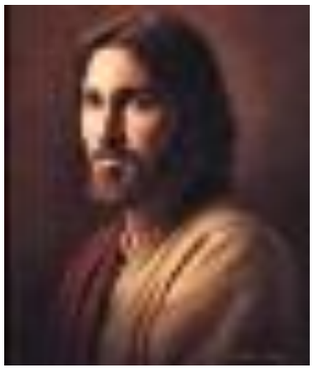


Bulletin

Sacred Heart Parish

Mass: 4:00 pm – Saturdays
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April 14, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter

The **First Reading** is taken from Acts 14:21-27. Last week we heard of St. Paul's experiences at Antioch in Piscidia during his first missionary journey. Their visit had ended on a sour note as Paul and Barnabas were expelled. The reading ended with "the two shook the dust from their feet in protest and went on to Iconium. Their disciples knew only how to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Today we hear of the conclusion of this first missionary journey where Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps back through Antioch in Piscidia on their way back to Antioch in Syria where they had begun their journey.

The **Second Reading** is from the Book of Revelation 21:1-5a. For the past three weeks we have had as our second reading an account of John's privileged vision of the heavenly liturgy where he has seen the eternal sacrifice being offered to God the Father by His Son, The New and Eternal High priest and sacrifice. We have heard also the prayers being offered by the faithful. We now go to the end of John's account as he describes the Heavenly Jerusalem. It was Jesus' mission to go to the earthly Jerusalem to offer His sacrifice — this shows us the path that we must follow to reach the Heavenly Jerusalem so that we can dwell with Him there forever.

The Gospel is from John 13:31-33a, 34-35.We are disciples, followers of Christ, but how many of us would pass the test that Christ himself lays lays down for deciding who are his true followers?

The word "charity" unfortunately has come to have a very restricted meaning in our present-day vocabulary. It signifies giving an alms, a gift of money to a needy person. This is but a very small part of the true charity, true love of neighbor which Christ made the distinguishing mark of the true Christian. He who truly loves his neighbor must be interested, first and foremost, in those things which concern that neighbor's most important purpose in life, his eternal salvation.

Here is where so many good Christians fail in true charity. Effective interest in missionary activity is a case in point. Practical help in parochial matters, taking part in the various societies which are intended to build up and strengthen the faith and the devotion of the members of the parish is another obligation of true charity. So many seem to think it is no concern of theirs but it is. Advising and encouraging, with true Christian kindness, a neighbor who is beginning to grow lax in his attendance to his Christian duties, or who is forming habits or alliances which, if unchecked, will bring misery and suffering to his family, and scandal to the neighborhood, and even the possibility of his own eternal destruction, is also an exercise of real Christian charity. There are thousands of broken homes today which would not be broken if there was true charity in those homes not only in the heart of the offender but in the hearts of the offended.

There are thousands in jails and in hospitals of rehabilitation today who would not be there if their families and neighbors fulfilled their obligation of Christian charity. There are many, far too many, lapsed Catholics in the world today, who would not have lapsed had true charity been practised by their relatives and neighbors. And, last but not least, there are millions of people who have remained outside the Church of Christ because the hall-mark of charity which Christ said was its distinguishing mark was tarnished or invisible. Each one of us could, with great profit, spend a few moments today looking into ourselves and comparing our thoughts and our words and our actions with the thoughts, words and actions of love which Christ expects from his followers.

It is never too late to mend. Begin today to take a true Christian interest in the spiritual fate of your family and neighbors. Where words have already failed perhaps, try prayer and example. The grace of God will cooperate with your sincere, charitable effort.

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

Collection:

May 07, 2022

Envelopes	**$315.00**
Loose	**$40.00**
Diocesan Society	**$30.00**
	$385.00

NOTICES:

1: The Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Outdoor Market:
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday – bi-weekly – June 4th – October 8th
Dates: June 4, 18. July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27, September 10, 24, October 8

The location is directly across from the Johnstown Parish Hall located at 15290 Highway 4 in Johnstown. The outdoor market will run bi weekly starting Saturday June 4th ending the season on Saturday October 8th, 2022.

Vendor spaces will be $20.00 which can be e-transferred or paid in cash the day of the market.
For more information, or a vendor application, please email johnstownlanding@gmail.com.

2: AGM: The Antigonish Diocesan Society will be hosting its annual general meeting virtually on Sunday evening May 15 at 7 pm. All parishioners from across the diocese are welcome to attend and learn more about how the society operates and supports seminarians in our diocese. You can attend through the following link to the Zoom meeting. Questions can be directed to Brian Lazzuri 902-714-3871. Meeting link https://tinyurl.com/ADS-AGM

3: On Sunday, May 29, 3pm, Dr. Michael McCarvill will be ordained to diaconate by Bishop Kirkpatrick at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church followed by a reception at St. Theresa Parish Hall. A new formation program for deacons is soon to begin

4: Tentative Summer Schedule: more details will be provided closer to the event

- Sunday July 10 – Strawberry Festival and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass – 2 pm
- Saturday July 30 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper – 4:45 pm
- Saturday August 13 – Cemetery Mass – Eat-in/Take-out Supper 4:00 pm
- Friday August 19 – Milling Frolic – 7 pm – 1 am
- Saturday August 20 – Music Royal Concert in the church - Aurore String Quartet – 7:30 pm
- Sunday August 28 – Music Royal Concert in the church - Curly Music - Benjamin Macke accordion, Birgit Bornauw bagpipes, baroque musette – 4:00 pm
- Saturday September 3 – Eat-in/Take-out Supper: 4:45 pm

5: Choir: The Richmond Co. Men's Choir is actively singing again. The men sing in a different parish in Richmond Co. one Sunday/Saturday of each month (excluding July & August). If you love to sing, come join us! We practice in Louisdale Church every second week from 7:15 PM till 8:15 PM. Our next practice will be on May 11th. Choir will be in Glendale on May 29th at 10:00 AM Mass

6: Priests' retreat will be held from Monday, May 23 until Friday, May 27th via Zoom