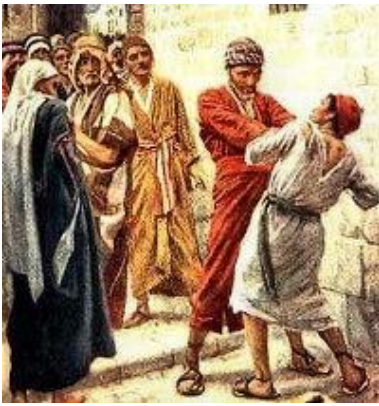




## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

**Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday**  
**Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei**  
**(902) 535-2053**

**September 13, 2026**

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Sirach* 27:30, 28:7. In the verses read today, Sirach tells us that we must forgive our neighbor if we want God to forgive us our own sins. We must be merciful if we hope to obtain mercy from God. We must not seek revenge on a neighbor lest God should take vengeance on us. If we remember our end in life we will keep God's commandments and we will not be angry with a neighbor who offends us.

The **Second Reading** is from the *St. Paul to the Romans* 14:7-9. In these three verses St. Paul emphasizes the fact that through our baptism we have been made members of Christ's mystical body, we have become brothers of Christ, intimately united with him in his death and resurrection. Whether living or dead we belong to Christ. It was for this purpose, to unite all men closely to himself not only in this life but especially in the next, that Christ became man and "dwelt among us."

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew* 18:21-35. On reading or hearing this story of the merciless servant, each one of us would rightly judge him a mean, low type of man, a heartless man, who puts himself outside the pale of mercy. He throttled his fellow-servant for a paltry debt of ten dollars, and would not listen to the poor man's plea for mercy. When we hear what the king did to this heartless servant we heartily approve and say: "It served him right, he got what he richly deserved."

We had better stop and think for a moment today and reflect that we ourselves may be that merciless servant described in the parable. Every time we have sinned mortally we have incurred an unpayable debt to God. Each time we have received absolution we have come out of God's courtroom as free men. A weight greater than a million dollar debt has been lifted from our shoulders. A fate worse than generations of earthly imprisonment — that is, eternal slavery — has been spared us because of God's loving, infinite mercy. How then can it happen that we could be so heartless, mean, and foolish as to refuse to forgive a neighbor for some offense he has committed against us?

Yet it happens, and it may be that there are some among us here today who continue to have enmity in their hearts against neighbors who offended them. In their hard-heartedness they cannot get themselves to forgive and forget. Are these not following in the footsteps of the merciless servant? Will they not receive the punishment of the merciless servant — a punishment richly deserved? This will be the fate of all unforgiving Christians; they will meet an unforgiving God when they are called to settle their accounts.

That day has not yet come for us. We still have time to put our affairs in order. We still can forgive all our enemies from our heart. If we do not, we are cutting ourselves off from the possibility of having our own sins and offenses forgiven by God. We have the solemn word of our divine Lord for this in the lesson he draws from the parable "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you (that is, deliver us up to eternal slavery) if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

Collection  
September 06, 2026

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| Envelopes               | \$390.00 |
| Loose                   | \$10.00  |
| Cemetery Fund/Envelopes | \$135.00 |
| Donation/Cemetery Fund  | \$200.00 |
|                         | \$735.00 |

Notices:

**1: Funeral Service:** The funeral service for Peggy Ouellette will be held on Thursday October 8th, at 11:00 am., in Sacred Heart Church, followed by the burial and a reception.

**2: Come to the Ceilidh** – Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>, East Bay Volunteer Fire Department 2:00pm – 4:00 pm. Join us for a visit, light lunch, and lively entertainment by All Fired Up (Keith, Kyle, & Colin MacDonald) on fiddle, piano, pipes, guitar. Adults \$10, kids free. As always, thanks to the CWL for hosting and the EBVFD for the venu

**3: Our 1st Ultreya** of the season will be held at Our Lady of Fatima on September 24th at 6:30. This season we hope to hold our Ultreyas at different churches in our area. Hope to see you in September. We have a Men’s weekend starting on September 24th and a Women’s weekend October 1st -4th. All weekends are held at Camp MacLeod in Albert Bridge. For more info contact Karen or Kevin Macsween 902-317-5425 or Arlene Edwards 902-577-4214

**4 COMFORT TEA ... Come For Tea** – September 29, 2026: We all experience many types of losses throughout our lives. To promote awareness of the impact of grief, you are invited to join us for a beverage and sweets. You may bring a friend, photo, memento, or memory to share or just be with others who understand. 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at the Creignish Recereation Centre, 2123 Highway 19, Creignish, N.S. Sponsored by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society. All are welcome.

**5: Rainbow Comfort Tea with the Palliative Care Society:** Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 1:30pm – 3:00 pm. We all experience many types of loss – death, illness, relationships, or life changes. For members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, grief can be more complex due to factors like fear, discrimination, and limited supports. Join us for a supportive conversation about grief, connection, and how we can better support one another. Beverages and sweets will be provided. You’re welcome to bring friend, a memento, a photo, or a story to share. All members of the community and allies are welcome.

**6: Officers and Knights of Father Père Vincent Knights of Columbus Council 14280.** I am pleased to announce the official Installation of Officers for the 2026–2027 Fraternal Year. The ceremony and celebration will take place on Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 pm followed by our monthly meeting. The celebration and meeting will take place at the St. Peters Glebe house basement. William Coleman

**7: Sacred Heart Pilgrimage - Medjugorje**  
September 27th to Oct 9th, 2026:  
Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Father Mark Cherry, Spiritual Chaplain and Rhonda-Lynn Cormier, Group Leader.  
Cost - \$3699.00 includes airfare and all airport taxes from Halifax; twin accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, professional local guide, day trip to “Little Lourdes” shrine, Makarska, Croatia. Single room supplement - \$350.00 Contact Rhonda-Lynn for info: 902-448-3660.

**8: Save the Date:** Sunday November 8: Our Christmas Bingo will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>.