



**Sacred Heart Parish  
Bulletin**

**Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday**  
**Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei**  
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**February 16, 2025**

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

The **First Reading** is from the *Book of Jeremiah 17:5-8*. Jeremiah lived through one of the most troubled periods of the ancient Near East as he witnessed the fall of Assyria and the rising of Babylon. In the midst of this turmoil, the kingdom of Judah, came to its downfall by resisting this overwhelming force of history. The lesson that Jeremiah wished to teach the people of Judah must have been crystal clear to them. They did not heed it and they suffered the consequences. They had abandoned God; their human allies in whom they trusted abandoned them; they ended up slaves in a pagan and foreign land. Jeremiah has a very clear lesson for us, too, this morning. We are Christians and have a far greater knowledge of our purpose in life and of God's infinite love towards us, as proved by the Incarnation, than the people of Judah had. Yet how often do we not only forget God but actually sin against him in arranging our temporal affairs?

The **Second Reading** is from the *first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:12, 16-20*. This reading continues the teaching we heard last week on the resurrection of the dead. St. Paul addresses the Corinthian claim that there is no such thing as resurrection from the dead. If, as St. Paul says, our hope in Christ were for this life only, our religion, our Christianity, would not only be false, it would be utter folly. Why should a man not have all the pleasures, all the wealth, all the comforts possible, during his few years on this earth, is the grave is all that awaits him? Any man who would strive to lead a Christian life, knowing that it ended forever in death, would indeed deserve to be pitied as the Apostle says. The few years that we have on this earth may be short but they are invaluable because our unending future life will depend on how we use them.

The **Gospel** is taken from *St. Luke 6:17, 20-26*. What Christ said to his disciples that day long ago in far-off Galilee applies equally well to every true Christian today. We must never let the things of this world keep us from God. We may acquire and use earthly goods, but we must acquire and use them justly, charitably, and reasonably. While only a relatively small number of Christians are called on to take a vow of poverty, all Christians are forbidden to take a vow of wealth, i.e., to make the acquisition of wealth their purpose in life. While only a few special disciples of Christ are asked to give up even the lawful pleasures of the senses, all Christians are commanded to avoid unlawful indulgence in sensual pleasure.

No follower of Christ is forbidden to enjoy the legitimate joys of life, but every Christian must be prepared to accept life's pains and sorrows as well. We are pilgrims and strangers on this earth, weeding our way to heaven. The lighter our pack the easier and faster we travel. But there are cares and responsibilities, according to each one's vocation in life, which we may not and must not shirk. If we face these responsibilities honestly and cheerfully, realizing that they are the means by which God wishes us to gain our eternal reward then they will be less burdensome and less heavy for us.

These Beatitudes are personally important to all of us. If we are true followers of Christ and sincere Christians, we will take the rough as well as the smooth, the poverty as well as the plenty, the sorrows as well as the joys. These are the stepping stones which God has laid down for us to help us get across the river of life to the eternal shore. "Ours is the Kingdom of Heaven."

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

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February 09, 2025

Envelopes	\$205.00
Loose	\$5.00
Initial Offering	\$15.00
Donation	\$750.00
	\$975.00

Notices:

**1: Found Keys:** A set of keys were found in the parking lot at the church, they have a green ribbon on them. They can be picked up at the church, or contact Louise at 902-535-3107

**2: Snowshoe, or cross-country ski:** February can be a wonderful time to explore the outdoors. Join us for an afternoon snowshoe, or cross-country ski on the Irish Cove Trail. 2:00 pm Saturday, February 15. Meet at the end of Lakeshore Drive East (at the Irish Cove Brook) at 2 pm. Then, join us for hot chocolate at the Red Islands Fire Hal, afterwards.  
Rita Campbell, Chair JCDC

**3: Johnstown Sewing/Handicraft Group** This group will meet again starting on Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm. This is an informal group. Bring your own project and create with kindred spirits. A sewing machine is available, plus help, for anyone who wants to sew, quilt or knit. Everyone welcome. Location: District 10 Fire Hall, Red Islands.

**4: Our weekly Wednesday Morning Coffee** get togethers will resume on Wednesday January 8th, 9:00 – 11:30 am, at the District 10, Red Islands Fire Hall. Drop in and visit with your friends and neighbours. Cards, games and puzzles are available. Everyone is welcome.

**5: Pancake Breakfast** - Wednesday, February 26th - 9:00 to 11:30 – District 10 Fire Hall in Red Islands All are welcome. Small donations are appreciated but certainly not necessary. No need to reserve a spot, just show up.

**6: TEA and TALK Tuesday, February 18, 1:30 -3:30 pm**  
**Holy Redeemer Convent, Whitney Pier** just behind the Pier Post Office.  
This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

**7: Thank You:** The Family of the late Elaine MacNeil would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who attended the wake, sent cards, prepared and delivered food, made donations in her memory, and offered their support. For those who travelled to attend the funeral, we are grateful for your presence during such a beautiful send-off. Our thanks to Father Yake for his visits with Mom and for officiating the funeral mass. We are forever grateful for those who supported the funeral mass especially the readers Jason MacNeil and Rod Beresford, eucharistic minister Carol Cook, the choir (who did an excellent job) as well as Robyn Merrick for her solo. We would also like to thank Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home for their assistance and guidance during our difficult time and Stewart Kelly for tending to the burial. The MacNeil Family.

**8: Coldest Night of the Year - Soul’s Harbour Rescue Mission**  
On Feb. 22, 2025, The Coldest Night of the Year is a fundraiser from which many charities across the country benefit.  
Beginning at 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Ashby Legion, teams and individuals will walk 1km down Prince Street. At the end of the walk, there will be a food truck sponsored by Starbucks and treats from Home Depot. Afterwards, a hot meal will be provided at the Ashby Legion with local band *Chalkdust* playing.  
Family Friendly event. No cost to attend. All are welcome.  
You can register online or in person at the event.  
Visit <https://cnoy.org/location/sydney> for more details.

**9: Healing Masses** at Our Lady of Grace Monastery with Fr Albert MacPherson  
Next Mass: Saturday, February 22, 1:30 pm