



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
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July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19* where the author reminds us that the kind of judgment we receive depends not on the scales of godless justice, but instead on the mercy and love of God for those who strive to live life in response to His love. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:26-27*. The theme is the activity of the Spirit in helping us in our weakness to pray as we ought, for it is the Spirit who makes intercession for us and intercedes for us before God. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 13:24-43*. Today's parable is Christ's answer to the question so frequently asked: "Why does God permit evil to triumph so often in this world, why are the wicked allowed to prosper?" The triumph of the wicked is short-lived, the reward of the Christian who suffers from their wickedness is everlasting. The very wickedness and injustices of evil-doers are one of the ways that God uses to perfect his elect. It is only on a battlefield that a true soldier can be proved.

In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him.

The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

We must learn a double lesson of patience from this parable. First, to be patient with those who make our spiritual progress more difficult for us—they are actually helping us to be better Christians if we bear with patience the injuries they inflict on us. Second, we must try to imitate the patience God shows in his dealings with sinners. While we must not approve of their evil deeds, or their sins, we must still look on them as our brothers and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to heaven. We can do this by good example, and by fervent prayer for their conversion. This is not easy for human nature, but we can be certain that God will give us the necessary grace and strength to subdue our natural weakness and aversion, if we try to act with charity and true brotherly interest toward our erring fellowmen.

By acting thus, we will not only be helping a weak brother on the rugged road to heaven, we will also be making doubly sure of our own arrival there, for God will never be outdone in generosity.
—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

July 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$310.00
Loose	\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$15.00
Shrine	\$600.88
	\$945.88

Notices:

1: Thank you: Thank you to all who made the Strawberry Festival and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass a great success. To all who baked, hulled berries, served and came to eat, we are very grateful for all the help. A profit of approximately \$2,000.00 was realized on the festival. To Fr. Yake, the people who organized the mass, the music, reader, collectors and all who came to enjoy the mass, thank you.

2: 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.

3: 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.

4: Cold Plate Supper: The cold plate dinner will take place on Saturday July 25th, 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.

5: 90th Birthday Party: We are going to throw a party for Liz (Cash) MacNeil’s 90th from 2-4 on Saturday Aug.1 in Irish Cove. No gifts but you are welcome to bring donations for Loaves and Fishes.

6: 70th Annual Broad Cove Scottish Concert
Sunday, July 26th, starting at 3 pm on the grounds of St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove
Admission \$30.00 Adult/children under 12 free Canteen/refreshment tent/lots of great talent
See you at the concert!

7: Open House and Welcome Day August 3, 11 am - 3 pm
Our Lady of Grace Monastery
Join us on the holiday Monday for an afternoon of celebration, featuring music by Ty Wallace, a local farm/artisan market, bbq and pizza, and the opportunity to explore the Monastery and outdoor Shrine. Our Lady of Grace Monastery is in its 201st year of serving as a sacred space and an oasis of history and nature. We look forward to welcoming you, and welcoming you back!
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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

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 21 st – 94 th Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance- Music for the dance will be Bradley Murphy and Leanne Aucoin