



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a*. The account of Elisha and the woman was a minor incident in the life of this prophet, who worked greater miracles, but it is narrated to show that God rewards those who are charitable to his friends. —*The Sunday Readings*

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*. St. Paul stresses that we are buried with Christ in baptism. We die with him to sin. Then we rise with him to a new life.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 10:37-42*. In the first part, Christ tells his representatives, his delegates the Apostles, and those who succeed them, that they must be prepared to undergo great sacrifices, even death itself, if called on to do so for the sake of Christ. Even though they had only a very vague idea then of what he meant, when the time came, they remembered his words and gladly suffered imprisonment, hardships, and finally martyrdom for Christ. This shows how the resurrection of Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on them, changed them from worldly weaklings into fearless heroes. They had become convinced that Christ was the Son of God who had come on earth to bring all men to heaven. They came to realize how transitory, and unimportant, the few years of the earthly life were when compared with the eternal life of bliss to follow.

It was not only the Apostles who gave their lives gladly for Christ. There are thousands of martyrs who, during the first three centuries of the Church, not only accepted but welcomed death for Christ's sake, because they were convinced that it was the door to eternal life, the only life that mattered. Nor did occasions for martyrdom cease when the Church was granted freedom by Constantine, the first convert Roman emperor. Here and there, down through the centuries, the followers of Christ have been persecuted because of their belief in him, and many of us can be proud that we have had among our ancestors men and women who died for the faith.

Today, too, there are still those who are suffering a lingering martyrdom, worse than quick death on the scaffold, because they obey God rather than man. We can help them to persevere, by our prayers. We ourselves, who are free from any overt persecution, must show our gratitude to God for being allowed to practice our religion openly and without fear, by doing just this. We must live according to the convictions of our Christian faith. We are here in this world for a few short years, our real and lasting home is in heaven. We must keep this thought uppermost in our minds, in all our doings and dealings.

As well as carrying out our own personal duties, we must remember the spiritual needs of our fellowmen. They, too, need to go to heaven and anything less will be eternal disaster for them. We may not be able to preach, or teach them the truth of the Christian faith, but we can and must help all those who are doing so.

Remember our Lord's words today. He who receives or gives hospitality and help to a prophet will have the reward of a prophet. He who helps those who are preaching and teaching the message of salvation, the good news of Christ, at home and abroad, will himself share in the reward of these preachers and teachers. When we get to heaven, one of the many pleasant surprises awaiting us will be the gratitude we will receive from saints we've helped to send to heaven, people we never knew or perhaps thought about. We helped those who thought about them and worked for their salvation, and we thus have a share in their reward.

Remember Christ's promise: even a cup of cold water will not go unrewarded, every little helping hand we give to bring our fellowmen to heaven will help us, too, toward the same goal. Heaven is our real goal in life—it alone will satisfy all our desires and it alone will last forever. —Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Collection

June 21, 2026

Envelopes	\$375.00
Loose	\$20.00
Donation to Shrine	\$500.00
	\$895.00

Notices:

1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: First Market is this 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: 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.

3: Strawberry Festival. Only 2 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.

4: 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.

5: 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

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: 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