



Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00

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**Masks are
mandatory in
the Church**

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 22:20-26. These verses cover the Israelites' duties toward strangers (non-Israelites), widows and orphans and the poor in general. They are a practical application of the law of charity in their dealings with their neighbors.

The **second reading** is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5c-10. St. Paul continues to praise the Thessalonians, not only for accepting the faith in difficult circumstances, but for the wonderful example their Christian life had already given to most of Greece.

The Gospel is from Matthew 22:34-40. The Pharisees may not have had evil intentions when asking Christ the question as to the greatest commandment. But they have done us a good service by getting this crystal clear answer from him. In this answer he tells us that the man who loves God and neighbor fulfills all his obligations, and carries out all the duties that God's self-revelation in "the law and the prophets" imposes on him. God revealed himself to us in the Old Testament as our Creator and divine benefactor. He had no need of us, since he is infinitely perfect in himself, but out of his infinite goodness he wished to share his eternal kingdom of happiness with mankind and so he created us. That we should love such a benefactor and be grateful to him is not asking much of us; such love should surely be the

October 24th, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

spontaneous reaction of a rational being, and yet there were and there are many who fail to acknowledge any such obligation.

No Christian, worthy of the name, can ever be among such thoughtless and thankless people. We have greater proofs of God's love for us than "the law and the prophets" gave to the Israelites. We have the added proofs of God's infinite interest in us brought to us by the Incarnation. We have been raised to the sublime status of adopted sons of God.

Where Christians can, and too often do fail, is in their true love of neighbor. Yet Christ says that this commandment is like the first. Love of neighbor is an essential part of our obligations toward God. If we fail in this we fail in our love for God, for we refuse to carry out this sacred duty. If we do not recognize our neighbor as our brother, we do not recognize God as our Father and we do not love him. As St. John puts it: "Anyone who says 'I love God' and hates (does not love) his neighbor is a liar" (1 Jn.3: 20).

Let each one of us ask himself today how seriously he takes this law of fraternal charity and how faithfully he carries it out. Not all of us may be able to give material help to a neighbor in need but the poorest of us can spare a kindly word, an encouraging word, for a neighbor weighed down with cares and troubles. All of us can pray for a neighbor who needs spiritual and temporal help. Most of us can deny ourselves some unnecessary luxuries in order to give a needed loaf of bread to a hungry fellowman, while those who have an abundance of this world's goods need not look far afield to find cases and causes worthy of their Christian charity.

Remember that whatever spiritual or material help is given out of true charity to a neighbor in need, is given to God, and whatever is given to God is soundly invested in heaven, and heaven pays handsome dividends.

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

November 14 and 15, the World Day of the Poor, there will be a collection for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace—Caritas Canada. In the wake of COVID-19, Development and Peace has launched a campaign Recovering Together to meet the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters in the global south. Your generosity will support Development and Peace partners to develop responses with their communities to provide:

- immediate aid and information on health and safety,
- access to services,
- assurance that human rights are respected,
- help to build resilience.

Please bring your own envelopes from your envelope boxes marked, "Development and Peace" for the basket which will be at the back of the church. You can also donate at www.devp.org and choose the "Give Now" tab. If you prefer to donate by phone, please call 1-888-234-8533. Pope Francis implores us to live out the "civilization of love" and to "find within us the necessary antibodies of justice, charity and solidarity." Thank you for your generosity on this World Day of the Poor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Wayne Kirkpatrick
Bishop of Antigonish

Collection: October 17th, 2020

Envelopes	\$480.00
Loose	\$9.00
World Mission Sunday	\$55.00
	\$544.00

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 transfer money to Louise Campbell, by sending her a message on Facebook. These tickets will be drawn on November 15th at the JCDC AGM

2: Homemade Vegetable Beef Soup and Biscuit Take-out

Saturday October 24th

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 21st, so we can get the correct numbers

Louise: 902-535-3107

Barbara: 902-828-2079

Rita: 902-631-0209

Eddie: 902-322-6543

Elizabeth: 902-539-2078

3: Religious Christmas Cards for sale:

There are available many different designs and also mixed packs of religious Christmas cards through www.lifecyclebooks.ca

You may order on line or Maureen Sampson of HGA has ordered 50 packs for anyone in our surrounding communities who may be interested. The cost is \$5 for a pack of 10.

Phone 902-587-2517 for more information.

4: AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown community Development Co-operative will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

Betty MacNeil, Secretary, JCDC Ltd.

5: Youth Virtual Conversations

With the approval of Bishop Kirkpatrick, we are looking for youth to participate in a ZOOM meeting regarding how youth experience society in the Church today.

These sessions are a facilitated conversation organized by ages of youth and with consent of their parents. The facilitator for the Atlantic Canada sessions is Trevor Driesbeck, Archdiocese of Moncton.

The background is Pope Francis' post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit* (2018). The Catholic Bishops in Canada are seeking to reflect and respond to the hopes, joys, and fears that young people experience in society in the Church today.

The virtual conversations are being held at the following dates and time per age group;

Ages 12-15 - October 24, 2020 - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Ages 16-19 - October 24, 2020 - 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Ages 20-24 - October 29, 2020 - 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Virtual conversations are limited to 6 youth per Diocese. If you know of any youth in your parish that might be interested in this event please have them email me at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca or call me at 902 202-2972 by October 20, 2020.

6: In remembrance of our loved ones: November is the month of remembering those who have died. It is customary in our parish to remember our loved ones who have died since November of the previous year. Consequently, there will be a candle light service of remembrance on the Saturday mass on November 7th. As the names are read, a family member will be invited to come to the candle stand to light a candle. Those to be remembered can include parishioners who have died during the year, relatives of parishioners whose burials took place in other parishes or relatives of people who were buried in Johnstown. Please call or email Louise at 902-535-3107/ louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com.