



Sacred Heart Parish
Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
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November 24, 2024

The new missals for 2024/2025 are at the front of the church. Missals are \$5.00. You can add that to your envelope and note on the envelope that you are paying for a missal.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The **First Reading** is taken from *Daniel 7:13-14*. Today's extract from the Book of Daniel, written two centuries before Christ came on earth, tells us that the son of man would receive from God his Father, dominion and sovereignty over all peoples, nations and languages. He would be the king of kings and the lord of glory and his kingdom would last forever. Many other messianic prophecies in the Old Testament give Christ the Messiah the title of King.

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of Revelation 1:5-8. The readings today stress the kingly glory and dignity of Christ after his triumph over sin and death, while they also remind us of how much we owe him. This kingly glory will be visible to all men at his second coming—a vision which will delight his faithful ones but which will strike terror into his enemies. In his Apocalypse St. John reminds us first and foremost of all that Christ has done for us. During his life among us, he has revealed his loving Father. It was his own divine love that made him come as the incarnate Son of God and give his life for us. He triumphed over death and continues to love us in heaven. He established his messianic kingdom, in which we, his subjects, are given the power and the privilege of serving God with a true service—for he has joined us to himself who alone could give fitting service to his Father. John then reminds the faithful followers of Christ and Christ's opponents as well that Christ will return in glory and majesty to dead a reckoning form each one. This a sobering thought for all of us.

The **Gospel** is from *John 18:33-37*, when Pilate was talking with Jesus and deciding whether or not to condemn Jesus to death. Pilate questioned Jesus about his kingship and Jesus admitted that he was a king but that his kingdom was not of this world. Long before, he had foreseen this death and had accepted it as part of his Father's plan for making atonement for the sins of mankind. He knew Pilate did not believe that he was the leader of a rebellion against the Roman authorities, but he did not try to influence Pilate's decision in his favor for he wanted the will of his Father carried out to the letter.

Five centuries before, the prophet Isaiah had described the Messiah who was to come as the Servant of God, who suffered torments on our behalf (Is 53:3-7). Had Pilate known this prophecy he would not have been surprised that Jesus uttered no word in his own defense. His Father had sent him to raise up mankind and to make atonement for men's sins; his death on the cross was that supreme act of atonement and without objection he accepted it.

The kings of this earth demand of their subjects that they should be ready, if necessary, to lay down their lives to defend their king and realm. Men have always accepted this and millions have gladly given their lives to defend their country and rulers. We have a king who laid down his life for us and set us an example unlike that of any earthly king. Following his Father's will, he did this to make us worthy to share in the Father's eternal kingdom. The incarnation, which made us adopted children of God, and the crucifixion, which obtained remission of our sins, surely prove to us the love and the esteem in which God holds us. It should also show how important is our future life. Christ did not come on earth to make us healthy, happy or prosperous in this world; he came to open heaven for us where we could be happy forever. This was God's purpose in creating us. This is his purpose for us still. All our other interests in this life are secondary when compared with this.

In honoring Christ today as our King, let us especially thank him for all the humiliations and sufferings he endured on our behalf. If our Christian way of living makes some demands on us let us not forget how trivial they are when compared with what Christ's earthly life cost him. He made these severe sacrifices for us; we are asked to make our small offerings for ourselves. Our self-interest alone should inspire us, but our gratitude to Christ should especially move us to play our part. Let us promise to be grateful and loyal subjects of his for the rest of our days. He has made us members of his kingdom on earth—the Church—and is preparing a place for us in his everlasting kingdom. Let no one be so foolish as to forfeit an eternal happiness because of some earthly attachment to the passing things of this world.

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

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Collection:
November 10, 2024

Envelopes	\$390.00
Loose	\$55.00
Heat	\$115.00
	\$560.00

Notices:

1: The Annual General Meeting of the Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors club will take place on: **Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 PM at the Red Islands Fire Hall** All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

2: St. Mary's Parish, Frenchvale. Ticket draw on 4 Cords of Firewood, or \$500.00. Tickets: \$1.00 each: Draw Date: Dec 7th, 2024. Contact Cathy Johnston: 902-535-2774

3: Gaelic Workshop, Saturday, Nov 30. New beginner , intermediate levels. \$10
10 - 3, lunch included Instructor: Stacie MacLean
Contact Cathy Campbell to register or have any questions. 902-217-2088

4: The Annual General Meeting for District 10 Volunteer Fire Department, Red Islands, will take place Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 1 pm at the fire hall. Nominations for Election of Officers can be sent to Julie Jesso, Vice Chair - 902-535-3387.

5: Our weekly Wednesday Morning Coffee get togethers will resume on November 6th, 9:00 – 11:30 am, at the District 10, Red Islands Fire Hall. Drop in and visit with your friends and neighbours. Cards, games and puzzles are available. Everyone is welcome.

6: Christmas Toy Drive: It's time for our annual collection of toys and children's clothing to be donated to the St. Peters Food bank, for distribution to their client families in time for Christmas. We are requesting unwrapped new toys and new children's clothing to be dropped off at the Red Islands Fire Hall, on Saturday, December 7th, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM. We will have tea and light snacks. We hope you can support this effort again this year. On behalf of their client families, the Food Bank management have expressed great appreciation for our efforts in past years. So please mark your calendars. We will see you at the Red Islands fire hall on December 7th.

7: Comfort Tea Come For Tea : Throughout our lives we experience many types of losses. We wish to promote awareness of the impact of grief on our lives. All are invited for a beverage and sweets in a supportive setting. You may wish to bring along a friend, memento, photo, or experience to share. You may have words of support to offer or just be in the company of those who understand.
Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 1:30 - 4:00 pm
St. Mark's United Church, 504 Bernard Street, Port Hawkesbury, N.S.
Hosted by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society celebrating our 30th anniversary
www.srpalliativecaresociety.com Facebook: Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society

8: Classical Christmas Concert will be held Dec. 15, 2024 at St. Mary's Church, East Bay at 3:00 p.m.
The concert will feature Katheryn Gordon on piano and Barbel Albert on violin and special guest Geoffrey Lee-Dadswell on cello.
Admission donation at the door for St Mary's Parish and Loaves and Fishes.

9: Advent Mission with Father Bill Burke, OSA - Dec. 9-11

Our Lady of Grace Monastery
Mission will begin with Holy Mass at 7 pm each evening.
Father Burke, a native of Main-a-Dieu, has an MA in liturgical theology from the University of Notre Dame. After 29 years in the diocese, he was appointed director of the National Liturgy Office for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2006. In September 2013, he returned to become pastor of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys parish in Sydney. Light refreshments available in the Retreat House Dining Room following each presentation. Anyone wishing accommodations may contact Lucille Fougere at (902) 623-0075 or by e-mail: ladyofgracemonastery@gmail.com

10: Provincial Election: Due to the Postal Strike we will not be receiving voter identification cards from Elections Nova Scotia. Below you will find information for voting in our area:

Continuous Polls

Voting Saturday November 23 – 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Monday November 25th – 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday November 26th – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
4 MacAskill Drive. St. Peters (Big yellow building beside the Royal Bank)

Advanced Polls

Voting Saturday November 23 – 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
D'Escousse Civic Improvement Center – 3276 Route 320 D'Escousse

Election Day – Tuesday November 26th.

If you live in Richmond County – Irish Cove to Potlotek
Johnstown Parish Hall – 15290 Highway 4, Johnstown – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

If you live in Cape Breton County – Irish Cove – Big Pond – Big Pond Fire Hall – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm