



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Deuteronomy 30:10-14* and is the final discourse of Moses, just prior to the selection of Joshua to lead the people into the promised land. It is the conclusion of the covenant making ceremony.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of *Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20* in which he uses the occasion to instruct the Colossians and to restate for them the truth about the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ, as beginning and end of all creation. He was imprisoned in Rome when he wrote this letter but had learned about dangerous doctrines which had recently made their way into the church, threatening both faith and morals. False teachers were introducing a series of outdated Mosaic practices and an exaggerated emphasis on the role of angels as intermediaries between God and men, which threatened to undermine the true doctrine of Christ as the only mediator.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 10:25-37* and tells the parable of the good Samaritan. This passage is two-pronged. While providing a powerful lesson about mercy toward those in need, it also proclaims that non-Jews can observe the Law and thus enter into eternal life. Following other Fathers, St Augustine (*De verbis Domini sermones*, 37) identifies the good Samaritan with our Lord, and the waylaid man with Adam, the source and symbol of all fallen mankind. Moved by compassion and piety, he comes down to earth to cure man's wounds, making them his own (Is 53:4; Mt 8:17; 1 Pet 2:24; 1 Jn 3:5). In fact, we often see Jesus being moved by man's suffering (cf. Mt 9:36; Mk 1:41; Lk 7:13). And St John says: "in this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his

nly Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 Jn 4:9-11).

This parable leaves no doubt about who our neighbor is — anyone (without distinction of race or relationship) who needs our help; nor about how we should love him — by taking pity on him, being compassionate towards his spiritual or corporal needs; and it is not just a matter of having the right feelings towards him: we must do something, we must generously serve him. Christians, who should be disciples of Christ, should share his love and compassion, never distancing themselves from others' needs. One way to express love for one's neighbor is to perform the "works of mercy," which get their name from the fact that they are not duties in justice. There are fourteen such works, seven spiritual and seven corporal.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- 1: To convert the sinner;
- 2: To instruct the ignorant;
- 3: To counsel the doubtful;
- 4: To comfort the sorrowful;
- 5: To bear wrongs patiently;
- 6: To forgive injuries;
- 7: To pray for the living and the dead.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

1. To feed the hungry;
2. To give drink to the thirsty;
3. To clothe the naked;
4. To shelter the homeless;
5. To visit the sick;
6. To visit the imprisoned;
7. To bury the dead.

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

Collection June 06, 2025

Envelopes	\$490.00
Shrine	\$666.00
Cemetery Fund Envelopes	\$135.00
Cemetery Fund Donation	\$250.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
	\$1,551.00

Notices:

1: Thank You: A great big thank you to everyone who made the Strawberry Festival a big success. To all who baked, came on Sunday morning to hull the berries, to all who came in the afternoon to help serve and to all who came and enjoyed the berries, biscuits, oatcakes, bonnach, tea and company. A profit of \$3,000.00 was realized

2: Thank you to all who came to the Outdoor Mass, and to all who help prepare the Shrine and the church, too bad the weather did not cooperate. Thank you to the Richmond County Men's choir.

3: Thank you to the Scott Magdy, Terry Magdy and Dustin MacAulay, who took on the project of cleaning the cross in the upper graveyard. Great job.

4: District 10 Yard Sale & Fundraiser

Sunday, July 13th

District 10 Firehall

We're hosting a community yard sale to raise funds for our firehall, and we'd love your support!

Let's come together to support a great cause and give new life to old treasures. Thank you for your generosity!

5: Mass intention for Sunday July 13th, is George MacCuish

6: 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.

7: 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. Last call for the supper is Monday July 14th.

8: "Come to the Ceilidh" East Bay firehall

Sunday, July 13, 2:00 - 4:00

Admission \$10.00

(12 and under FREE)

Entertainment: Bradley Murphy & Susan MacLean

9: 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

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

Get your tickets online now at www.bigpondconcert.com

10: 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