



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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October 20, 2024

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 53:10-11*, 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 4:14-16* and 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, 10:35-45*. Our own natural inclination most likely would be to react like the other ten Apostles and become vexed with James and John and to tell them what we thought of their selfish worldly ambitions. However, our Lord's gentle answer: "You do not know what you are asking" shows us that ignorance of the nature of the kingdom he was going to set up, was the cause of their very human ambitions. They, with the other Apostles, had still the common Jewish idea of the messianic kingdom. They thought the Messiah—and they were now convinced that Jesus was the promised Messiah—would set up a political kingdom in Palestine, oust the pagan Romans and eventually extend his kingdom to all nations. That this kingdom he would set up would be universal, extending to all nations, was indicated in almost all the messianic prophecies in the Old Testament, but that this kingdom

would be spiritual, not political, was not grasped by most of Christ's contemporaries including the Apostles.

Jesus, knowing that his Apostles still had this wrong idea, was gentle with James and John. He took this opportunity to tell them that he would set up a glorious kingdom but that his sufferings and death would be a necessary prelude to its establishment. He had already referred to his sufferings and death three times, but the mention fell on deaf ears. Their argument was: how could he suffer death when he has still to establish his earthly kingdom? The truth in fact was that it was by means of his sufferings and death that he would establish his glorious kingdom. He challenged the two Apostles then to know if they were willing to pay the price for a high place in his glorious kingdom: were they prepared to follow him through suffering and death? He accepted their affirmation, knowing it to be true, but told them their position of honor depended on his Father's decision. Once they realized the nature of his glorious kingdom they would be the last to look for positions of honor in it.

While no Christian today thinks that Christ came on earth in order to make us wealthy, happy and prosperous during our few years on earth, there are, unfortunately, many Christians who are unwilling to accept Christ's teaching that the way to heavenly glory is the way of the cross. "All this and heaven too" is their motto. It would, of course, be marvelous if all our days on earth were days of peace, happiness and prosperity to be followed by eternal happiness when we "shuffle off this mortal coil." But any man who has the use of reason sees that our world is inhabited by weak, sin-inclined and usually sinful mortals, himself included—weak mortals who can and do disturb the peace and harmony that could regulate our mortal lives. There are "accidents" on our roads and highways every

day of the year, frequently causing death or grave injury to hundreds. The rules of the road, if kept by all, would prevent ninety-nine percent of such accidents—the other one percent are caused by mechanical failure. Would any man be so naive as to expect that we could have even one day free from car accidents?

Because man has a free-will, he is liable to abuse it by choosing what is sinful and wrong. Most of the crosses and trials we meet in life are caused by violations—by ourselves and others—of the rules of life and the laws of charity and justice. To prevent this abuse of free-will, God would have to deprive men of that essential gift which, with his intellect, makes him a man. Likewise, we could prevent all road accidents by removing the steering wheels from cars but then we would have no cars. Let us face the fact, almost all the hardships and sufferings which we have to bear in life, are caused by the unjust and uncharitable actions of our fellowmen and even God himself, following his own wise pattern of life for men on earth, cannot prevent such evil actions.

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

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Collection:
October 13, 2024

Envelopes	\$405.00
Loose	\$45.00
Cemetery Fund	\$20.00
Donation to Cemetery Fund	\$200.00
Donation to Parish	\$200.00
	\$870.00

Notices:

1: Our Mass is now at 9:00 am.

2: 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.

3: 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/ lousiecampbel@gmail.com

4: 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.

5: 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.

6: 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.

7: Mass for Shut -Ins Fr. Yake will celebrate the Mass for Shut -Ins for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This Holy Mass will be taped on Saturday, November 9. Any parishioners who wish to do so are invited to attend and we need volunteers to provide the music and lectors. Masses are taped at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish in Sydney on the Saturday of the week prior to airing at 10:00am. Please arrive no later than 9:30am to give ample time for last minute preparations. Directions to the church: From the highway off #4 take exit 8 to George Street. From there, drive all the way down George St. until you come to a set of lights where you can turn right onto Cottage Rd. Drive on Cottage Rd. until you come to Cabot St. You will see the church on the left.

8: 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.**

9: Rosalyn Mitchell, whose family have a summer place in Red Islands, is fundraising to attend a conference, see below for more information. Below is a link to my blog, which shares donation information. I represent Rehumanize Toronto at the Rehumanize International, a pro-life and pro-peace conference. We aim to oppose violence and build a culture of life in a divided world. <https://evangelinepress.substack.com/p/rehumanize-conference-fundraiser> My blog (Evangeline Press) aims to share the Gospel of Jesus to a dying world. <https://linktr.ee/evangelinepress>