



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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April 13, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

The **First Reading** is from *Acts 10:34; 37-43*. These verses are part of the story of the conversion of Cornelius, a Roman army officer. Stationed in Caesarea, Cornelius believed the God of the Jews was the true God, but though a good-living man, he had not become a Jew. Advised by a divine messenger, he sent to Joppa for St. Peter, whose antipathy to pagans had been corrected by a vision seen that same day. Peter came to Caesarea and, contrary to his life-long custom, entered the pagan home of Cornelius, who explained to him why he had been asked to come.

This passage from Acts has been selected for Easter Sunday not only because the resurrection is mentioned in it, but especially St. Peter in his first discourse to a Gentile makes the resurrection the basic doctrine and the crowning proof of the truth of the Christian faith. As St. Paul says: "If Christ has not risen vain is our preaching, vain too is your faith" (1 Cor 15:14). And like Paul, St. Peter stresses the truth of the resurrection by citing witnesses, including himself, who had not only seen the risen Jesus but had spoken to him and actually eaten with him.

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The **Second Reading** is from the letter of St. Paul to the *Colossians 3:1-4*. The method of administering Baptism in the apostolic days was by immersion. Those who heard the story of the Gospel and were ready to believe in the one true God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit who had cooperated in man's redemption and elevation to divine sonship, were immersed in water to be cleansed from their sins and their previous worldliness. Immersion in water symbolized being buried in the tomb with Christ. By immersion, therefore, the new Christian died with Christ to all earthly attachments and desires. He was raised again from the water (the tomb) to be with the Risen Christ.

We are always looking forward to a happier day which is to come some time. All this is very natural and very human, because our present life is not our permanent life; our present home, this earth, is not the real home destined for us by our loving Creator.

We were created for unending happiness in heaven, and it is only when we get there that our desire and our quest for some great happiness will end. From them on, we will always enjoy and possess that all-satisfying happiness.

Today, Easter Sunday, St. Paul reminds us that we have this happiness within our grasp. We are moving steadily and more quickly than we realize toward it. The Holy Trinity, God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, have already done, and are daily continuing to do for us, all within their power. All that is needed is that we do the little that is asked of us.

The **Gospel** for Easter is from *John 20:1-9*. The accounts of the resurrection of Christ differ in many details in the different writings of the New Testament, but the fact of the resurrection stressed in all of them, was the basis of the new Christian Faith. Had it not happened, Christianity would have been stillborn. It would have disappeared from Jerusalem and the world on that first Easter Sunday. Peter and his companions would have returned to their fishing-nets and boats on Lake Genesareth, and Christ the good and the kind man who had helped so many, would have been forgotten in half a generation.

If you have a notice for the bulletin, you can email louisecampbel@gmail.com

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Collection **April 13, 2025**

Envelopes	\$235.00
Loose	\$5.00
Share	\$55.00
Lent	
	\$295.00

Mass intentions for Easter Sunday April 20th

+ Isabel Johnson and Jessie Savoie

Notices:

1: Sunday April 27/May 4 – No Mass in Johnstown or LÁrdoise for those 2 weeks, Fr. Yake will be away. Mass in St. Peters 5:30 on Saturday, River Bourgeois 4:00 pm on Saturday will still take place.

2: Thank You: A big thank you to all who helped make our fishcake supper a success. To all the people who donated fish, the people who came and helped in the making of the fishcakes and to all who came and supported the supper. It was a sellout and a profit of over \$1000.00 was realized.

3: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: We are pleased to announce the fourth season of the Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market. This year the Market will operate 10:00 am to 1 pm every SUNDAY from June 29 to September 7th. Interested vendors should call 902-631-0209. Note: vendors do not need to commit to attending every week. Johnstown Landing is located across from the Johnstown Parish Hall.

4: Gaelic Flag Raising: May is Gaelic Awareness Month!

Come and join us for a Gaelic flag raising in Red Islands at District 10 Firehall.

Thursday, May 1 at 10am

Piper Edna Casey of River Bourgeois will give a few tunes.

Followed by srùpag (a tea), hosted by the Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors, and join in a few Gaelic songs, lead by the Red Islands Gaelic language students.

5: "You are invited to a concert featuring the Cape Breton Chordsmen, including the Class Act Quartet and the Mixed Voice Acapella Group – The Accidentals on Sunday, May 4th, 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, East Bay. Admission: Donations at the Door."

6: May 7, 2025

Spring Deadline for Bishop Power Foundation

The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: **individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that:**

a) empower the poor **and/or**

b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church

and/or

c) aid the missionary activity of the church

Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants.

Deadline is May 7 for consideration this spring.

To apply or for more information, visit:

www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

7: Heavy Garbage Collection Schedule:

Waste should be placed curbside by 8am on Monday of the scheduled collection week for the area. Items placed at the curb after collection has started in the are may not be collected.

Week 3 (May 19 – 25)

Johnstown, Loch Lomond to St. Peters

Please see: <https://www.richmondcounty.ca/news-and-announcements/> for items that are allowed/not allowed

8: Schedule of Events that will take place at the Johnstown Parish Hall this summer: More information will be provided as the event get closer

Sunday July 6th, Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass – 2:00 pm -Richmond County Men's choir will be singing. Please bring your own chair.

Sunday July 6th – Strawberry Festival – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday July 19th – Cold Plate Supper

Sunday August 10th – Cemetery Mass – 9:00 am

Sunday August 10th – Pancake Breakfast – 9:45 am

Friday August 22nd – 93rd Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance