



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
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July 14, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Amos* 7:12-15. When he foretold the murder of Jeroboam and the exile of Israel Amos was denounced by Amaziah, the priest in charge of the sanctuary of Bethel, and was expelled from Israel.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians* 1:3-14 or 1:3-10. This letter was written from Rome to remind St. Paul's converts to continue to be faithful to the teaching he had given them while in Ephesus.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark* 6:7-13. That Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love, his message of eternal salvation, to the whole world without human help need not be proved. He could, for instance, have written the Gospel in the sky-over each country in its own language. He could have gone to every part of the earth, after his resurrection, and taught his doctrine to all peoples, confirming his words with extraordinary miracles. Yet he chose the weaker but the more human way of evangelizing men—he sent their own fellowmen to bring them the message. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature, much better and much more effectively than the use of any of the supernatural means which he could have employed.

God, and Christ is God, gave man the gift that we call freewill. Man is able to choose between alternatives. God wants man to choose heaven as his eternal home, but he wants him to choose it without compulsion or coercion. He will have volunteers in heaven not conscripts. The man who chooses heaven must choose the means for going there. If you choose a holiday resort for your summer vacation, you must buy travel tickets, book a hotel and save up the expenses necessary for the holiday. By appointing mortal men to bring the news of salvation, the news of heaven, and the means of getting there to all of us, Christ has given us the chance of exercising our freewill and therefore of meriting heaven. Refusal to accept would hardly be possible if Christ informed us miraculously or taught us in person. If some extraordinary individual could persist in refusing, his refusal would be utterly inexcusable.

God's mercy and love can reach into the darkest corners and produce fruit from the most unlikely and apparently most neglected of orchards.

While we thank God from our hearts today for having been put on the road to heaven, let us remember in our prayers our fellowmen, God's other children, who are trudging along through the fields and hedges. May God continue to show his mercy and divine understanding toward them!

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

Collection

July 07, 2024

Envelopes	\$320.00
Cemetery Fund	\$225.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Donations	\$300.00
Shrine Fund	\$408.75
	\$1,263.75

Notices:

1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: The Market will take place on Sunday July 14th, from 10:30am – 1:00 pm. See you there.

2: Thank You: A great big thank you to all the people who help make the Strawberry Festival a great success. To all who came and hulled and set up, to all who baked, to all who came and served and to all who came and enjoyed the berries. We had approximately 25 – 30 people early Sunday morning to hull the berries and approximately 20 people who came back in the afternoon to serve and help clean up.

Income: \$2977.65

Expenses: 873.90

Profit: \$2103.75

3: Thank you to all who set up the Mass at the Shrine, to the musicians who came and sang and to Fr. Dan Doucet who presided over the Mass.

4: Thank you to Dave Gillis, Butch and Dennis MacAdam for fixing the rotten wood on the Shrine

5: Music Royal Concert –Friday August 9 at 7 pm - Sacred Heart Church, Johnstown - Ensemble Urmawi Lamia Yared (vocals and oud), Nizar Tabcharani (qanun), Showan Tavakol (kamanche), Ziya Tabassian (percussion). The musicians will interpret songs from Syrian traditions (Muwashahat) as well as sacred chants from the early Christians of the Orient in Aramaic, and finally some pieces of traditional Persian music will also be included. This tour provides a rare opportunity for Nova Scotian audiences to hear these three traditions of music, which intersect both geographically and historically.

\$25 at the door, \$20 advanced rate, students \$10. Email lcampbell1@bellaliant.net for advance reservation.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/musique-royale-a-treasury-of-music-from-our-historic-past/events/ensemble-urmawi-in-johnstown/>

If you would like an advanced rate, just send me your name and I will put you on the list. Do not send me any money.

6: The gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton is now open seven days a week as follows:

Mon to Sat - 10am to 4pm

Sunday - 11am to 5pm

The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter.

For inquiries 902-945-2221

7: Father Alphonsus Iwuji's (aka Father IK) 25th Anniversary

There will be a mass and reception to celebrate his Ordination to Priesthood, which will take place on August 21st, 5pm, at Stella Maris Church in Louisbourg.

If there are any questions, they can contact: triparish.smicsj@gmail.com

8: List of events taking place at the Johnstown Parish Hall and Church

Friday August 09 - Music Royal Concert – 7:00 pm
Sunday August 11 - Cemetery Mass - 9:30 am
Sunday August 11 - Pancake Breakfast - 10:15 am
Friday August 23 - Milling Frolic 7:00 pm - 12:00 am