

Shrine 1967



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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July 012, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No 9:00 am Mass today,
Sunday July 12th. Mass
will be at 2:00 pm at
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass

The devotion of Our Lady of Guadalupe began in Johnstown by Msgr. Ronald MacLean. As a Chaplain in the Canadian Navy he visited Mexico and was impressed by the story of Guadalupe. He purchased a Mosaic and brought it to Johnstown.

The devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe is important to the Mi'kmaq nation. They believe the Virgin Mary appeared as a native, spoke in the Aztec language and proclaimed herself protectress of Juan Diego's people.

Over 460 years ago the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to an Aztec Indian in Mexico named Juan Diego. She wanted him to direct the Spanish Bishop to build a church in her honour. The Bishop commanded Juan to request a special sign from the Mother of God

When Juan returned to the ancient Aztec temple, Mary appeared to him, speaking in his Indian language, assured him healing and protection to the whole people. Mary directed Juan to gather a bouquet of flowers from the desert and to take them to the Bishop as a sign. He carried the flowers in his cape. When he stood in front of the Bishop he opened his cape, and inside, the flowers turned into a striking image of Mary imprinted on the cape.

The Bishop was satisfied but investigations had to follow. A Church was finally built on the Guadalupe site in 1709. The cloak Juan wore still hangs in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico.

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:10-11*. The word of God which came to the Chosen People through the prophets, and the divinely inspired writers, came out of God's loving interest in His people. He wanted to prepare them for the inheritance, the real "promised land," that, when the messianic age (the "fullness of time") came, would be theirs, provided their lives on earth were lived as they should be. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:18-23* and is about present suffering and the glory of God. Suffering is an essential part of the Christian life and one who truly believes will have his or her share of hardships and trials. Yet, these are not ends in themselves, as there is hope that they will terminate with the full revelation of the glory of God. The theme and message of St. Paul is not to lose hope in the Lord into whose risen life we have been initiated by Baptism. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 13:1-23*. Christ's description of His audience, that day in Galilee, is unfortunately as true today as it was then. His message of salvation has been preached to a great part of the world's population, but the proportion of those who accept it and live up to it, is about the same today as it was then. There are millions of men and women today, in what was once Christian Europe, who are like the seed sown on the unplowed path. They refuse to accept the message, they have no thought for their future, they are content to end in the grave after their few years of misery and hardship on this planet.

There are others who see the truth and the consolation of the Christian gospel, but when it comes to making sacrifices for it, they give up. The message did not sink into their hearts and minds. They are like the seed which fell on rocky ground because the faith had no deep roots in their lives. Others again, and they are legion, are like the seed that fell among the briars and thorns. They accepted the faith and it took root in them, but later on, "the cares of the world and the delight in riches chokes the word and it proves unfruitful,"—these are our Lord's own words.

The last class of Christians, are like the seed sown on good soil. They not only accept Christ and his teaching, but they live up to it, and, come what may, they are faithful to it. These will produce fruit and will earn for themselves eternal happiness.

There are millions of saints in heaven today, enjoying eternal happiness, who had some, if not all, of our present failings. We, too, can be with them one day, provided we do what they did. They repented sincerely and remained God's close friends, until he called them to himself. May the merciful God give us the grace to imitate them while we yet have time. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Collection

July 05, 2026

Envelopes	\$265.00
Loose	\$70.00
Cemetery	\$280.00
	\$615.00

Notices:

1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer’s Market: Another summer on the way. Looking forward to Sundays at the Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Market. The markets run from June 28 - September 6, 2026. Every Sunday 10 am - 1 pm. We welcome new vendors. Send us a message or call 902-631-0209.

2: Strawberry Festival. This Sunday July 12th. We will be looking for donations of Biscuits, Bonnach and Oatcakes. We will be in the hall at 9:00 am, on Sunday July 12th, to hull the berries and to set up for the afternoon. Everyone is invited to come and help..

3: Strawberry Festival Help: Anyone who can help with the hulling of the berries, we will be at the hall at 9:00 am on Sunday July 12th. For people who are also helping will the serving of the berries, please be at the hall by 1:30 pm.

4: Thank you: Thank you to Nicholas and Nora Baraniuk and Jane MacNeil for painting the wall in front of the Shrine. Great job.

5: Graveyard Flowers: Could people please refrain from putting flowers and solar lights on the graves during the summer, the flowers, flowerpots, flower holders, and solar lights pose a hinderance when the graveyard is being mowed. Flowers on top of the headstones is permitted.

6: BIG POND CONCERT - Sunday July 19th, 2:00 pm
Early Bird tickets are available for just \$20!
Pick yours up in person at East Bay Country Market (while supplies last) or purchase online anytime through Eventbrite by clicking the event link. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/.../big-pond-concert-tickets...>
Don’t wait! Tickets will be \$25 at the gate on concert day, so grab yours early and save.

7: Cold Plate Supper: The cold plate dinner will take place on Saturday July 26th, 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.

8: Come to the Ceilidh – East Bay Fire Hall – Sunday July 12th , 2:00 pm Join us for tea and chats as we host the following musicians! Helen MacDonald and Susan MacLean; \$10.00; 12 and under FREE.

9: 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 25 th – Cold Plate Supper
Sunday August 9 th – Cemetery Mass – 9:00 am
Sunday August 9 th – Pancake Breakfast – 9:45 am
Friday August 21st – 94 th Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance- Music for the dance will be Bradley Murphy and Leanne Aucoin