



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
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May 17, 2026

Solemnity of the Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is from *Acts 1:1-11*. St. Luke begins his second book, called Acts of the Apostles, with a brief description of our Lord's bodily ascension into heaven, after he had given his Apostles their final instructions. He identifies the exact location of this event as Mount Olivet, both here and in his gospel (24:50). The ascension or the return of Christ to heaven, in his human but glorified body, is the culmination, the sign and seal of the accomplishment of his salvific mission on earth. He, the Son of God, the second divine Person of the Blessed Trinity, became man, lived and died on this earth so that we men could live with God forever in heaven. By his death on the cross, he reconciled sinful man with his divine Creator. His human death earned for us a share in the divine life. His resurrection is the divine guarantee that we too shall rise again, and his ascension to the Father is the prelude to our entrance into God's everlasting kingdom.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23*. St. Paul reminded the Ephesians nearly nineteen and a half centuries ago of the marvelous generosity and goodness of God who had made them Christians and sharers-to-be in the glory of Christ, which was the eternal glory of God. The words the Apostle wrote to those first converts were written for us also and are as applicable to us today as they were in the year 61 A.D. He prayed that God would enlighten their minds to try to understand and appreciate the marvelous things God had done for them through the Incarnation, death, resurrection and ascension of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The **Gospel** is from *Matthew 28:16-20*, describing the ascension of Jesus. He gave to his Apostles and through them to their successors, the command the power to bring his message of salvation to all nations and peoples. That day on a hill in Galilee Christ foresaw each one of us here present as his future followers. It was then that the life-giving sacrament of Baptism which made us members of his Church—his mystical body on earth—was instituted. By means of it we were incorporated not only into the Church—the new people of God—but even into the divine family of the Blessed Trinity. We were made brothers of Christ and heirs to heaven.

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

Collection

May 10, 2026

Envelopes	\$180.00
Loose	\$6.75
Donations	\$55.00
	\$241.75

Notices:

1: Welcome: Welcome to Henry David Gindner who is being baptised today (Sunday). Congratulations to JP, Amy and Charlotte

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: 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

4: 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

5: Funeral for Alva MacNeil: The funeral for Alva MacNeil will take place on Friday May 29th, at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Church. Burial to follow in the Parish cemetery, followed by a lunch at the hall.

6: 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)

7: Irish Cove Trail Official Opening: June 5, 1 pm. We hope you will join us at the official opening of the Irish Cove Trail, on Friday, June 5, 1 pm. The trail is a community walking trail that weaves through the reclaimed Irish Cove limestone quarry. The launch will take place on the trail. To reach the trail entrance take Lakeshore Drive (east) from Highway 4 in Irish Cove and drive toward the end – please drive carefully and be considerate of the quiet neighbourhood. For the opening, park along Lakeshore Drive as there is limited parking at the entrance. We appreciate the support we received from community members and look forward to sharing the day with you. Rita Campbell, Chair, Trail Committee, JCDC camprita@gmail.com or 902-631-0209.

8: 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

9: 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.

10: Lakeside Community Association lumberjack brunch Sunday, May 31, 2026, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. \$15.00 eat in or take out. Children under 5 free. 8598 West Bay Hwy. Sampsonville.

11: 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