



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13*. This reading has the tone and force of a lamentation psalm where persecutors are all around the just man, and his only strength is the Lord himself. —*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 5:12-15*. St. Paul is speaking of some of the immediate effects of Christian salvation, as brought to mankind by Christ. St. Paul stresses the fact that Christ through his death not only conquered sin but poured out divine grace so abundantly and lavishly on mankind, making them his brothers and therefore sons of God, that there is no comparison between the world redeemed by Christ's death and the world of sin which prevailed up to then. —*The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 10:26-33*. What our Lord said to His Apostles applies to all Christians in the practice of their faith. By the very fact of living our faith openly and fully we are apostles by example. If we are always truthful and faithful to our promises, if we are honest in all our dealings, if as employers we pay a just wage and treat those working for us not as "hands" but as whole men and women, if as employees we give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay, if we live chaste lives whether in single life or in marriage, we are true Christians. Above all, if we have true love of God and show our appreciation of all that he has done for us, and if we prove that love, by helping his other children, our neighbors, we are a light shining in the darkness, because we are helping others to see the true meaning of the Christian religion.

This true light is needed more today perhaps than ever before. Our world is three quarters pagan or neo-pagan. The neo-pagans are those who once were Christians but abandoned their religion, sometimes through their own fault, but more often than not, because of the bad example they were given by their fellow Christians. These are worse off spiritually than the pagans who have never heard of Christ or the true God. These latter have at least some idols, some ancestral deities, to whom they pay respect. The neo-pagans have only themselves to venerate, and they can find little spiritual uplift in this form of religion.

A large majority of today's teenagers, in most so-called Christian countries, have come to despise, or at least to neglect, the religion of their ancestors. In most cases the cause of this is that Christianity was never really put into practice in their own homes. There are cases of very black sheep coming out of very white Christian homes, but these are cases of weak personality—they prefer to follow the mob rather than try to force their way against it. On the whole, the decline of religion among today's youth is due to bad example from their elders.

In today's gospel message, our Lord is asking each one of us to be a fearless apostle. We will be, if we live up to our religion at home and abroad. "Have no fear of men," He tells us, "don't mind what your fellowmen think of you, if you object to obscene language in your workplace. Don't fear what will be thought of you if you say your grace before and after meals in a public restaurant or hotel. Don't take that extra drink just because your companions at the party might ridicule your control..."

These acts and many others like them, may seem trivial to some but they are giving testimony to the faith that is in us. Those who scoff at such things at first, may begin later to look into their own hearts, and come to realize what it is to be a man of principle. Eventually they may become men of principle themselves.

Let us remember our Lord's promise "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven." —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Collection

June 14, 2026

Envelopes	\$765.00
Loose	\$12.00
Donation	\$300.00
	\$1,077.00

Notices:

1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: First Market is next Sunday June 28th. 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: Painting at the Shrine. We are looking for someone who would be able to paint the wall in front of the Shrine, before July 12th. Please let me know.

4: Strawberry Festival. Only 3 weeks until the Strawberry Festival and Outdoor Mass. We will be looking for 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. We are also looking for people to come and help serve the berries in the afternoon. Please let us know if you able to help.

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: 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.

7: 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.

8: Canada Day Celebrations: District Number Ten Volunteer Fire Department Red Islands Fire Hall Wednesday, July 1 BBQ at 5:00 pm and fireworks at dusk

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

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