



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Exodus 19:2-6a*. This reading is a preliminary to the Sinai covenant where Israel is dearer to Yahweh than any other nation; Israel is to become a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. They needed to grow in holiness and to become a mission-oriented group rather than remain a self-contained body. Israel was specially chosen and enjoyed God's favor, but that election was not to mean isolation and self-satisfaction. —*A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:6-11*. In this reading St. Paul argues from the fact that if God was so good to us as to let his Son die for us while we were yet sinners, we can have the greatest confidence that he will also bring us to heaven (provided we keep our part of the contract) when our earthly life ends, because as followers of Christ we are now adopted sons. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 9:36, 10:8*. "Jesus had compassion for them." Who were the "crowds" on whom he had compassion? Among them were tax-collectors who cheated, robbers who robbed, murderers who murdered, harlots who lived lives of unchastity, adulterers who violated their marriage vows, nominal believers in God who never went to the temple or honored God in private. These may have been a minority, but there was no town or district in Palestine of that time in which some, or all such sinners, could not be found. Yet Jesus, who read their innermost minds, had pity on them for he saw that most, if not all of these sinners, acted through ignorance and through lack of instruction. They were lost sheep because they had no shepherd to lead them. The exalted opinion of their own sanctity that their official teachers had, caused them to shun the people, lest they be contaminated.

Christ said the harvest of such poor, misguided souls was plentiful and he needed more harvesters. That, indeed, was true in his day, but it is a hundred percent truer today. Any of our modern larger cities today has a population greater than the whole of Palestine in Christ's day. And the percentage of sinners in these cities would be greater, not less, than the percentage of sinners then in Palestine.

Christ too is unchanged. He still has compassion for today's sinners and wants them to be saved, not lost. But for this he needs "harvesters," apostles, who will help him. Here is where all good Christians, all who really love God and their neighbor, must help.

He is not asking us to give up our present occupation, or to leave home and family to become priests or missionaries. The work we can do and which he is asking us to do is on our very doorsteps. In some cases it is inside—in our own homes.

The first movement towards this apostolate to our fellow men is to show the good example of a truly Christian life. In the home and in our place of employment, example may go unnoticed or sometimes even be ridiculed by the very ones who need it, but with the grace of God, which always accompanies it, it will eventually produce good fruit. There are thousands of men and women in heaven today who owe their salvation, under God, to the good example of a sincere Christian neighbor. After good example, comes good advice. A suggestion, a hint, an encouragement, kindly and charitably offered, may often turn a neighbor from evil ways. This good advice must always be humbly and charitably given. Nobody, a sinner least of all, wants to be lectured or "preached at." St. Francis de Sales, the gentlest of apostles, said that one will catch more flies with a spoonful of honey than with a barrel of vinegar. There are pious Christians who abhor sin so much that they abhor and repel the sinner, as well. In this, they are more pharisaical than Christlike. He abhorred sin, but he still loved the sinner and wanted him saved.

The harvest is plentiful; indeed it is huge. But let not its huge size frighten us. If everyone reaps his own corner, we shall all meet in the center of the harvest-field some day.

—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings, Year A* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

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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: Food Vendor: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market We have space for and welcome new vendors. Our soup guy is retiring this year (sigh, it was always so delicious). We would love to hear of someone interested in doing soup or take out lunches for the market. We are spoiled and no one wants to go home and cook after enjoying the morning at the market. Contact 902-631-0209

3: Come to the Ceilidh – East Bay Fire Hall – Sunday June 21st , 2:00 pm Join us for tea and chats as we host the following musicians!; Jason MacDonald and Bradley Murphty; \$10.00; 12 and under FREE.

4: COMFORT TEA ... Come For Tea – June 16 th , 2026: We all experience many types of losses throughout our lives. To promote awareness of the impact of grief, you are invited to join us for a beverage and sweets. You may bring a friend, photo, memento, or memory to share or just be with others who understand. 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm on Tuesday, June 16 th , 2026 at the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society Hall, 3276 Highway 320, D'Escousse, N.S. Hosted by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society. All are welcome.

5: "Join The Alara Vocal Ensemble on Saturday, June 20th at 7pm at The Savoy Theatre for "Hello Sunshine: A Celebration in Song!

You'll hear an uplifting mix of pop, folk, and singer-songwriter favourites, and we've also got some special guest artists including Robyn Cathcart, Breagh Kelly & Paul Gatchell!

To reserve your tickets, call 902-549-0329."

6: Call to complete Office of Palliative Care: The first week of May marked National Hospice Palliative Care Week in Canada. This is a time for us to recognize the impact of palliative care on individuals and families, and to call for better access to this care for all. The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) adopted Resolution 2025.04 Federal Government to Complete the Development of the Office of Palliative Care. Our ask of you is to help us carry out part of our action plan: to write letters to our Prime Minister, Minister of Health and local MP's by signing and mailing postcards we have provided. These postcards do not require postage. They are at the front of the church. The President of the St. Mary's, East Bay CWL; Theresa Morley asked me to provide this information. There is also a paper on Palliative Care and a paper with Short Prayers for Palliative Care, at the front of the church.

7: Strawberry Festival. Only 4 weeks until the Strawberry Festival and Outdoor Mass. We will be looking for Biscuits, Bonnach and Oatcakes, and workers.

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 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass – 2:00 pm -Please bring your own chair

Sunday July 12th – Strawberry Festival – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday July 25th – Cold Plate Supper

Sunday August 9th – Cemetery Mass – 9:00 am

Sunday August 9th – Pancake Breakfast – 9:45 am

Friday August 21st – 94th Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance