

Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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January 15, 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **First Reading** is taken from Isaiah 62:1-5. Isaiah compares Yahweh to a young man who marries a virgin. His love transforms her. She used to be called "Forsaken". Now she has a new name, "My Delight".

The **Second Reading is** from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, 12:4-11 and teaches that God is the origin of spiritual gifts. The various graces which the members of the Church receive are a living reflection of God who, being essentially one, and so is a trinity of persons. Therefore, diversity of gifts and graces is as important as their basic unity, because all have the same divine origin and the same purpose—the common good. — Excerpted from *The Navarre Bible, Corinthians*

The Gospel is from John 2:1-12. There are many lessons we can learn from this incident in Christ's life: for example, Christ's approval of marriage–there were some heretical sects later who said marriage was sinful, unfit for a Christian. Or we could see in it the intercessory power of our blessed Mother. Christ anticipated his "hour" for working miracles in order to grant her request. But the theme of today's readings is the goodness 'and kindness of God and we surely have a convincing proof of that loving kindness in today's gospel story.

Christ worked his first miracle in order to grant a temporal favor, an earthly gift, to save the newly-married groom from embarrassment. It had the other effects of convincing his very recent disciples of their belief that he was the expected Messiah, and also it convinces all Christians of the efficacy of our Lady's intercession for us, but its primary purpose was to confer a temporal benefit on the groom.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. 'Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realised what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the

By this kind act he has shown us that he is interested in our earthly affairs also. He became man in order that we could become sons of God, he came on earth so that we could go to heaven, but this miracle at Cana proves that he has a deep interest in our many and varied activities during the course of our journey to heaven.

He told us "ask and you shall receive." That "shall" is very definite, our prayers will be answered, and what we should ask for is not only spiritual gifts, but the temporal aids also which we need. The "shall" applies to them too, as the miracle of Cana proves. We shall get our temporal requests, provided of course that they won't impede us on our journey to heaven. No kind father would give his child a gift that would injure him–God is the kindest of fathers and he sees what will or will not impede or endanger our eternal happiness. We can and should therefore make our temporal needs known to God in our prayers, confident that he will give us what we ask if it is for our real good.

But, someone may object: how often have I asked God for temporal favors I needed so badly, and my prayer was unanswered? Was it unanswered really? Perhaps you did not get the exact thing you asked for but you got something more useful, more necessary, something you never thought of asking for, but the good God saw your need of it. We have a father in heaven who really loves us, and cares for us, let us make our temporal, as well as our spiritual needs, known to him in confident prayer. Our requests will not go unanswered.

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

Collections:

Jan 08, 2022

Envelopes	**$275.00**

Notices:

1: Adult Sewing/Handicraft - The Johnstown sewing/knitting and needlework group are welcoming crafters to bring their projects to this informal class. Participants are asked to bring any unfinished project you need help with, or to start a new project. Kindred spirits alike will learn a new skill and or grow your exciting skill. A sewing machine is available for use. District 10 Fire Hall, Red Islands
Thursdays, for 14 weeks, starting January 13
1:00 – 3:30 pm, Fee: $20.00
Instructor: Rita Campbell

2: Gentle Yoga Flow – Postponed until mid-February

4: Skating Party – Outdoor Pond behind District 10 Volunteer Fire Department Hall, Red Islands
Saturday, February 12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm Sponsored by: District 10 Volunteer Fire Dept.
Contact: Debbie Johnston, 902-304-0558
grammiedebbie1998@hotmail.com

4: Information - Sacred Heart Parish Council was approached this week by District 10 Fire Department. They are interested in the Parish Council approaching the Diocese of Antigonish with the purpose of putting a new Fire hall/Community Hall on the site of the current Parish Hall. The Parish Council were supportive of this request. At this time the Fire Department will need to provide the Parish Council with a detailed proposal and motion from District 10; once that is received the Parish Council will discuss the next steps.

5: BREAKING DOWN WALLS: YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH, AND MENTAL HEALTH
Young people from all around Atlantic Canada are invited to join a special Facebook Live Event addressing issues around young people and their mental health on Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 pm (AST). Special guests for this Bell Let's Talk event will include Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bishop of Antigonish; Joe Townsend, Community CARES Youth Outreach (Sydney Mines); Paige Cox, Author of "The Berlin Project: Breaking Down Walls," and John Ratchford, Faith Witness. Anyone can join the session through the website for the Diocese of Antigonish (www.antigonishdiocese.com/) or their Facebook Page (http://www.facebook.com/antigonishdiocese). This event is a collaborative effort, hosted by the Diocese of Antigonish and sponsored by the Atlantic Association of Catholic Youth Ministers. For more information, please contact (Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Norma Blinkhorn) at 902 202 2972 or email norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

6: The Synod
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Pray Connect Share Your Story
The Synod is an invitation from Pope Francis for us to journey together in conversation about our faith, our church, and the future. We are invited to engage as parishes, families, individuals and community groups - reflecting, discussing, and sharing our experiences, thoughts and views. Our website has information, including the Synod questions, to help launch your journey.
www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch