



## Bulletin

### Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays

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June 25, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from 1 *Kings 19:16; 19-21*. We have here an account of the call of Elisha to the prophetic office

The **Second Reading** is from *Galatians 5:1; 13-18*. In this reading, St. Paul tells the Galatians that they were called for freedom. He then makes an important distinction that needs to be reiterated often in our world, and that is the distinction between freedom and license. St. Paul says "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love." Many people seem to have the idea that freedom is all about doing what I want, when I want, how I want, etc. This is not freedom, but license. License is selfish, the opposite of the love to which St. Paul exhorts us.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 9:51-62*. Among the various incidents gathered together by Luke in these verses of his gospel we have read today, perhaps the lesson that should strike all of us most is his insistence on total dedication on the part of his true followers to his service. We cannot be for Christ and against him at the same time. "He who gathers not with me, scatters," he himself said. We are followers of Christ since our baptism. In theory this is the fact, but in practice how real is this fact for many of us? Are we really following Christ during the twenty-four hours of every day of our lives? Are our eyes always fixed on the true future which awaits us? Are we prepared to plow a straight furrow no matter what snags or obstacles may be on our way? How few of us can answer "yes, we are," to these straight questions?

We have, of course, explanations ready at hand for our forgetfulness, our laxity, our earthly entanglements. We are tied down by family and a hundred other earthly cares. Our days, our weeks, our year are so fully occupied that we find it hard to spare even a short hour on Sundays to give to God. This answer shows a misunderstanding of what Christ demands of us. He knows his followers must live for a few years in this world and must, for the most part, struggle to earn a living for themselves during that period. But it is by living this earthly life properly, by being loyal to spouse and family, by earning one's living honestly, by living not only peacefully but helpfully with one's neighbors, that we are living our Christian life.

The man who keeps within the limits that Christian law lays down for him, while working his way through this life, is a true follower of Christ and is on the road to heaven, plowing a straight furrow. He may not have much time for prayer, and each morning he may rush off to work. But God understands half-sentences and even single words. At night he needs recreation and relaxation, and God does not expect long prayers from him—if he has worked honestly and has given the example of true Christianity to his fellow-workers, he has honored God all day. He has prayed well. A few words of thanks to God, a request for pardon for all the mistakes made since morning, before lying down to sleep at night, will give such a man nothing to fear should God call him to judgement during the night hours.

If we only realized how reasonable God's demands are, and how every demand he makes on us is for our own benefit and not his, we would be a little more generous in our response to his calls. He does not need us—we need him. We could slip in a few more short prayers during the day: we could find more time to take a true interest in the eternal and less in the temporal. We could manage to give a helping hand and a word of encouragement to a needy neighbor. Yes, all of us could do a lot more to show to Christ and to the world that we are following him gladly and honestly. We are not looking back while plowing our Christian furrow.

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

#### Collection June 18, 2022

Envelopes	\$175.00
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## NOTICES:

**1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:** - The next market will take place on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 9am – 12pm.

The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown.

**2: Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass** will take place on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please bring your own chair

**3: The Strawberry Festival** will take place on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 5:00 pm. This event will be both eat-in or take-out. Sacred Heart Ladies Group are asking people to donate Biscuits, Bonnach and Oatcakes to the Festival.

**4: Help required:** Help is required for the Strawberry Festival. We will be down at the hall at 8:30 am Sunday morning to prepare the berries and to set up the hall; any help at that time is appreciated. We are also looking for help from 2:00pm onward to help serve the berries and tea. Please contact Louise at 535-3107 if you would like to help.

**5: Volunteering:** Two organizations in the Parish are looking for volunteers, the Parish Council is looking for new members and we could use a couple more lectors for our Saturday service. If you are interested in either please contact Louise at 535-3107

**6: Summer Schedule:** more details will be provided closer to the event

- Saturday July 30 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper – 4:45 pm
- Saturday August 13 – Cemetery Mass – Eat-in/Take-out Supper 4:00 pm
- Friday August 19 – Milling Frolic – 7 pm – 1 am
- Saturday August 20 – Music Royal Concert in the church - Aurore String Quartet – 7:30 pm
- Sunday August 28 – Music Royal Concert in the church - Curly Music - Benjamin Macke accordion, Birgit Bornauw bagpipes, baroque musette – 4:00 pm
- Saturday September 3 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper: 4:45 pm

## **7: Join us for a Public Workshop to Review the Draft Planning Documents!**

The Municipality of the County of Richmond is creating a Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw for the areas without land use zoning in the municipality, and those areas that do not meet the Minimum Planning Standards

Join us for a Public Workshop near you! Learn more about the project, share your thoughts on the draft documents, and engage in small group discussions with members of your community.

**Monday, June 27th, 6-8pm -**

Framboise, NS - Framboise Community Hall, 7690 St Peters Fourchu Rd

**Tuesday, June 28th, 6-8pm -**

L'Ardoise, NS - L'Ardoise Community Hall, 206 Chapel Cove Rd

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## **8: My Dear Clergy and Faithful**

It has been a long and difficult journey to reach this point. The debt obligation of the Diocese of Antigonish necessary to settle the class action lawsuit has been extinguished and no further property sales will be required for settlement of the debt. We are most grateful to so many people and parishes who sacrificed their time, talent, and resources to assist us with this tremendous debt. There are too many people to thank by name, our lawyers, realtors, parish communities, and members of various diocesan committees who worked tirelessly. Our thanks to the Sisters of St. Martha for their generosity.

Our thanks to Archbishop Brian Dunn, my predecessor who provided such leadership and oversight. Now property sales will proceed as intended by Canon Law. Parishes can sell properties as long as they receive permission from the diocese. You will need to use our realtors, since we have developed the expertise to sell land at a fair market value. Once a sale is finalized, all costs of the sale, i.e., legal fees, commissions, migration, etc., as well as any outstanding receivables owing to the Diocese will be paid from the proceeds of the sale. Remaining funds will be then paid to the Parish.

Thank you for your generosity and service to our diocese.

Fraternally in Christ,

+ Wayne Kirkpatrick

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