondays, for 8 weeks beginning September 26  
10:00 am -11:30 am, Fee: \$25.00  
Instructor: Helen Slade

**5: RICHMOND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Members at Large required!**

- \* Term for members will be a 4-year Council term
- \* The committee will meet 6 times per year
- \* Experience in recreation/programming required
- \* Members must have volunteer experience
- \* Members must have an interest in the County as a whole Persons who are interested are requested to submit applications to Shannon Mury, Manager of Recreation, at [smury@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:smury@richmondcounty.ca)