

Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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November 15, 2026

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*. The verses chosen for today are taken from the last half of the last chapter of the book and are a hymn in praise of the ideal wife. The author saw to it that the part that a wise, prudent and industrious wife plays in a man's life, and hence in the life of the nation, deserved to be stressed and admired.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6.* In this reading St. Paul continues his discussion of the *parousia*. He tells his Thessalonian converts that they know as much as he does about the time of that second coming. He had already told them in his preaching that our Lord had said that it would be unexpected. However, this need not frighten them, they would be prepared because they were living their Christian faith every day.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21*. The lesson of this parable, like all the teaching of the gospel, is as applicable to us today as it was to the first generation of Christians. In its relation to Christ and to his divine Father our world today is very similar to first century Palestine. Christ and God have opponents and followers. Their opponents today have the very same reasons that moved the Pharisees and leaders of the people in Christ's day. They want their messianic kingdom here on earth, a kingdom of pleasure and plenty; they want no limits set to their freedom to follow their own earthly inclinations. Their pride in their own self-exalted dignity will not let them bow the head to any deity or divine authority which does not conform to their standards. Like the Pharisees they keep on trying to convince themselves that Christianity is not true, that Christ will not reign, that there will be no day of reckoning.

Yet with all their efforts to get rid of Christ and God, the small inner voice of conscience is not completely silenced. It has the nasty habit of reminding them of their folly. They have their troubled moments when the epicurean motto "eat, drink, sleep and be merry" does not somehow ring true.

For the followers of Christ who are sincere in their efforts, the parable has a message of encouragement and consolation. At times the road we have to travel seems strewn with obstacles, our battles seem never-ending, yet God has provided each one of us with the necessary helps to ensure the final victory. These helps are given according to each one's need. Those servants in the parable who received five and two talents used them faithfully and successfully. He who received one talent needed only one, and could have succeeded with it had he been a faithful servant.

Eternal happiness is the divine reward for an earthly service faithfully rendered. The false excuse of the third servant is repeated in many forms among us still *"God is too austere, he could not expect me to make such sacrifices. I have to provide for myself; his promises and threats may be only empty words. He may never return to demand a reckoning, to settle accounts with us.* These and all other such excuses are proved false in this parable.

God is a kind Father who has our eternal interests at heart. He does expect us to make the necessary sacrifices. He showed us the way on Calvary. When working for God we are really providing for our own future; his external glory and our eternal salvation are the fruits of the same labor. He will certainly return to settle accounts—it will then be too late to make any changes. Let us be wise and make the changes now while we have time and then our books will be in order on the day of reckoning.

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

Collection
November 08, 2026

Envelopes	$245.00
Loose	$200.00
	$445.00

Notices:

1: Johnstown Sewing/Handicraft group will meet every Thursday at 1 pm, starting October 8th. Bring a project or idea and sew, knit and/or craft with others. Everyone welcome. Location: District 10 Fire Department, Red Islands. Contact: Rita Campbell 902 631 0209

2: Weekly Wednesday morning coffee starts again on October 14, 2026, at the Red Islands District 10 Fire Hall: 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

3: Christmas Bingo: A great big thank you to all the people who contributed to the success of the Christmas Bingo. To all the people who donated prizes, the workers and all the people who showed up to play Bingo. A special thank you to Barbar Cash, who organized the game and collected the prizes. $2823.00 was realized from the Bingo

4: Come to the Ceilidh – East Bay Fire Hall – Sunday November 15th 2:00 pm Join us for tea and chats. Entertainment: Flo Sampson: Admission $10.00, children under 12 free.

5: The **Johnstown Community Development Cooperative** (JCDC) is holding the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in Johnstown Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome **to** attend the AGM, although only JCDC members can vote. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Rita Campbell, Chair, camprita@gmail.com, 902-631-0209 or another member of the Board (Barbara MacIntyre, Howard MacIntyre, Dave Pearson, Rhonda Walker, or Kathleen Perchaluk)

6: Knights of Columbus The Knights of Columbus will be holding their monthly meeting, Thursday November 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the St. Peter's glebe house basement. We encourage all members to attend, and, for anyone who may be interested in joining us. In a world that often pulls us in opposite directions, the Knights of Columbus offer Catholic men a place to anchor their faith, and serve their neighbours. We are fathers, sons, and brothers working together to change lives right here in our parishes.

7: Lakeside Community Association: Christmas Merchandise Bingo Sunday, November 22, 2026 2PM 15 Games, 2 Specials ($1/each), $7.50 /Book or 3 books for $20.00, Canteen available, 8598 West Bay Hwy, Sampsonville.

6: Prepare Your Heart for Advent with Handel's Messiah As we begin the season of waiting and hope, you are warmly invited to a live performance of Handel's sacred masterpiece, Messiah, on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM at Marguerite Bourgeoys Church. Written over 280 years ago, Messiah continues to inspire millions with its powerful proclamation of faith, features the famous "Hallelujah" chorus, and brings the Scriptures to vivid life. Performed by full choir and orchestra. Admission is free (freewill offerings appreciated). Bring your family and neighbors to share in this glorious musical tradition.

7: The Diocesan Pastoral Center in Sydney will be hosting two workshops on November 24th (Port Hawkesbury) and November 25th (Sydney) to discuss pertinent information on insurance, financial Reporting, Canada Revenue Agency and Responsible Ministry. Anyone you feel would benefit from this information is invited to attend. More details with an agenda will follow closer to the date of the workshops.

8: FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH!
We warmly invite seniors and those approaching their senior years from Big Pond and our neighbouring communities to join us!
Join us for a delicious FREE lunch, some friendly conversation, and an opportunity to learn about Homeward Bound NS, an initiative focused on helping seniors age in the communities they know and love.
Sunday, November 29th 11 AM – 1 PM Big Pond Volunteer Fire Department
Please RSVP by November 24th at 4 PM.
Call or text Brooke at 902-574-5390 or see the poster for more details.
Come enjoy a meal, bring a friend, and have your voice heard!

9: Tea &Tunes, at the Bonnie Brea in St. Peters, will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2026 from 2:00 PM till 4:00 PM Admission $ 5.00 with 50/50 tickets sold and light lunch served. Come and enjoy an afternoon with music and social.

10: Holy Guardian Angels Parish Social Action Events 2026
Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026 Men's Club Breakfast 8-10 AM Adults $13/ Children under 11- $8
Sally Anne's Pantry Food Drop In -10 AM till 12 Noon
Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026 Bake Sale 11-1 PM Ham & Turkey Bingo 2:00 PM (Costco Spiral Ham)