



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

**Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday**  
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**May 25, 2025**

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29* and concerns the Council of Jerusalem which falls in the middle of the book of Acts and describes the turning point for the Church when the council officially recognized the evangelization of the Gentiles. This evangelization had been initiated by Sts. Peter, Barnabas and Paul. Thus, the Christian church broke away from the Mosaic rules while maintaining its roots in the rich theology and traditions of the chosen people.

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23* and continues the description of the Heavenly Jerusalem. In the heavenly Jerusalem there is no longer any need for God to have a dwelling-place, because God the Father himself and the Lamb are always present. The Godhead does not need to be brought to mind by the temple (the symbol of his invisible presence), because the blessed will always see God face to face. This sight of God is what causes the righteous to be forever happy.

The **Gospel** is from *John 14:23-29*. In the first reading at today's Mass, we were given the story of the first General Council ever held by the Church authorities. There we saw that a vital decision was reached through the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and ours" (Acts 15:28) was how the authorities announced the conclusion they had reached. In this Gospel which we have just read, Christ promised his Apostles, the night before his death, that when he returned to the Father, the Holy

That promise was fulfilled in a very solemn way within twenty years of our Lord's resurrection at the Council of Jerusalem. It has been fulfilled again and again down through the history of the Church. And this has been the case not only on the solemn occasions of General Councils, or when definitions concerning faith and morals were given *ex cathedra* by the Pope, but in many circumstances of less solemnity.

The Holy Spirit "breathes where he wills." He assists the local authorities in the Church. He inspires individual Christians if they call on him in their need. He inspires young people of both sexes to offer their lives to the service of the Church and their neighbor. He has inspired founders of orders and congregations to form institutes which would help the spread of the faith. He is at work today among us and among the separated brothers of the Church, helping and inspiring them towards that unity for which Christ prayed.

There are moments of crisis in all our lives, moments when a vital decision has to be made. If that decision is wrongly made it may not only seriously interfere with our earthly welfare, but more important still jeopardize our eternal salvation. We should call on the Holy Spirit to help us daily, but we should call for his assistance especially when we have a serious decision to make.

His role in the Church and in the lives of all Christians is to preserve and protect the revelation that God has given us. There are times in the lives of many of us when we are tempted to doubt about what we are called on to believe, or to hesitate with regard to what we are called on to do. It is on such occasions that the help of the Holy Spirit is especially necessary. He will not fail us if we turn to him earnestly and sincerely.

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

### Collection May 18, 2025

Envelopes	\$285.00
Loose	\$40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$200.00
	\$525.00

### Notices:

**1: 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.

**2: Gaelic Workshop** Saturday, May 31 10 - 3 Red Islands Firehall Instructor: Stacie MacLean Beginner to Intermediate level \$10 We will be making the mid-day meal as part of the class.

**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: 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.

**6: Our Diocesan Pilgrim's Way** for the Jubilee Year includes parishes, shrines, and sacred celebrations honouring namesake saints, cultures, and traditions

**May 31, 11 am: Feast of the Visitation**

**Stella Maris Church, Creignish**

Mass (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) at 11 a.m. Reception to follow in the Creignish Recreation Centre.

The Apostolic Letter "Motu Proprio" Stella Maris on the Maritime Apostolate was given on January 31st, 1997, by St. John Paul II. Briefly, he writes, "Stella Maris" (Star of the Sea) has long been the favourite title by which people of the sea have called on her in whose protection they have always trusted: the Blessed Virgin Mary." Creignish is a community located in Inverness County on the shores of St. Georges Bay, forming part of Lobster Fishing Zone 26b, with the lobster fishing season taking place between May 1st and June 30th. Since the aim of the Pilgrim's Way is to encourage pilgrims to visit churches, what better time to invite pilgrims to visit than on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

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

Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Festival – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> – Cold Plate Supper

Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> – Cemetery Mass – 9:00 am

Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast – 9:45 am

Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance: Music for the dance will be provided by Keith, Kyle and Colin MacDonald