



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
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June 01, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

—Excepted from *The Sunday Readings*, Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Collection **May 25, 2025**

Envelopes	\$295.00
Loose	\$40.00
Latin America	\$40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
	\$475.00

Notices:

1: Congratulations:

Congratulations to Fr. Yake on 45 years of Priesthood

2: 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.

3. "Come to the Ceilidh" at East Bay firehall; June 1; 2-4pm; \$10.00 each with Howie MacDonald and Beverly MacLean. Enjoy good music, good conversation , and a spot of tea.

4. St. Mary's CWL, East Bay is inviting you to " the Giorno Experience" - An evening of magic, hypnosis, and laughter at East Bay firehall; June 14; 7:30 pm; \$20.00 each. Tickets available at East Bay post office; East Bay country market; Meadows Pharmasave; Theresa @ 902-225-8922 or Mae @ 902-574-3398

5: 60th Anniversary

Celebration: Fr. Eugene Morris of Port Hood will be celebrating 60 years of Priesthood on **Sunday June 8, 2025**. There will be an open reception at St. Peter's Parish Hall from 1:30 to 3:30pmfollowed by Holy Mass at 4:30pm, in St. Peter's Church Port Hood (283 Main Street Port Hood). All are welcome.

6: The Sacrament of Confirmation Our parishes' celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will join with St. Joseph's Church, Port Hawkesbury, on Sunday, November 16. Candidates need to be of secondary school age and deemed ready for the sacrament by their parents. Please register your name, civic address/email, and phone with the parish office: 902-535-2053. Preparation sessions for the sacrament will be announced in the Fall.

7: Share Year Round:

Donors play a key role in the realization of our mission. Without their generosity and commitment, the work of Development & Peace would not be possible. Share Year-Round donors promote social justice and human dignity through the year.

Share Year-Round donors exert a significant influence throughout the year. By helping ensure our financial stability, they allow us to plan long-term transformation work and respond rapidly to humanitarian emergencies. Chibeze Philomena Ojukwu is a monthly donor. She says "I became a Share Year-Round donor when I was a student. As my situation changed, the amount gradually increased. The monthly financial commitment was a reminder to my self to be steadfast in supporting the important work of our partners in the Global South. To learn more or to become a Share Year-Round donor, visit devp.org/shareyearround.

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

9: Chalice: As many of you are aware, Chalice is a Catholic organization that provides Canadians with the opportunity to share their blessings by sponsoring a child experiencing poverty in a developing country. Chalice was founded right here in Canada over thirty years ago. From the beginnings they have always kept administrative costs to an absolute minimum. As a result, Chalice provides 90% of donations to the benefit of sponsored children. Because of this financial responsibility, Charity Intelligence has named Chalice as one of its highest rated charities in Canada.

Chalice sponsorship is available to any child in need, regardless of their faith or creed. But with a name like "Chalice", there is no mistaking their Catholic Eucharistic identity.

Eucharist means thanksgiving, and just as the chalice we share at Mass is the cup of sacrifice, Chalice staff want to take this opportunity today to give thanksgiving for those of you who made a real financial sacrifice last year to support the work of Chalice or sponsor a child.

Chalice and more importantly, the children, parents, and grandparents with whom we walk are so thankful to each of you.

Last year Fr. John generously invited Chalice to speak to teg parishioners here at Sacred Heart. This parish sponsored six children that weekend.

Each of those children now has renewed hope for the future because of the generosity of Sacred Heart and everyone who assisted at last year's Chalice Corpus Christi Sponsorship Weekend.

Thank you for welcoming Chalice last year. Thank you to all sponsors. Thank you to those who made donations and thank you for those who fasted and prayed during Lent for the Church and Chalice's sponsored children.

As Chalice gives thanks today for your generosity during last year's Corpus Christi Sponsorship Weekend, we also encourage you to be generous in responding to the need of Sacred Heart Parish and your Diocese. God has given each of us much to be thankful for, and when you support the Church and its work, globally or locally, you give thanks to God and make a strong statement about what things are most import in your life.

On behalf of Chalice and a sponsored child, thank you again for welcoming us into your community at Sacred Heart parish. May God bell you and may our relationship continue to grow in the years to come. There are a few cards at the front for your information.