

Sacred Heart Parish
Bulletin

Mass: 9:30 am – Sunday
Fr. John Yake, I. V. Dei
(902) 535-2053

May 12, 2024

Solemnity of the Ascension or the Seventh Sunday of Easter

At the end of His earthly life Jesus ascends triumphantly into heaven. The Church acclaims Him in His holy humanity, invited to sit on the Father's right hand and to share His glory. But Christ's Ascension is the pledge of our own. Filled with an immense hope, the Church looks up towards her leader, who precedes her into the heavenly home and takes her with Him in His own person: "for the Son of God, after incorporating in Himself those whom the devil's jealousy had banished from the earthly paradise, ascends again to His Father and takes them with Him" (St. Leo).

The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say : Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.

It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

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

Collection

April 28/2024

Envelopes	**$160.00**
Loose	**$30.00**
	$190.00

May 5, 2024

Envelopes	**$155.00**
Initial Offering	**$6.00**
Diocesan Society	**$40.00**
Loose	**$25.00**
Cemetery Fund Donation	**$200.00**
	$426.00

Notices:

1: Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market: We are pleased to announce the third season of the Johnstown Landing Outdoor Farmer's Market. This year the Market will operate 10:30 am to 1 pm every **SUNDAY** from June 30 to September 8. Interested vendors should contact johnstownlanding@gmail.com or Rita Campbell 902-631-0209. **Note:** vendors do not need to commit to attending every week. Johnstown Landing is located across from the Johnstown Parish Hall.

2: Richmond County Mens Choir will be joining us for Mass on May 19th, at 9:30.

3: National Family and Life Week May 13-19
The theme, "Love hopes all things," is drawn from the words of St. Paul: "[Love] endures all things, trusts all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7).
Prayer intentions, activities, and more are available from the CCCB website.
In English: National Family and Life Week - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (cccb.ca)
In French: Semaine nationale pour la famille et la vie - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (cecc.ca)

4: A Plea for Help for the Shrine
The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine is a place of prayer and devotion, of piety and faith, a Catholic Shrine which welcomes visitors of all faiths and interests.
Become a "Friend of the Shrine", enroll a friend as a gift or "In Memory" of a loved one.
Our goal is $50,000.
"We need your help"
PO Box 10
Mabou, NS
B0E 1X0

5: Sydney Tuesday, May 21, 2024 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.

6: John 3:16 Live Presentation
God so love the World.

You are invited to experience the retelling of Eastertide (from Holy Thursday to Pentecost) in a new and personal way.
Using the Artwork of da Vinci, Caravaggio and others, Music from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, and Narration written by Dr. Glenn Byer, you will experience the journey of the Easter Season
The coordinated performance will feature select projected artworks of Da Vinci and Caravaggio and others, a Choir and soloist, Brass Quartet, and organ.

Presentation Dates for 3:16 are:
*Thursday May 16th - 7:00 pm -Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount
*Sunday May 19th -2:00 pm -Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney
All are welcomed to attend.

7: Tentative List of events taking place at the Johnstown Parish Hall

Sunday July 7 - Strawberry Festival - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Sunday July 7 - Guadalupe Mass - 2:00 pm
Sunday August 11 - Cemetery Mass - 9:30 am
Sunday August 11 - Pancake Breakfast - 10:15 am
Friday August 23 - Milling Frolic 7:00 pm - 12:00 am