



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
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October 13, 2024

**Next Sunday,
October 20th,
Sunday Mass
will be moving to
9:00 am.**

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom, 7:7-11* and is the conclusion of the fourth Suffering Servant Song; Christ's divine gifts become our means to salvation.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13* which discusses how Christ, our high priest, is greater than the priests of the Mosaic Law. Our confidence is based on Christ's high priesthood. He is the perfect priest because He is merciful and compassionate. As man, He has experienced the sufferings that affect us, although He was free from sin. Since He knows our weaknesses so well, He can give us the help we need, and when He comes to judge us, He will take that weakness into account. We should respond to the Lord's goodness by staying true to our profession of faith. A Christian needs to live up to all the demands of his calling; he should be single-minded and free from doubts.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark, 10:17-30*. By coming to Jesus with his problem this man has done all Christians a good turn. We have learned from Christ's answer that over-attachment to worldly goods is one of the big obstacles to entering heaven. The man in this story was a good-living man, he kept all the commandments from his youth upward and he had an interest in eternal life, while many of his compatriots of that day had not. Reading this man's heart like an open book, Christ saw that not only was he fit for eternal life but that he was one who could have a very high place in heaven if he would leave everything and become a close follower of his. Not only would he become a saint, but he would lead many to sanctity.

The price to pay for this privilege, however, seemed too high to this "good man." "He had great possessions" and he was too attached to them so he could not accept Christ's offer, "his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful." Although his case was exceptional, Christ saw in him the makings of a saint and he asked him to make an exceptional sacrifice, one which he did not and does not ask of all his followers; his remark to the disciples later: "how hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God" holds for all time and for all mankind.

This statement of Christ, however, does not mean that a follower may not possess any of this world's goods. He may possess and use those goods, but what he must not do is to allow them to take such a hold on him that he has no time for acquiring everlasting goods—the Christian virtues. Unfortunately, there are Christians whose whole purpose in this life is the accumulation of worldly goods. Concentration on such accumulation is wrong, but in many cases the methods of acquisition are unjust: defrauding laborers of their just wages; overcharging customers; cheating in business deals; giving false measures and many other devices which produce unearned wealth.

All this is far from Christian justice, and those who have let such sinful greed to regulate their lives are certainly not on the road to heaven. There are other sins, of course, which can keep us from heaven, but of all the sins a man can commit this irrational greed for the wealth of this world seems the most unreasonable of them all. How utterly inane and foolish to have spent a lifetime collecting something from which we shall soon be parted forever! The rich man's bank-book and his gilt-edged shares will be not only valueless in the after-life but they, if unjustly acquired, will be witnesses for the prosecution at the judgment on which one's eternal future depends. While most of us are not guilty of such excessive greed for wealth, we all do need to examine our consciences as to how we acquire and use the limited wealth we have. There are very rich men who have acquired their wealth honestly and justly and who spend much of their wealth on charitable causes. Their wealth will not

hinder them from reaching heaven. On the other hand, there are many in the middle and lower income-bracket who may be offending against justice through the means they use to acquire what they have, and in the little helps which they refuse to a needy neighbor. We may not be able to found a hospital for the poor, or pay an annuity to support the family of a disabled fellow workman, but we are not excused from bringing a little gift to our neighbors who are in hospital, or from supplying even part of a meal for the dependants of the injured workman.

Remember that Christ praised the widow who put a mite (a cent) into the collection-box for the poor in the temple area, and he also said that a cup of cold water given in his name would not go without reward. We need not be rich in order to be charitable; often our own exaggerated sense of our poverty can make us hard-hearted and mean toward our fellowmen who look to us for help. The true Christian, whose principal purpose in life is to serve God, will not overburden himself with unnecessary pieces of luggage; instead he will travel light and be ever ready to help others also to carry their burdens.

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

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Loose	\$45.00
	\$275.00

Notices:

1: FYI: Next Sunday, our Mass will switch to 9:00 am.

2: Parish Council: Sacred Heart Parish Council met this week, and we are looking for new members to join. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please let me know. Technically Sacred Heart Parish boundaries go from the bottom of Middle Cape Hill, in Cape Breton County, to MacNabs Cove but over the last number of years we have welcomed new parishioners from Soldiers Cove and beyond. We welcome new Parish Council members from all areas of our Parish.

3: Walking Group. If you are interested in enjoying a morning walk and chat with friends, meet at the Cape Breton County side of Lakeshore Drive, at the bridge. To start, we will meet at 8:30 am on Mondays and Saturdays. Other days could be added, and the time adjusted, if need be.

4: Johnstown Sewing/Handicraft Group This group will meet every Thursday from October 10 to December 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm. This is an informal group. Bring your own project and create with kindred spirits. A sewing machine is available, plus help, for anyone who wants to sew, quilt or knit. Everyone welcome. Location: District 10 Fire Hall, Red Islands.

5: 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 candlelight service of remembrance at the Sunday mass on November 3rd. 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/ louisecampbel@gmail.com

6: Christmas Bingo. Our Christmas Bingo will take place on Sunday November 10th, at 2:00 pm at the Parish Hall. We will be drawing for the BBQ at this time. Save the date.

7: Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis Coming to Our Diocese: Oct. 21, Our Lady of Fatima Church

3:00pm Rosary with Talk by Fr. David Rankin in anticipation of the relic's arrival.

6:00pm Mass with homily by Anthony Figueiredo, STD, guardian of the relics.

Eucharistic Adoration for half hour following Mass.

Confessions will be available in the evening.

Prayer cards available to write your own intention. There will be collected and intentions offered at a Mass in Assisi, Italy, home of the body of Blessed Carlo.

A basket for free-will offering will be available to help defray costs of relic travelling.

8: 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.

9: Community Indoor Yard Sale L'Ardoise Community Centre Saturday, October 26, 2024 8AM to 12PM. Proceeds go to Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic. Table rentals are available. Anyone wishing to donate items to the community table contact Steve Sampson (902) 631-4460 or Blair Sampson (902) 535-4107.

10: A Benefit Variety Concert in support of L'Arche Cape Breton will be held at St. Peter's Lions' Club Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 2 PM. Freewill offering at door, 50/50 tickets available.

11: PARISH MISSION: All are invited to the Parish Mission in St. Peter's Parish Port Hood from **2024 October 27-30 (Sunday to Wednesday)** preached by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** Pastor of St. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. **On Sunday October 27 talk will be from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Monday to Wednesday: 6.00pm Holy Mass; 6.30pm Talk.** On Monday and Tuesday Fr. Bill will be available for confession/ drop in chat from **2.00pm to 4.00pm.**