



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays  
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October 29, 2022

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Sunday Readings, Year C:

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of *Wisdom 11:22, 12:2*. The author of *Wisdom* says that although the whole universe is like a grain of dust compared with God who created it, yet he loves all the things which he has created. It is he who preserves all creation, he who forgives the sins of men, his spirit is in every creature.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11, 2:2*. Having encouraged the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian faith, thus giving glory to God and Christ, St. Paul tells them not to consider that the end of the world and the second coming of Christ in glory to judge the world, is near at hand. This idea had in some way become fairly widespread among the converts and some of them just sat idly waiting for Christ's coming, refusing to do any work. Such behavior was condemned by Paul who told the offenders to work and earn their daily bread.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 19: 1-10. Zacchaeus's interest in seeing what Jesus was like was caused by something more than idle curiosity. Unknown to him, the grace of God was working within him. He thought that he just wanted to see what Jesus was like. Jesus knew already what Zacchaeus was like and intended to see him and save him from his downward rush after earthly wealth.

He would offer him eternal riches. This is exactly what happened. Jesus entered the home and heart of Zacchaeus that day, and not only the home and heart of Zacchaeus, but of his whole household. From that day Jesus had devoted followers in Jericho, and Christianity had a strong foothold in that ancient city.

We cannot have the slightest doubt that God wants us all in heaven. Neither can we doubt that he is sending out calls to us when we wander foolishly off the right road. Unfortunately for ourselves, we can refuse to listen to these calls. We can turn a deaf ear to God's offer of mercy and grace. If we do, one of our greatest sources of sorrow and regret in our future life, will be that, while we still had a chance to repent, our stupid stubbornness made us refuse to listen to our loving Father's calls to repentance.

Zacchaeus was not so stubborn or so foolish. The story of his conversion is put before us today, not as a matter of historical interest, but as a matter of vital spiritual interest. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is approaching each one of us today by means of this very lesson which we have read. Let each one of us try to see what Jesus is like. He is a loving brother who died that we might live, a fellowman who suffered tortures that we might have eternal joy. He was also the Son of God, the God of infinite love. At the same time, let Jesus see us as we really are. Let us expose and confess to him all our earthly weaknesses and injustices against God and neighbor. He will find a remedy for us. He will put us back once more on the straight road to heaven. Today, salvation will come to us and to our house. We will become again true sons of Abraham, true heirs to heaven.

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

**Collection**  
**October 22, 2022**

Envelopes	\$575.00
Loose	\$20.00
Donations	\$120.00
Graveyard	\$100.00
	\$815.00

**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.

**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: Sacrament of Confirmation**

The bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those wishing to receive this sacrament who belong to the parishes: Holy Guardian Angels, L'Ardoise, Sacred Heart, Johnstown, Barra Head, St. Peter's, St. Peter's, and St. John the Baptist, River Bourgeois on Sunday, November 13 at St. Peter's regular 10:30am Mass.

**Candidates should register at the parish office.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation, along with Baptism and Holy Eucharist, is a sacrament of initiation. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are sacraments of healing, and the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders are sacraments of vocation.

**6: Ultreya Meeting;** All are invited to the upcoming first Ultreya meeting after the summer break! Will be taking place Thursday, October 27 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, McMahon room in the basement. Start time is 7:30pm and the event will be livestreamed on the Cursillo Facebook page.

**7: JCDC 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.

**8: 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 or from chorale members.