



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Prophecy of Malachi 3:19-20* and concerns the day of retribution, of judgment when the Lord will punish the wicked and reward His faithful ones.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12*, in which he addresses those few in the community who were unwilling to earn their daily bread and were abusing the charity of their fellow Christians.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke, 21:5-19*. The reason why these verses of St. Luke's gospel was chosen for today's Mass is that the Church wants us all to do a bit of spiritual stock-taking this morning. As next Sunday will be the special feast day of the Kingship of Christ, today's Mass is really the last of our liturgical year. Next Sunday, we begin our new liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent. To help us to be honest with ourselves in our stock-taking we are reminded today that this world will come to an end one day. We do not know when or how, but that end will come. It will be followed immediately by the general judgment. Christ will come in power and glory to judge the whole human race. Each one will receive the sentence he merited while on earth. The just will enter with Him into eternal glory. The wicked will go to their place of suffering, sorrow and remorse.

Long before that day comes, each of us here present today will already have faced his or her own particular judgment. It is this judgment which will seal our eternal fate. It is on this judgment that we should try to concentrate this morning. It is to help and encourage us to do just this that the church brings the thought of the end of the world before our minds. The end of this world will come for each one of us when we draw our last breath. How will we stand in God's sight when that moment comes? An eternity of happiness or grief will depend on our spiritual state at that moment.

The thought of death is a frightening thought for most of us. We would rather put it far from our minds, but of all the other things that can possibly happen to us on this earth, death is the one and only certainty. It would be utter folly then to try to ignore it or forget it. It is not the moment or the circumstances or the fact itself of death that matters. The vast majority, even of those dying of a slow illness, do not know that they are on the point of death. What matters is the judgment which follows death. How will we fare in that?

Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves this very moment. How would I fare if I were called before the judgment seat of God today? The best of us would certainly prefer to be better prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable thoughts about my friends and neighbors in my mind, so many acts of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise I have not made to my loving God.

What of those who have even more serious sins on their consciences? Over two hundred thousand people will leave this world between now and midnight. If we were called, and we have no guarantee that we will not be called today, could we dare to face our judgment in our present state? "Today if you hear God's voice harden not your heart" the scripture warns us. Today you have heard Him speak to you. He has reminded you that your end is coming, that you should put your spiritual accounts in order. This is an act of God's mercy. He does not need you, It is you who need Him. Your eternal future will depend on whether you listen to His call today, as tomorrow may be too late. You can put your accounts straight this very day. Why take a risk with your own eternal welfare?

The Christian who wants to die in the state of grace, that is, in the friendship of God (and can there be any real Christian who would not want to?) has but one way of making sure of this. He is to try to live always in God's friendship. The man who does this by living his Christian life daily need not fear death. It may be a sudden death, but it will never be an unprovided-for death.

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

Collection November 09, 2025

Envelopes	\$655.00
Loose	\$20.00
Heat	\$50.00
	\$725.00

Notices:

1: Thank You: A great big thank you to all the people who contributed to the success of the Christmas Bingo. To all the people who donated prizes, the workers and all the people who showed up to play Bingo. A special thank you to Barbar Cash, who organized the game and collected the prizes. \$2465.00 was realized from the Bingo.

2: 2025/2026 Missals: The new missals for 2025/2026 are at the front of the church. Missals are \$5.00. You can add that to your envelope and note on the envelope that you are paying for a missal.

3: Coffee: Weekly coffee club is held each Wednesday at 9:00 am, at the District 10 Red Islands Fire Hall, all are welcome.

4: Sewing/Crafting: Weekly Sewing/Crafting takes place on Thursdays, at 1:00 pm, all are welcome to come.

5: Fun Darts: The next fun darts at District 10 Red Islands fire hall will be Friday, November 21, 2025, at 7:15 pm. Hope to see you there.

Pass this message along to anyone in the community you think may be interested. Beginners are welcome. We have extra darts in case some don't have them.

6: Annual General Meeting: Johnstown Community Development Co-operative LTD: The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown Community Development will take place on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Johnstown Parish Hall. Note: There will be a discussion about the Irish Cove Walking Trail as part of the 2025 JCDC AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion. Feedback, ideas, and comments on the work of JCDC are welcome as are new members

7: "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

8: November 17, 1 pm

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish

Mass and veneration of relics of the Canadian Martyrs and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. The visit in our diocese is part of an eastern Canadian tour by Martyr's Shrine in honour of the Jubilee year.

St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Charles Garnier and St. Gabriel Lalemant were among the eight French missionaries who first brought the Gospel to Canada. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first indigenous North American saint, and is a patron of the First Nations peoples.

See our website:

www.antigonishdiocese.com/national-relics

9: The Municipality of the County of Richmond is looking for a community-minded person to represent the Municipality on the Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership (CBLIP) Council. This group brings together people and organizations across Cape Breton–Unama'ki to share ideas, build connections, and help newcomers feel part of our community. You'll help guide newcomer supports, share your community's perspective, and work with local organizations to make communities more welcoming.

Deadline to Apply

December 10, 2025

How to Apply

Please submit your expression of interest by email.

Your submission should include:

- Your full name, civic address, and mailing address (if different)
- A brief outline of relevant experiences or skills that would support the work of the CBLIP Council

Email your application to: clerk@richmondcounty.ca

To learn more about CBLIP, visit <https://capebretonpartnership.com/.../cape-breton-local.../>

To view the CBLIP terms of reference, visit <https://capebretonpartnership.com/.../CBLIP-Terms-of...>

10: Low Income Property Tax Exemption Program – Application Deadline Extended The Municipality of the County of Richmond has extended the deadline for applications to the Low Income Property Tax Exemption Program to December 31, 2025. Residents who qualify are encouraged to submit their applications by the new deadline. For more information, including eligibility and how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.richmondcounty.ca/low-income-tax-exemption-program.html>