



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday  
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June 30, 2024

**NOTE: Sunday July  
7<sup>th</sup>, no 9:30 am mass.  
Mass will be at 2:00  
pm for the Our Lady  
of Guadalupe Mass**

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24* and references a truth which is clearly stated for the first time in the whole Old Testament — man's real destiny is an unending life with God.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15*. St. Paul urges the Corinthians to give generously toward the collection he is organizing for the poor Jewish converts in Palestine.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35-43*. Today's gospel gives us two further proofs of the divine power and the infinite mercy of our Savior. Apart from the primary purpose of proving his claim to be the promised Messiah, all his miracles had as their aim and end — the benefit of suffering human beings. He worked no miracle for the sake of astonishing people or to satisfy idle gossip. Each one was performed in order to help someone in distress. All who were helped by his miracles of mercy had one thing in common — they were motivated by trust in his mercy and power. The leper in Matthew (8:2) expressed the sentiments of them all: "Lord, if only you will you can cleanse me (of my leprosy)." In many cases, as for instance that of Jarius above, it was a relative or friends who showed this faith and confidence. It was always present either in the fortunate person or in the relative or friend who asked for the miracle.

The Gospels give us only some of the many miracles our Lord worked. They give them to prove that he was what he claimed to be — the Son of God and the long-expected Savior; and also to prove his compassionate understanding and sympathy for suffering humanity.

We must not forget, however, that the meaning of his miracles and his mission was lost on thousands of his contemporaries in Palestine, small though the country was. While great throngs followed our Lord and listened to his message and were interested in his mission, still great throngs remained at home, stolidly immersed in their worldly tasks and thoughts. They heard rumors about the man from Nazareth who was said to be the Messiah, and was supposed to be able to work miracles, but they were too practical, too sensible to listen to such rumors. Anyway they had no interest in the Messiah, or in silly spiritual things, they were fully occupied with their financial and worldly interests.

Has the world changed much in nineteen centuries? How many millions of nominal Christians ignore Christ and his Gospel today, millions who are too practical, too down-to-earth to waste time on such a silly thing as their eternal salvation! How many millions are spiritually sick and dying but who have not the faith, humility and confidence of Jarius, to cast themselves at the feet of Jesus and ask him to cure them? How fortunate would not people be if they would repeat the leper's prayer: "Lord, if only you will you can make me clean"; if they could, like the suffering woman in today's Gospel, break through the throng of worldly pride, worldly interests and worldly associates and touch the hem of his garment; if they had the faith of Jarius; if only they could say to our Lord "come and lay your hands upon me so that I may be made well and live."?

Today, let us say a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of active faith which he has given us and beg of him to keep that faith ever alive in our breasts. Let us think, too, of our fellowmen, our brothers in Christ, who are so busy with their worldly occupations and pleasures that they cannot find time to listen to his message. They are spiritually anemic and almost spiritually dead, but cannot push their way toward Christ through the throngs of earthly, worldly barricades which they have built about themselves. Our sincere prayers can help them to overcome these obstacles; frequently and fervently let us ask God to send them his efficacious grace so that these brothers in Christ will also be with him in heaven.

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

## Collection

June 23, 2024

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$465.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$102.00</b>
<b>Donation from Fr. Rich's Tour group</b>	<b>\$389.37</b>
	<b>\$956.37</b>

## Notices:

**1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market:** The first Market will take place on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30am – 1:00 pm. See you there. For inclement weather the market will take place in the Parish Hall

**2: Canada Day:** Another summer is approaching. Please join us for our Canada Day reception on Monday, July 1, 2024 at the Red Islands fire hall. We will be serving light snacks, coffee, tea fruit punch and desserts, and plenty of good company. You are welcome to bring another beverage of your choice. We look forward to seeing you! Best wishes to all, Howard MacIntyre, Chair; Edith Boyles, Vice-chair Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00

**3: Funeral Service** for Jack Ouellette will be held on Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm. Lunch to follow in the hall.

**4: Strawberry Festival:** The Strawberry Festival is fast approaching, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and we will need bakers of biscuits, bonnach and oatcakes, and help with hulling the berries and workers serving the berries. If you can help, please call Louise at 902-535-3107 or email [lcampbell1@bellaliant.net](mailto:lcampbell1@bellaliant.net)

**5: Strawberry Festival Help:** Anyone who can help with the hulling of the berries, we will be at the hall at 8:00 am on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>. For people who are also helping will the serving of the berries, please be at the hall by 1:30 pm.

**6: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass: Note:** Fr. Yake will be away that weekend, Fr. Dan Doucet has graciously agreed to celebrate the Outdoor Mass.

**7: Music Royal Concert – Tentative:** more information to follow: 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.

**8: Appointments 2024:** Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick has announced pastoral appointments for 2024. View the list on our website: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/pastoral-appointments-2024/>

## 9: List of events taking place at the Johnstown Parish Hall

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
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