



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

**Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday**  
**Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei**  
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**November 30, 2025**

### First Sunday of Advent

The **First Reading** is taken from *Isaiah 2:1-5*. Today's lesson from Isaiah contains one of the encouraging speeches which God's great prophet addressed to his fellow-Jews, to help them persevere in their faith in God. Days of distress and tribulation lay ahead. Jerusalem, their beloved and holy city, the site of the temple where the true God manifested his power and his mercy among them, was to be razed one day to the ground, because of their sins. But when the great day came and God fulfilled his promises to them, Jerusalem would once more be the glory and the pride, not only of the Jews, but of all nations.

This prophecy of Isaiah, spoken 700 years before the coming of Christ, has been fulfilled. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." And we today, thousands of miles from Jerusalem, and almost two thousand years after his coming among us, are preparing ourselves for the annual commemoration of that greatest event of history.

The **Second Reading** is taken from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:11-14*. In the verses chosen for today's second reading, St. Paul urges Roman Christians to keep the purpose of their conversion, of their acceptance of the gospel, of true salvation, always before their eyes. They had accepted Christ in order to merit eternal salvation; for this reason, they must "Cast off the works of darkness," in which they indulged before their conversion.

The **Gospel** is taken from *Matthew 24:37-44*. St. Matthew gives us a discourse which our Lord held with his disciples concerning the destruction of the temple of Jerusalem and the *Parousia*, or the second coming of Christ as judge of the world. In the verses we read today Christ is speaking of his second coming, and emphasizes its unexpectedness and suddenness.

In today's lesson it is Christ himself who is asking each one of us so to live our lives that no matter when we are called to judgement we shall not be found wanting. This does not mean that we must always be praying. Nor does it mean that we must take no interest in the affairs of this life. Of the two men working in the field and the two women grinding corn, one of each was found unworthy, not because of the work he or she was doing, but because that work had for them wrongly excluded God and his purpose in life. The two found worthy had room for God and their own eternal welfare in their hearts—their work was part of their loyal service to God and was a means towards their salvation.

Christmas comes but once a year but its meaning, its lesson, must remain in our hearts and minds all the year round. God wants us in heaven forever. He sent his Son on earth to bring us there. Aided by God's grace we resolve today so to live our lives that when death claims us we shall meet Christ, not as condemning judge, but as a loving brother.

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

### Collection November 23, 2025

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>Heat</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Missals</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
	<b>\$240.00</b>

## Notices:

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

**2: 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

### **3: 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**4: 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.**

**5: 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

**6: 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

### **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: MacGillivray Guest Home Christmas Market**

Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00pm

Xavier Drive, Sydney

No cost of admission but give donation at the door for a chance for a door prize.

### **9: 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

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### **Richmond River Roots Market Garden Society**

Nov 10 · 

This is going to be epic -- mark your  
calendars now! 😊... See more

 **Tunes, Tales and Treats**  
Saturday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 - 4:00pm

**SENIORS CONNECTING!**

*Join us for an afternoon of magical music  
celebrating Gaelic traditions with  
Bradley Murphy and Mairi Britton*

Bradley and Mairi have been playing music together for many years celebrating the Gaelic traditions of Scotland, Ireland and Cape Breton. Mairi comes from Edinburgh and Bradley from East Bay.

**A guaranteed delight of fiddle, harp, songs and stories!**

**Location:** Anne Sampson Building  
(39 Recreation Rd, River Bourgeois)  
**Cost:** Free; Donations welcome

**All Ages Welcome**  
Refreshments provided

  