



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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July 06, 2025

Mass on Sunday
July 6th, will be at
2:00 pm, no 9:00
am Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of the prophet *Isaiah*, 66:10-14c speaks of the final judgment and the purified and joyful Jerusalem. All children of God nurse at the breast of Jerusalem—an image that beautifully portrays universal peace, contentment, and love. Slowly the image changes and God takes the place of Jerusalem—fondling, comforting, and nursing His children.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of Paul to the Galatians*, 6:14-18 is the conclusion of his writing to respond to those who insisted that Christians must follow the Mosaic Law. He addresses the subject of circumcision which many Galatian Christians were submitting to and telling them that the Christian people of God are the new "offspring of Abraham."

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 10:1-12, 17-20* and is about Christ conferring His mission on the seventy-two disciples. Christ wants to instill apostolic daring into his disciples; this is why he says, "I send you out," which leads St John Chrysostom to comment: "This suffices to give us encouragement, to give us confidence and to ensure that we are not afraid of our assailants" (*Hom. on St Matthew*, 33). The Apostles' and disciples' boldness stemmed from their firm conviction that they were on a God-given mission: they acted, as Peter the Apostle confidently explained to the Sanhedrin, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, "for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

"And the Lord goes on", St Gregory the Great adds, "'Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road.' Such should be the confidence the preacher places in God that even if he is not provided with the necessities of life, he is convinced that they will come his way, to ensure that worry about providing temporal things for himself does not distract him from providing others with eternal things" (*In Evangelia homiliae*, 17). Apostolate calls for generous self-surrender which leads to detachment: therefore, Peter, following our Lord's commandment, when the beggar at the Beautiful Gate asked him for alms (Acts 3:2-3), said, "I have no silver or gold" (ibid. 3:6), "not so as to glory in his poverty", St Ambrose points out, "but to obey the Lord's command: it is as if he were saying, 'You see in me a disciple of Christ, and you ask me for gold? He gave us something much more valuable than gold, the power to act in his name. I do not have what Christ did not give me, but I do have what he did give me: In the name of Jesus Christ, arise and walk' (cf. Acts 3:6)." (*Expositio Evangelii sec. Lucam*, in loc.). Apostolate, therefore, demands detachment from material things and it also requires us to be always available, for there is an urgency about apostolic work.

"And salute no one on the road": "How can it be," St Ambrose asks himself, "that the Lord wishes to get rid of a custom so full of kindness? Notice, however, that he does not just say, 'Do not salute anyone,' but adds, 'on the road.' And there is a reason for this.

"He also commanded Elisha not to salute anyone he met, when he sent him to lay his staff on the body of the dead child (2 Kings 4:29): he gave him this order in order to get him to do this task without delay and effect the raising of the child, and not waste time by stopping to talk to any passer-by he met. Therefore, there is no question of omitting to have the good manners to greet others; it is a matter of removing a possible obstacle in the way of service; when God commands, human considerations should be set aside, at least for the time being. To greet a person is a good thing, but it is better to carry out a divine instruction which could easily be frustrated by a delay" (ibid).

—Excerpted from *The Navarre Bible—St. Luke*

Collection June 29, 2025

Envelopes	\$210.40
Loose	\$65.00
Cemetery Fund	\$20.00
	\$295.40

Notices:

1: Mass July 6th: There will not be a 9:00 am mass on Sunday July 6th, instead it will be at 2:00 pm for Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass

2: Thank You: A great big thank you to JP, Amy, and Charlotte for taking on the Herculean task of cleaning up around the Shrine, it is an awesome job. Also, to Nora and Nicholas for helping to spread the mulch.

3: Thank you to the person, or people, who took on the project of cleaning the cross in the upper graveyard. Great job.

4: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: 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.

5: Strawberry Festival: The Outdoor Mass and Strawberry Festival are only 2 weeks away. Sacred Heart Ladies Group are asking for people to bake Biscuits, Bonnach and Oat cakes for the festival. We will also require help to set up and serve on the 6th. If you can help please let us know. We will be at the hall at 9:00 am on Sunday July 6th, to hull the berries and set up. All are welcome to come and help.

6: Cold Plate Supper: The cold plate dinner will take place on Saturday July 19th, at 5:00pm. This will be a takeout or eat in. For this event we would like you to preorder your meal so that we will have an idea of the numbers. The meal will consist of ham, salads, rolls and dessert. We need to know numbers by the end of next week, by the 13th.

7: Big Pond Concert !

Sunday, July 20th | 2:00 PM | Big Pond

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of Cape Breton music, dance, and community spirit at the Big Pond Concert!

Enjoy performances from some of the island's finest talents, including:

Bradley Murphy

Brenda Stubbart

Cathy Campbell & Betty MacNeil

Colin Watson

Delores Boudreau

Fr. David Rankin

Howie MacDonald

Jason Roach, Kyle MacDonald & James MacLean

Jim & Trese MacNeil

Joanne Donovan

Joe MacMaster

Keith MacDonald

Kyle, Sheumas & Monica MacNeil

Mac Morin

Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen

Shelly Campbell & Allan Dewar

The Cape Breton Fiddlers Association

The MacArthur Dancers

Woody Woodburn

Bring your chairs, your friends, and your love for Cape Breton

Get your tickets online now at www.bigpondconcert.com

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

Saturday July 19th – Cold Plate Supper – 5:00 pm

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: Music for the dance will be provide by Keith, Kyle and Colin MacDonald