



## Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

**Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday**  
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**April 12, 2026**

### **Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

The **First Reading** is taken from *Acts 2:42-47*. On Pentecost Sunday the Holy Spirit, as promised by Christ, descended on the Apostles with external signs which brought the people of Jerusalem in their hundreds to the Upper Room where the Apostles lived. St. Peter addressed them and explained what had happened, with the result that “about three thousand souls were baptized and added that day” (*Acts 2:41*) to the Apostles and disciples, who formed the nucleus of the Christian Church.

In these six short verses of the second chapter of the Acts we are given a picture of the fervent religious life of the first Christian community. As would be expected, these Jerusalem Christians, having the Apostles still among them, and the memory of the resurrection and the descent of the Holy Spirit still fresh in their memories, were animated and moved by a deep religious fervor..

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Peter 1:3-9*. This first epistle of St. Peter has always been accepted as authentic, that is, it was written by St. Peter and most probably from Rome which he called “Babylon.” Tradition says he died a martyr there in 64 or 67. The letter, therefore, was written before 67 at the latest. It is in the form of an encyclical letter to the numerous churches of

Asia Minor. Its purpose was to recall to the minds of these converts to the Church the basic doctrines of Christianity and to encourage them to endure any persecution that the faithful observance of their new religion might bring on them from their pagan or Jewish neighbors.

We have just celebrated the feast of the resurrection, and St. Peter’s words today are intended to remind us again of what that unique event means to us and to the Christian faith which we profess. It is the final and convincing proof of the Incarnation. The Christ who had been born as a baby of the Virgin Mary, had preached the message of salvation, had died on the cross, was none other than what he had said he was, the divine Son of God. He had come to give mankind life and “abundant” life—an eternal life hereafter in the kingdom of his Father.

The first converts to Christianity had grasped this truth, this consoling knowledge, and they rejoiced in it “with unutterable and exalted joy.” We, too, have grasped this truth; we, too, know that through the Incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ, we have been made heirs to an “inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.” But do we always let this consoling knowledge, this Christian conviction, govern and regulate our daily lives and actions?

The **Gospel** is read for all years (Cycles A, B and C) and is taken from *John 20:19-31*. Last Sunday’s gospel, also taken from St. John, described the first hint at the resurrection which the Apostles received. Peter and John, convinced that the body had not been taken away, because the winding sheets were left behind, were beginning to believe. But the others were skeptical,

the two disciples on the way to Emmaus paid no heed to the women’s story, and Thomas refused to believe the testimony of the other ten, even when this present appearance of our Lord had convinced them.

It may surprise and amaze us that the Apostles were so reluctant to believe that Christ had risen from the dead, to live forever in glory with his Father in heaven. But we must remember that during their two or three years with him they saw nothing in him but a mere man, one with divine powers, but yet a man; certain prophets of the old covenant had some such powers also. Christ had “emptied himself” of his divine nature, and he had foretold his resurrection many times. But that he could be really God, as well as man, was something they could not then grasp, and if he was a mere man death had to be the end.

We can thank the Apostles and especially Thomas, the last to give in, that our faith in the resurrection and divine glorification of Christ is that much the stronger. Our Christianity which would have ended before the first Easter week had passed, if Christ had not risen in glory, spread rapidly to the then known world and is still spreading because its author was none other than Christ “our Lord and our God.” How prophetic were the words of the Gamaliel at the meeting of the Sanhedrin which tried to prevent the Apostles from preaching the new Christian faith: “if this plan or work is of men, it will be overthrown; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow it” (*Acts 5:38-39*).  
—Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings*, Cycle A, by Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan, O.F.M.

## Collection

April 05, 2026

Envelopes	\$605.00
Loose	\$120.00
Good Friday	\$55.00
Donation	\$35.00
	\$815.00

## Notices:

### 1: Nursing Foot Care Clinic: Heidi Davis BScN, RN License #33671 – Note change of date from last week.

Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> Red Islands Fire Hall

By appointment only, from 9:00 am to 5:00pm, please call Heidi at 902-202-2346. 1-hour appointments \$55 (receipts provided, direct billing for Veterans)

Lower limb assessments, toenail trim and file, skin assessment, management of ingrown nails, management of fungal nails, corn and callus care, diabetic assessment, foot care education and referral as needed. Also available in-home appointments \$65.00/hour

### 2: Gaelic Flag Raising & Cape Breton Meal. Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 pm. District 10 Fire Hall, Red Islands.

Flag raising and community celebration of Gaelic Awareness Moth followed by a Cape Breton meal – Maragan, sneap's, buntata, featuring the maragan recipe of Theresa Cash, Irish Cove. Donations welcome to support Gaelic instruction in the area.

**3: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market:** Another summer on the way. Looking forward to Sundays at the Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Market. The markets run from June 28 - September 6, 2026. Every Sunday 10 am - 1 pm. We welcome new vendors. Send us a message or call 902-631-0209.

### 4: Parish Spring Concert

St. Mary's Church, East Bay

Sunday, April 12 @ 2 pm

Donations at the door

Entertainment: Carol MacDougall, Katheryn Gordon, Bradley Murphy and Kevin Orrell

**5: Heavy Garbage Collection Schedule:** Waste should be placed curbside by 8am on Monday of the scheduled collection week for the area. Items placed at the curb after collection has started in the area may not be collected.

Week 3 (May 18 – 24) Johnstown, Loch Lomond to St. Peters Please see:

<https://www.richmondcounty.ca/news-and-announcements/> for items that are allowed/not allowed

### 6: From the Bishop April 18-19

MAiD Awareness Sunday "As Christians, we are called to witness hope and compassion. We must advocate for a culture that affirms life and the dignity of every person, especially those most vulnerable to being discarded or overlooked." Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick MAiD Awareness Sunday or Dignity Sunday intends to raise awareness of the importance of protecting life at every stage and of opposing the expansion of MAiD to include mental health as the only qualifying condition. We are also encouraged to contact our Members of Parliament and tell them to stop the expansion of MAiD for those with mental illness and to support Bill C-218 - An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying), "The Right to Recover Act."

Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's Pastoral Letter and learn more: <https://antigonishdiocese.com/medical-assistance-in-dying-a-catholic-response/>

**7: Schedule of Events** that will take place at the Johnstown Parish Hall this summer: More information will be provided as the event get closer

Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass – 2:00 pm -Please bring your own chair

Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> – Strawberry Festival – 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> – Cold Plate Supper

Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> – Cemetery Mass – 9:00 am

Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast – 9:45 am

Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> – 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Milling Frolic and Square Dance