



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday

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Second Sunday of Advent

The **First Reading** is from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 11:1-10*. To help us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas, the Church recalls the prophecies of the great Isaiah on each of the four Sundays of Advent. To encourage the Chosen People who, because of the bad example of their worldly leaders, were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh their true God, the prophet reminds them of him who is to come. This was 700 years before Christ came, but it was a reminder that God, who had called Abraham and had made him the father and founder of the Chosen People some thousand years previously, had not forgotten his promises. He would fulfill his word. He would one day send them a ruler, a king, who would rule and judge with justice because he would have the true spirit of the Lord. He who was to come would set up a kingdom of peace, not only for the Chosen People but for all men. The kingdom he was to establish would be for Jew and Gentile.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 15:4-9*. St. Paul is telling newly converted Christians, converted Christians of Rome, many of whom were Jews, that the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament are still a source of instruction, encouragement, and hope. The call of Abraham and the promises made to him, and to his descendants, were fulfilled in the coming of Christ. Christ was the glory of the Chosen People—the fruit of centuries of preparation and expectation—but he brought the knowledge and blessings of the true God to the Gentile pagans also. Henceforth, all men are brothers of Christ.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction. Add to this what has been written concerning Christ's coming among us, with his teaching and promises, and we Christians surely have an inexhaustible source of encouragement and hope. To help us prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas, the Church brings before our minds sections of the Old and New Testaments, which should inspire us with new faith, hope and charity. Faith in God, who always fulfills his promises, hope for our eventual salvation, and charity, or love for God, who has done, and is still doing, such wonderful things for us unworthy men. This charity and love of God must spill over on our neighbor, if it is sincere, for as St. John tells us, the man who says he loves God and yet hates his neighbor is a liar (2 Jn. 4:20).

The **Gospel** is from the *Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12*, an angel announced to Zechariah, a priest of the temple, that he would have a son (even though his wife Elizabeth was barren and advanced in years). This son was destined to be the Precursor who would announce the proximate arrival of the long-expected Messiah. John, the name given him by the angel even before his conception, spent his youth and early manhood as a hermit in the desert of Judea, preparing himself for his exalted office. When God revealed to him that the Messiah was soon to begin his public life, John set out for the bank of the Jordan, where he began to preach repentance, in order to prepare the people for "him who was to come."

In this holy season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas. John the Baptist has words of advice and warnings for each one of us. He advises us to "prepare the way of the Lord," by true repentance of our past sins and a firm resolution to straighten "the ways of the Lord," that is, not to deviate from the true Christian way of life in the future.

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

Collection:

November 30, 2025

Envelopes	205.00
Missals	5.00
	210.00

Notices:

1: Christmas Toy and gift drive for St. Peters Food Bank

This year's Christmas toy and gift drive is coming soon. We plan to meet at the District 10 Red Islands Fire Hall on Saturday, December 6th at 3:00 PM, to drop off our toys and new clothing gifts. Guidelines are same as previous years – new, unwrapped gifts only, either toys or children's clothing. We hope to see you there. We will be serving coffee and tea and some light treats.

2: The Annual General Meeting for District 10 Volunteer Fire Department, Red Islands, will take place Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 1 pm at the fire hall.

3: Pancake Breakfast - Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - 9:00 to 11:30 – District 10 Fire Hall in Red Islands All are welcome. Small donations are appreciated but certainly not necessary. Gluten Free options will be available. No need to reserve a spot, just show up

4: Sewing/Crafting: On Thursday, December 11 we will be making no sew fabric Christmas stars during our sewing/handcraft get together. Everyone is welcome. If you happen to have a pair of pinking sheers and some plaid or Christmas fabric feel free to bring it but no worry if you don't. We have supplies for you. 1pm - 3 pm at the District 10 Fire Hall. Rita Campbell 902-631-0209

5: St. Mary's Parish, Frenchvale. Ticket draw on 4 Cords of Firewood, or \$500.00. Tickets: \$1.00 each: Draw Date: Dec 6th, 2025. Contact Cathy Johnston: 902-535-2774

6: "Come to the Ceilidh"

St. Mary's CWL invites you to "Come to the Ceilidh" with Donna Marie DeWolfe and Allan Dewar Sunday, December 14; East Bay Firehall; 2:00-4:00pm
Admission \$10:00; Under 12 FREE

7: MacGillivray Guest Home Christmas Market

Thursday December 4th, 1:00-3:00pm
Xavier Drive, Sydney
No cost of admission but give donation at the door for a chance for a door prize.

8: The Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is opening for a one day only Christmas Shopping Sale.

On Sunday, December 7th from 1 to 4 pm, all items, except candles will be 50% OFF for one day only. Cash Only
The Shrine is open year-round.
We thank you sincerely for all your support this year. Many projects have been completed.
Have a Merry Christmas and Good Health and Happiness in the New Year.
Board & Management of the
Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.
For inquiries call 902-945-2221

9 Handel's *Messiah* - A Musical Celebration of Advent

Join us for a moving performance of **Handel's *Messiah***, performed by a choir and orchestra with members from across the CBRM. This cherished Oratorio captures the longing and hope of Advent—prophecies fulfilled, light breaking into darkness, and the joyful announcement of Christ's birth. Through Handel's inspired music and Scripture-filled text, we are invited to prepare our hearts once more for the coming of the Messiah. All are welcome to this uplifting celebration of the Advent season. Join us at **Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 PM**. Admission is free with a silver collection.

10: Christmas Day Mass will be on Thursday December 25th at 9:00 am. We will not have a Christmas Eve Mass

11: Church Decorating: All are welcome to come help us decorate the church for Christmas on Monday December 22nd at 1:00 pm