

Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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March 12, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent

The **First Reading** is taken from the book of Genesis 15:5-12; 17-18. God made a Covenant or pact with Abram in which he promised to make Abram the father of a great race to which he would give the land of Canaan as their territory. The faith of Abram is praised because he believed God's promise, i.e., that he would have descendants even though his wife Sarah was barren.

The **Second Reading** is from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:17; 4:1. In the preceding verses St. Paul has been telling his converts that he has given up all earthly things for the sake of the Christian faith and promise. He admits he is far from perfect but he continues to press forward on the road to heaven.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 9:28-36. It was out of the abundance of his divine love that God gave a glimpse of the future glory of Christ in his risen humanity to the three disciples on that memorable occasion. And with Christ he showed two others of his faithful servants also in glory. He understood the human weakness of the disciples, and foresaw the shock to their faith which the sad scenes of the passion and crucifixion of their beloved Master would be some weeks later. So, to strengthen and forearm them for that sad trial, he gave them a glimpse of the future glory which was to be theirs, too, if they persevered.

It is for this same reason that this all-important event in the life of Christ and of his Apostles has been preserved for us in the Gospels and is put before us today.

Like the Apostles, we. too, believe firmly in God. We. too, are convinced that Christ was sent by God to bring us to heaven. We now have much more convincing proof that Christ was not only the Messiah, an envoy of God, but the very Son of God—something the Apostles did not then understand. But we are still very like them in our human weakness, and in our half-hearted acceptance of God's purpose for and promises to us.

The Apostles had to face the awful test to their faith and trust in God, which the passion and crucifixion of Christ was for them. We now accept with gratitude and realize that Christ "had to suffer and thus enter into his glory." We even understand that the very purpose of Christ's passion was that, in spite of our mortality and weakness, we also might enter into eternal glory through his suffering, on condition that we remain true to our faith.

In our moments of cool, calm reasoning we can see clearly how good God has been to us, how wonderful his love which has arranged for us an eternity of happiness, the perfect fulfillment of every rational human desire. We can also see how little God asks of us during our few short years here, in return for the everlasting happy home he has prepared for us.

But unfortunately we have many moments in life in which cool, calm reasoning does not prevail. We have moments when our vices and not our virtues take charge, moments when we are prepared to sell our eternal heritage in exchange for a mess of earthly pottage. Some of us may already have bartered our heavenly home for some temporal gain or pleasure—but while there is life there is hope. We can still put things right with God.

"Lord, it is good for us to be here"; it is wonderful to be adopted sons of God on the road back to our Father. It is wonderful to be assured that in death this body of ours with its pains and aches, its attraction to earthly things and worse still its propensity to sin, will give place to a glorified body. This glorified body will be free from all pain and corruption and will possess all the human spiritual gifts of intelligence and will to so much greater a degree as will enable us to appreciate and enjoy the eternal happiness in store for us.

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

Collections:
March 05, 2022

Envelopes	$120.00

Notices:

1: Yoga with Helen Slade will resume on Monday April 4th, from 10 – 11:30 am, at the Johnstown Parish Hall. Contact information will be in the spring edition of Reflections of Richmond

2: The Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has condemned the escalation of tensions and violence in the Ukraine marked by Russia's invasion February 24.

"In solidarity with the Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, in unison with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with the people of Ukraine as well as with Canadians of Ukrainian origin and descent, we encourage the faithful and all people of good will to pray for the imminent restoration of peace, dialogue, and human fraternity." Read the statement: https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/prayers-for-the-ukraine/

3: April 3 is Solidarity Sunday. This will be an opportunity to reflect and pray for "People and Planet First".
Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's letter, and follow the links for free resources and ways to support this important campaign:
https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/share-lent-people-and-planet-first/

4: (Tentative) Holy Week Schedule
Chrism Mass –Details TBA

Wednesday, April 13, 2022
SP 9:00am Mass

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022
There will be no foot-washing.
4:00pm HGA
5:30pm SP
7:00pm SJB

Friday April 15, 2022 Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) 3:00 PM Service Holy Mass is not permitted on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. The Good Friday Service typically consists of three parts: The Liturgy of the Word with Intercessions, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. When a priest is not available to celebrate the Good Friday Service a Deacon or a lay person may do so. In this exceptional case the service consists of optional readings and the reading of the Passion of the Lord (John 18:1 – 19: 42) followed by the Stations of the Cross. Assuming that some Covid rules are still in place there is no individual procession for the Veneration of the Cross.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:
8:00pm SH

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022 The Resurrection of the Lord
8:30 AM SJB
10:00 AM SP & Chapel Island
11:30 AM HGA

5: Info: In January, District 10 Fire Department approached Sacred Heart Parish Council with an idea of obtaining the land that the current Parish Hall is located and then building a new Fire/Community Hall. The Parish Council met a few times and also met with the Fire Department. After much discussion the Parish Council asked for an official proposal from the Fire Department and once this was received they voted that they would approach the Diocese with this proposal.

The Diocese was approached and we are now waiting for a meeting with Bishop Kirkpatrick.

Currently the Fire Department would be looking for the land that the hall is on and the land that is west of the hall, known as the "Ball Field." All or the majority of the Parish Hall would be torn down to build the new hall.

- Sacred Heart Parish Hall
    - The current Parish Hall is approximately 90 years old
    - The hall was inspected by an engineer and some structural issues were noted
    - The hall would require around $200,000 - $300,000 to bring the structure up to current building standards
    - Currently Sacred Heart Ladies Group provides upkeep, but cannot raise the money needed to fix the building (they also provide funding to keep the church running)
- District 10 Fire Hall
    - Can only accommodate a small number of people
    - Cannot expand due to the land and water issues
    - Lack of parking
- Pros of building a new Fire Hall/Community Hall on the current Parish Hall Site
    - Lots of land for building and parking
    - New Fire Hall/Community Hall which would enable community recreational and social interaction, providing a comfort center when necessary