



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of *Wisdom 18:6-9* and refers to the events of the Exodus, in which God showed his mighty power to save his chosen ones from their cruel enemies.

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul to the *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-11* and gives a definition of the virtue of faith, and an example of true faith as it can be seen to be active in Abraham and Sarah.

The **Gospel** This teaching of our Lord should make us all sit up and take serious notice. He has taken us into his household. He has made us his "little flock." We are invited guests in his home, his Church, rather than mere servants. He warns us today that we must always be busy about our vocation, about the reason why he invited us into his home. If we grasped clearly what that call of Christ means, what our Christian vocation is, we would hardly need today's warning. We are Christians, we are members of his Church, for our own eternal good. God, through Christ's Incarnation, has put us on the road to heaven. He is ever helping us on the way. Could we be so blind to our own welfare that we would risk losing the eternal life that God has in store for us, and for which He went to the extreme lengths of love? In our saner moments we would give an emphatic no to this question. Yet, we must look the real facts of life in the face. There are many Christians who are destined for heaven but who, in their folly, have left the only road which leads there, and are now traveling in the opposite direction.

Some of us here present may be among these foolish ones. We may have let this world get such a grip on us that we have no time or thought for the world that is to come. For such foolish people, and indeed for all of us, today's warning is that our call to judgment will come on each one of us like a thief in the night, at a moment when we least expect it. This need not be a sudden death. Of every thousand who die after long illnesses in our hospitals, there rarely is one who knows and admits he is about to die, so actually all deaths are sudden, that is, unexpected.

However the unexpected death, which we are sure to get, need not worry the ordinary good Christian. It is the unprepared, the unprovided death which must cause us anxiety. It need not, if, when it comes, it finds us living in God's grace, living the ordinary Christian life, doing our daily tasks but doing them as part of our duty to God. We have to take an interest in the affairs of this world, but the interest must never exclude our eternal interest. Instead it can and must help us toward the one real interest that man has in this life, that is, to earn his eternal life.

Take a serious look at your way of living today. Is your behavior in the home, in your place of work, in your recreation, in your relations with God—prayers and church attendance—and with your neighbor, it is such that you would change nothing in it, if you were told by God that you were to die tonight? If it is, thank God for it and keep on going; you are on the right road. If it is not, don't wait for God to tell you when or where you will die; he will not tell you. Put things right today, and then you need not worry when your call to judgment comes. Death will be graduation day for the good Christian—not examination day.

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

Collection
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Envelopes	\$483.25
Loose	\$46.55
Cemetery/Envelopes	\$10.00
Cemetery/Donation	\$50.00
	\$589.80

Notices:

1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: The Market will operate 10:00 am to 1 pm every SUNDAY from June 29 to September 7th. Interested vendors should call 902-631-0209. Note: vendors do not need to commit to attending every week. Johnstown Landing is located across from the Johnstown Parish Hall.

2: Mass Intention for August 10 is for Mary Margaret Gardiner

3: Come to the Ceilidh with Jason MacDonald

This Sunday, August 10, 2:00-4:00pm

East Bay Firehall

Have some tea and conversation.

4: Musique Royale 40th Summer Festival with the Halifax Rättvik Trio:

Thursday August 14 at 7 pm

Sacred Heart Church:

Folks can reserve tickets with me, at louisecampbel@gmail.com or through the ticket link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/musique-royale-a-treasury-of-music-from-our-historic-past/events/halifax-rattvik-trio-in-johnstown/> for folks to purchase online.

\$25 at the door, \$20 advanced rate, youth free (18 and under)

If you order tickets through me, just give me your name and you can pay the night of the concert.

Halifax Rättvik Trio Featuring Jennifer Publicover (flutes); Peter Rousu (guitar, bass), and Stefan Ekedahl (cello, flutes, bagpipes), the trio is a trans-Atlantic collaboration and exploration of folk genres between Canada and Sweden, as well as all the geographical points in between. Hear music from their new album Havet!

5: Accommodations Needed: We are once again asking for people to help with the accommodations for the musicians that are performing on August 14th. We need rooms for 4 people for one night. Please let me know if you can help.

6: Milling Frolic – the 93rd Milling Frolic is coming up fast. The event is on Friday August 22nd and runs from 7:00 pm – 12:00 am. Cost is \$7.00. Included in the event are the following: Milling, The Best in Gaelic Singing, Bingo, Lunch, Bake Sale, Fancy Booth and Children's game. The Square Dance starts at 9:00 pm, with music by Keith, Kyle and Colin MacDonald and caller Helen MacDonald. Great time for the whole family.

Please remember that we are looking for donations for the Fancy Booth (crafts, sewing, knitting, etc), Bake Sale and Lunch

7: Art exhibit & sale Thursday, August 14th at 9769 Grenville St. (Ashley Mac Isaac's barn) from 3-7 PM. Entertainment, food, friends & art. Donations to go to the Foodbank. Free parking available at St. Peter's Catholic Church parking lot.