



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

**Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday**

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**December 14, 2025**

### Third Sunday of Advent

The **First Reading** is from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11*. Isaiah's words of consolation and promise are addressed in the first place to the exiles, but they were fully and truly realized only when Christ the Messiah came. Christ applied the first two verse of this text to himself when he first preached in the synagogue of Nazareth (Lk 4:18-19). This morning, let us thank God from our hearts for the "good tidings" of our redemption and exaltation, brought to us by Christ the Son of God and our loving Brother.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Book of the Thessalonians 5:16-24*. Living a truly Christian life is not a merely human activity. God has a part in it; in fact, God has the principal part to play in it. What St. Paul told the Thessalonians, he tells us too: "God is faithful." God will do his part, the greater part, of the work of our salvation. So it matters not how many opponents we have. It makes no difference how many machinations they invent to impede us on our journey. Our "God is faithful" and our God is with us, helping us every step of the way. Rejoice then, nay, exult in joy! Thank God from your heart for the gift of the true faith. Thank him for everything he sends in life. The rough, as well as the smooth, has a part in God's plan for making us worthy of sharing his kingdom.

The **Gospel** is from the *John 1:6-8, 19-28*. Last Sunday we had St. Mark's account of the Baptist's activity at the Jordan as he prepared the people for the public mission of Jesus. John was the last of the great line of prophets and he was the greatest of them all. It was his privilege to point out to his audience the Son of God in human nature, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," and also to hear God's voice from heaven proclaiming Christ to be his "beloved Son." He was surely a man sent from God. Let us listen to the call of John the Baptist, and from our hearts repent of our sins. Let us prepare for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's human appearance on earth, by cleaning ourselves of all sinful attaches, but making a firm resolution to follow the Lamb through life.

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

### Collection:

**December 07, 2025**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>Missals</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
<b>Ladies Group</b>	<b>\$9,500.00</b>
	<b>\$9,780.00</b>

## Notices:

### 1: Thank You - St. Peters Food Bank

We want to say a special thank you to the members of the Bras D'Or Seniors' Club who, for several years now, have been generously donating children's toys and clothing to our food bank at Christmas time. Our clients have truly appreciated these thoughtful donations because without them, they may not have been able to give gifts to their children.

**2: Thank You:** A huge THANK YOU to Sacred Heart Ladies Group for the generous donation. Without their yearly donation the parish would have a hard time keeping up with the bills. We would also like to thank everyone who attended, and worked at the events at the hall, you keep our parish running.

**3: Coffee Club** – The next coffee club will be on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am.

### 4: "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

### 5: 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM**. Admission is free with a silver collection.

**6: A children's Christmas Concert** will be held at Lakeside Community Centre, 8598 West Bay Hwy. on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 2:00 PM with tea & coffee, light lunch, goodwill offering and tickets on Christmas basket. Will be open to the public.

**7: Christmas Day Mass** will be on Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. We will not have a Christmas Eve Mass

**8: Church Decorating:** All are welcome to come help us decorate the church for Christmas on Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm

**9: Fire Hall/Community Hall update:** Great news, the migration for the land has been completed and we just need the deed signed over, which should happen in the next week. In the new year the steering committee will meet and planning will move ahead.