



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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October 27, 2024

**Sunday Mass is
now 9:00 am.**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading**, from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, 31:7-9*, "Behold I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng." Today's reading talks about the restoration of Israel and the new exodus.

The **Second Reading**, from the *Letter to the Hebrews, 5:1-6*, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." Paul develops the figure of Melchisedech as a type of Christ, the eternal High Priest of the New Covenant. Unlike the Levitical priests, Melchisedech is given no genealogy in Scripture. Paul sees in this fact the intention of the Holy Spirit to prefigure Christ's eternal priesthood.

We read in this Sunday's **Gospel** (*Mark 10:46-52*) that, while the Lord passes through the streets of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus addresses him, crying out loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" This entreaty moves Christ's heart, who pauses, has him called and cures him.

The decisive moment was the personal, direct encounter between the Lord and that man who was suffering. They are before one another—God with his will to cure and the man with his desire to be cured. Two liberties, two converging wills, "What do you want me to do for you?" the Lord asks him. "Let me receive my sight," replies the blind man. "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

With these words, the miracle is realized—God's joy, man's joy. And Bartimaeus, who had recovered his sight—recounts the Gospel—"followed him on the way": That is, he becomes his disciple and goes up with the Master to Jerusalem to take part with him in the great mystery of salvation. In the essential of its passages, this account evokes the itinerary of the catechumen toward the sacrament of baptism, which in the early Church was also called "Illumination."

Faith is a path of illumination; it starts from the humility of acknowledging one's need of salvation and arrives at the personal encounter with Christ, who calls [one] to follow him on the way of love. On this model the itineraries of Christian initiation have been established in the Church, which prepare for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist.

In places of past evangelization—where the baptism of children is widespread—catechetical and spiritual experiences are proposed to young people and adults which enable them to undertake a path of rediscovery of the faith in a mature and conscious way, in order to assume later a coherent commitment to witness. How important is the work that pastors and catechists carry out in this field!

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps. In this month of October, especially dedicated to the mission, we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation.

We invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary so that missionaries of the Gospel will multiply. Intimately united to the Lord, may every baptized person hear that he is called to proclaim the love of God to all, with the testimony of his own life.

—Angelus Address, Pope Benedict XVI,
October 29, 2006

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Collection:
October 20, 2024

Envelopes	\$175.00
Loose	\$65.00
World Mission Sunday	\$20.00
In memory of John Hugh Campbell	\$100.00
In memory of Fr Louis Campbell	\$200.00
	\$560.00

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/ louisecampbel@gmail.com

4: 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.

5: 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.

6: 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.

7: 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.**

8: SONGS OF JOY CONCERT

You are invited to attend an afternoon of "Songs of Joy" on Sunday, October 27th at 2 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Sydney River. The parish will be marking its 75th anniversary and will be celebrating in song! The afternoon will be headlined by the Cape Breton Chordsmen along with special guest performances by: Misty Creek, Fr. David Rankin, Joe MacMaster, Mike Finigan, Fr. Conrad Edwards and more! You won't want to miss this wonderful afternoon! Please join us! Admission will be by donation and free will offering.

9: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys and MacIntyre Chevrolet are selling tickets on a brand new car! Tickets are available for sale on a Chevrolet Trax LS. Cost of the tickets is \$50.00. Only 1200 tickets sold. They can be purchased at the church office during regular working hours or from the following members of Parish Council: Ronnie Martin 902-562-8530 or Tom Ripley 902-565-4452. Tickets will also be sold before and after week-end masses. The winning ticket will be drawn on New Year's Eve at 4 0'clock mass. Good luck everyone!

10: Next Sunday November 3, at 3PM St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Michael Higgins on his experience as official journalist for Paulist Press covering the recent synod in Rome. He will speak of his experiences at the synod and also his book launch "The Jesuit disruptor" which deals with the impact of Pope Francis has on the church. Free admission, all welcome.