



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles* 8:5-8, 14-17. In this reading Peter and John are sent from Jerusalem to Samaria to be ministers of the coming of the Spirit to the new converts in that town. These men had already been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the imposition of hands completes the initiation of these converts. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of Peter* 3:15-18 and indicates that baptism initiates a person to imitation of the death and resurrection of Jesus and that the destiny of all believers is to live according to the realm of the Spirit. —*A Celebrant's Guide to the New Sacramentary - A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from *St. John* 14:15-21. In this discourse at the Last Supper, which was His last will and testament, our divine Lord promised His Church, through the Apostles, that the Holy Spirit would be with it until the end of time. The Spirit of truth will be directing it and effectively aiding it to preserve the faith, the doctrine, and the morals which Christ taught His Apostles.

Looking back now over almost 2,000 years of the Church's history we can see how this promise has been fulfilled. There were heretics and schismatics who threatened the very continuance of the Church as God's faithful people on earth. There were crises and near catastrophes caused by the human weaknesses of its heads and its members, yet the Church survived and spread and continued to send saints to heaven because of the direct and active aid of the Holy Spirit.

During those two thousand years great empires have risen and fallen. They had large armies and vast wealth and earthly resources at their disposal, yet they disintegrated like all things human. The names of one-time mighty men who ruled over millions are now nothing more than a nuisance for children in their history classes. The large tracts of our globe which they ruled are now divided and known by other names. This was, is, and will be the lot of all merely human enterprises. Today's despots, where they rule with iron hand, will share the same fate.

In the midst of all these upheavals the Church of Christ has continued to flourish because it was directed and sustained by the Holy Spirit, who abides within it. How can we ever show enough gratitude to the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity who planned so lovingly and so efficaciously for our safe journey to heaven? The Father sent His Son as man among us so that we men could become His brothers, and adopted sons of the Father. The Son suffered hardships, insults and misunderstandings during His temporary stay on earth, and ended like a crucified malefactor because of the sins of mankind. But He rose

triumphantly from the dead and set up the Church as a society which would bring to men of all races, ages and colors the salvation and exaltation of mankind, which His life and death had won for us.

Knowing only too well the weaknesses and waywardness of human nature, He and the Father sent the Holy Spirit to remain with His Church as its infallible guide until the last man has entered heaven.

This is a very brief summary of what the Blessed Trinity has done, and is continuing to do for us, through the Church. We, the people of God, the chosen race of the New Testament are God's Church on earth. It is for you and me that the Holy Spirit is at work this very day. When He guides the steps of Peter's successor, the Pope, or the deliberations of the bishops, the heirs of the apostolic college, it is for us and for our salvation that He is acting. While we are faithful members of the Church, and of Christ's mystical body, while we remain live branches safely attached to the vine who is Christ, we have nothing to fear; we are on the sure road to heaven, to enjoy eternal happiness with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit whom we shall thank and glorify forever.

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

Collection

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Envelopes	\$405.00
Diocesan Society	\$45.00
Donation I/M of Alice MacDonald	\$200.00
	\$650.00

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: Mother's Day Social: For all the special mothers in our lives. Big Pond Community Centre. Saturday May 9th, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Doors open at 1:30. Refreshments: Sandwiches and Sweets will be provided for all. No Charge

3: Cleaning the church for the summer: Would anyone be interested in taking a week or two to clean the church for the summer. If we get 5 or 6, or more people than each of us would only need to clean two or three times. Let me know. Louise; louisecampbel@gmail.com or 902-535-3107

4: Sunflower Treasurers: Support Cape Breton Hospice by donating and/or purchasing pre-loved possessions including kitchen ware, jewelry, china, art work and much much more at the NSCC Waterfront Campus, Building B.

Donations: May 7,8, & 9 from Noon to 4:00

Sale Days: May 15, 16 & 17 (For information call 902-562-0662)

5: Heavy Garbage Collection Schedule: Waste should be placed curbside by 8am on Monday of the scheduled collection week for the area. Items placed at the curb after collection has started in the are may not be collected. Week 3 (May 18 – 24) Johnstown, Loch Lomond to St. Peters Please see:

<https://www.richmondcounty.ca/news-and-announcements/> for items that are allowed/not allowed

6: Come to the Ceilidh – East Bay Fire Hall – Sunday May 17th, 2:00 pm Join us for tea and chats as we host the following musicians!; Howie MacDonald and Beverly MacLean; \$10.00; 12 and under FREE.

7: 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 26th – 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