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## Bulletin

**Sacred Heart Parish  
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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### Office of the Bishop:

Due to the COVID\_19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected:

The Special Collections for Development and Peace, Collection for the Holy Land and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works are now rescheduled for the fall. Here are the *new dates* for these collections:

**October 3/4** Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi: Pope's Pastoral Works (deferred from the sixth Sunday of Easter). This special collection is in support of the Holy Father's apostolic ministry to the Universal Church. This special collection is traditionally reserved to help support Christian holy place and pilgrimage facilities.

### **November 15, World Day of the Poor: Development and Peace**

Development and Peace's theme for the fall will be "COVID-19: Recovering Together." They will be featuring stories of projects that have already been initiated to help people in the Global South respond to the pandemic. For example: to feed their families, many Haitian tradeswomen, known as "*madam sara*" in Creole, buy produce in rural areas and travel to cities to sell it. The wide travel and close interactions that their trade requires places the *madam sara* at an elevated risk of catching and transmitting the virus. DPCC is helping Caritas Haiti provide food aid and pandemic prevention and care information to these women and their communities.

### October 3rd, 2020

**Today is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.**

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 5:1-7.

Under the image of a wine-grower who had done everything he could to make his vineyard fertile and productive, the prophet describes God's care for and interest in his Chosen People.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9. St. Paul is encouraging his converts to put their full trust in God.

**The Gospel** is from Matthew 21:33-43. There are two leading thoughts that come to the mind of any true believer on hearing this parable: the infinite goodness, patience and mercy of God in His dealings with mankind, and the unsounded depths of wickedness and ingratitude to which men can sink. To His Chosen People of the Old Testament, God had given a fertile and fully-equipped vineyard — His revelation, His protection, a homeland of their own in Canaan, and all this in order to prepare them for the future Messiah, who would bring them an eternal home in God's own Kingdom. All He asked in return was their cooperation.

But they had other plans; they wanted their kingdom on earth. Yet God was patient with them; again and again He pardoned their infidelities. He sent them prophet after prophet to recall them to their senses, but they maltreated these messengers of God and refused to heed their warnings.

Then "the fullness of time" came and He sent His divine Son on earth in human form. He took His human nature from one of their race, lived among

them and preached His gospel of love and peace to them. He tried to soften their hard hearts, and made them the final offer of the Father's mercy and pardon. But instead of accepting God's offer of mercy the chief priests and elders only made it an occasion of an even greater sin. To their crimes of infidelity and injustice they added the murder of God's Messiah and Son.

In God's plan of love and mercy the tragedy of Calvary turned out to be the great "triumph of failure." That death brought life to the world and opened the gates of God's eternal kingdom for all nations and races. The Gentiles rallied around the standard of Christ. A new vineyard was set up in which all men could work for their Father in heaven and for their own eternal interests.

We Christians today are the successors of the first Gentile followers of Christ. We too have been called to work in God's vineyard. Are we working honestly and devotedly? Are we producing the grapes and the wine that our divine Master expects of us? If our answer is "yes, I am living a true Christian life, I am working for God's honor and glory and for my own eternal salvation," then we can say a heartfelt "thank you" to our merciful Father, and ask him to keep us ever on this right path. But if our answer is "no," then let us pay heed to today's lesson. What happened to the chief priests and elders can and will happen to unfaithful Christians if they persevere in their infidelity and disobedience. But we can still put ourselves right with God. Let us do it today — tomorrow may be too late.

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

**Collection: Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Needs of the Canadian Church</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
	<b>\$595.00</b>

**Notices:**

**1: Tickets on a quilt:** The tickets are out on the quilt. You can purchase tickets from any member of the Sacred Heart Ladies Group, or etransfer money to Louise Campbell, by sending her a message on Facebook.

**2: Sewing /Knitting/Crafting Fall 2020**

We will once again get together each Thursday afternoon 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm for the months of October and November, starting on October 1. This year we will be meeting in the Johnstown Parish Hall. I am asking participants pay \$10/month to offset the cost of heating the hall during our time there.

Please wear your face mask and use the hand sanitizer when you enter the hall. There is enough room for us to physically distance once we are settled in and you will only need to wear your mask at times that you can't physically distance, although you are welcome to wear it all the times of you chose.

Everyone welcome. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can be sure to set up for the expected number. Looking forward to our Thursday afternoons.

Rita Campbell, camprita@gmail.com, 902-631-0209

**3: Homemade Vegetable Beer Soup and Biscuit Take-out**

Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4:45 pm

Pick up at the Johnstown Parish Hall

Cost: \$10.00 each

Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group

Please contact the following people for tickets:

Please let us know by Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, so we can get the correct numbers

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