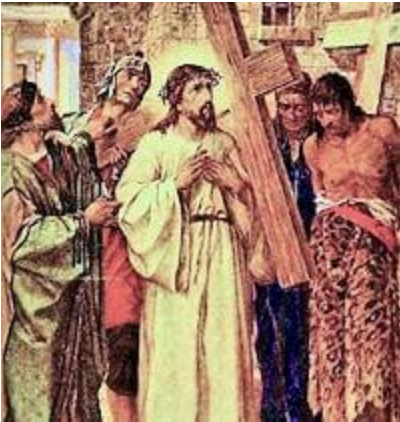




Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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September 07, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 9:13-18a*. In today's extract the author is stressing man's incapability of understanding the divine plans and decrees. Because we are finite, limited beings, our knowledge is finite and limited. There are many limited, finite problems all around us, which we cannot solve. How could we hope to solve the infinite ones?

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul to *Philemon 9b-10, 12-17*. This letter is the shortest of St. Paul's letters and at the same time the most personal and touching. During his first imprisonment in Rome (61-63), a slave called Onesimus, who had run away from his Christian master Philemon, a native of Colossae, came to Paul in Rome and was converted to Christianity. Paul sent him back to his master bearing this letter, in which Paul touchingly appeals to Philemon to deal kindly with the runaway.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 14:25-33* and teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. There can be no such person as a half-Christian. "He that is not with me is against me," He said on another occasion. We cannot be for Christ on Sunday and against Him for the remainder of the week. To be His true disciples, His true followers, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must Christianize these other tasks. Even the members of religious orders who "leave the world," that is, who are set free from the family and financial cares of this world by their vows of chastity and poverty, have to busy themselves with other cares like teaching, nursing, tilling the soil perhaps, house-keeping, writing and many such activities. They cannot and do not spend all their day and every day in prayer and meditation. Nor does Christ demand this of them.

Much less, therefore, does He demand this of the ninety-nine percent of His followers who have to take on themselves financial and family cares. It is by fulfilling these worldly duties in a Christian way that they are dedicating themselves to His service. This is their total commitment to Christ. The married man or woman who is loyal to his or her life-partner and to the family, if there is one, and who provides diligently and honestly for his own and the family's spiritual and temporal welfare, and who always does this with the intention of pleasing God, is following Christ and is moving steadily day by day towards heaven.

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

Collection
August 31, 2025

Envelopes	\$250.00
Loose	\$65.00
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
	\$415.00

Notices:

1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: This will be the **final market** of the year. Come and visit with the neighbours, get lunch, coffee, muffins, baked good, t-shirts, preserves, fresh vegetables, crafts. Time 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, at the Johnstown Landing, across from the Parish Hall. If the weather is inclement the market will be in the Parish Hall.

2: Celebration of Life: We invite you to join us in Celebrating the Life of Daniel (Dannie) MacMillan. All are welcome to join us as we share stories, memories, and a toast to a life well lived.

Saturday, September 20, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Johnstown Parish Hall

3: Beginner Gaelic Classes

Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30

Starting September 22

\$ 40 for 8 weeks

Location: **Red Islands Firehall**

Have you always wanted to learn Gaelic to connect with your heritage?

Classes are fun!

Learning to **speak Gaelic** is the focus, no reading or writing!

Contact: **902-217-2088 ceiteagcaimbeul@gmail.com**

Supported by the Office of Gaelic Affairs

4: Fall Harvest Market: A fall market will be held at the Johnstown Parish Hall on Sunday October 12th, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. More information to follow.

5: Big Pond Fire Dept Community Centre Fall Market

We had so much fun at last year's market at the Big Pond Fire Dept Community Centre, we are having another on Saturday October 18th, from 10:00pm – 2:00pm.

This year we have lots of makers, bakers and other creators with so much to offer!

- A variety of delicious baked goods and fudges, and Girl Guide Cookies!
- Jams, jellies, pickles, chow and sauces and Elderberry products
- Locally designed T-shirts and caps
- Knitting, crocheting, sewing designs and fabric bags
- Paintings, pottery, sea glass/driftwood art, suncatchers/prisms
- Beaded jewelry and hairclips, and resin products
- Plants

Admission \$2.00, children 12 and under free.

For more information (or to book table), please call/text Kim at 902-371-4562, or message Tracy MacIsaac on Facebook.

6: TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent

Sydney Tuesday, September 16, 2025 1:30 -3:30 pm

An invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office.

This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone 902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.