



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays  
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November 05, 2022  
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Second Book of Maccabees* 7:1-2, 9-14 and recounts the story of the seven brothers and their mother who were arrested and put to death because they would not abandon their religion.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*, 2:16; 3:5, in which he prays to God for them and prays that they may persevere loyally in the faith that they profess. In return, he asks them to pray that he will be able to continue to spread the Christian faith to many others.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke* 20:27-38. We can thank the Sadducees today. They came to our Lord with what they thought was a case that would make the doctrine of the resurrection look very ridiculous. It would have appeared so, if it were understood in the crude sense which they gave it, namely, that we would come forth again from the grave in the very same bodies which we now have, with all their needs and instincts. Our Lord corrected that erroneous idea. We shall all rise to a new and eternal life, in a form and an existence very different from that of our present life. Thus, the question of ownership of wives or property will not, and cannot, arise in our new life. He gave us a brief but basic description of what our risen bodies will be. I am sure that most of us would love to know a lot more about what our future state will be like.

But if we knew all, then where would our faith and trust in God come in? Some saints are said to have had brief visions of the joys of heaven. They wanted to die immediately in order to get there. God wants each one of us to [attain] heaven, by living our life on earth, and trusting in His word that heaven will be our eternal home if we do our part here below.

In his brief answer to the Sadducees, Christ gives us the essential facts concerning our future status. First, he affirms that all those who have proved themselves worthy while in this life will rise to an eternal life. In that life we will become like angels. We will not be angels, pure spirits without bodies, but we will be like them in that our bodies will become "spiritual." They will lose all the restrictions and limitations imposed on them now, as mere material composites. They will no longer be subject to decline and decay as they now are. Therefore, they can never suffer from pain or sickness or weakness of any sort.

Second, He clearly affirmed that those risen from the dead are no longer liable to death. Leaving aside the other greater joys of heaven, such as the beatific vision, and the close association with Christ our Savior in His risen humanity, the meeting with our blessed Mother and with all the Saints, including our relatives and friends, what a source of happiness and joy will it be for us, to know that we can never die again! The happiness and joy which we shall have will never end. We all have had moments of happiness in this life. Great as these moments were, the thought that they had to end too soon cast a shadow on our joy. There will be no shadow to darken or lessen our future joy and happiness.

Many Christians, even good, pious Christians, fear death and try to keep the very thought of it far from their minds.

This is very understandable for one who believes (if there is such a one) that death is the end. To a certain degree it is understandable in the case of the believer or the Christian, whose conscience is not at peace with God. That latter, however, has the means of removing his fears by removing his sins, and by putting himself right with God. The normal, pious Christian should see death as what it is, an end of his time of probation and the door to his eternal reward. It is not normal for a student to dread his graduation day. Death for the God-fearing, honest Christian is graduation day. Therefore, no Christian should be afraid of it.

Of course, part of the fears which death instils come from the fear of the judgment which accompanies it. If we think every now and then, that our death is around the corner, we will turn to the God of mercy, to our loving Father, and ask for His forgiveness. He never refuses pardon to those who with a sincere heart, ask for it.

Let each one of us look into our own conscience this morning. Let us ask ourselves, how we would fare if death should claim us tonight. If there are sins on my conscience, which I would not want there when facing my just Judge, I still have time to approach the merciful Father. The Christian who does this daily, or even weekly, will not worry when death calls. He can rest assured that it is the beginning of the true and everlasting life, planned for him by God before time began.

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

## Collection

October 29, 2022

Envelopes	\$355.00
Loose	\$18.00
	\$373.00

### NOTICES:

**1: 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 5th. 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.

**2: Fire Department AGM:** Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Red Islands Fire Hall: Time: 1:00 pm

**3: Christmas Bingo:** The annual Christmas Bingo will be held on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm in the Johnstown Parish Hall. Come win a great prize and have some fun. Door Prizes will be available. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Ladies Group

#### **4: Fr Greg MacLeod Lecture Series**

The Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series on Wed. Nov. 16th at 7 pm is on Zoom and will address the issue of food insecurity and food prices. Please click on the attached link, or find it on facebook at CBU Chaplaincy and Newman Society. All are welcome to learn the solutions to address food security.  
Zoom meeting ID #978 4491 3432

#### **5: Johnstown Community Development Co-op AGM:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown community Development Co-operative will take place on Sunday, November 27, 2022 at **2:00 p.m.** at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.

**6: Cape Breton Chorale:** On Saturday, October 29, make plans to join the Cape Breton Chorale and guests for Moonlight Masquerade at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.

Start time: 7:30pm with cocktails and appetizers.

Special guest musical and dance performances.

Semi-formal dress code, Party masks optional.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person, up to 10 people per table, sold online at [capebretonchorale.com](http://capebretonchorale.com) or from chorale members.

#### **7: Organ Donation is an act of charity**

Would you or someone you know consider being a live donor of a kidney for transplant for someone in need? By doing the blood work to see if you are a match, you also get a top notch screening to find out if you have any medical issues. This screening and testing is something most never have access to. You may not be a match, or may decide after the testing not to continue on the process, as there is no pressure.

St. Pope John Paul II said, "organ donation is an act of love and solidarity for others."

We have a woman named Francine originally from North Sydney in need of a kidney and if you are open to at least going for the medical screening, please call the Renal Clinic in the Regional Hospital on behalf of Francine at 902-567-8067, or call her husband John who is searching for a live donor to keep his wife alive 780-394-8410. More information about living kidney donation can be found at:

[www.blood.ca/organs-tissues](http://www.blood.ca/organs-tissues)

**8: MASS FOR SHUT-INS:** Please note that Mass For Shut-ins will be aired at a different time for the next two weeks:

Nov. 13, 9:30am Fr. Evo De Pierro with St. Theresa CWL

Nov. 20, 9:30am Fr. Bill Burke and Development and Peace

We are grateful to all those who express their care and concern for the sick and shut-in by being the congregation. If ever your parish wants to go on, please contact Nick Vince at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 902-539-6188 ext. 222.

We thank you for your support.