

August 28, 2022: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But when you are invited, go, and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
Luke 14:10

If we go to the cinema or theatre, we are often asked if we want VIP or premier seats and if we do want to sit in the most comfortable seats, it will cost us extra. Wealthy people, those who consider themselves to be celebrities and famous never sit at the back. They always sit where they will be seen, heard, and noticed.

In our gospel this Sunday, Jesus very clearly warns us about this attitude of self - importance. Being a follower of Jesus is not about power, prestige or demanding the best seats in the house (or the church). In God eyes, we are all invited to the table of the Lord as equals. None of us can really demand the best seat, as if such a thing exists or to expect special treatment; we all come before God just as we are. When we gather around the table of the Lord, it is not only as invited guests, but as the family of God, as brothers and sisters of Jesus and as each other's brother and sister. Being a follower of Jesus is about humility. This is not to be confused with weakness or meekness. Humility speaks of an inner quality of recognizing and appreciating who we are, the place of God in our lives and our relationship to other people.

Jesus uses the symbol of the meal to teach something about the true 'place of honour' at his 'wedding banquet.' This place of honour is not reserved for the select few. We are all invited to sit at the table with Jesus as his honoured guests. We are also called to live and act as Jesus. He is our host who gently calls us to deepen our friendship with him and each other. Every time we accept his most generous invitation, he seats us at his 'place of honour.' How blessed and honoured we are! To be a follower of Jesus is to try our best to live like him. He came to serve not to be served. To be a disciple of Jesus is to put others first and serve them.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are not only fed and nourished ourselves, we are also called to share the richness of God's life by reaching out to others, especially those in need. We sit at the table with Jesus so we can be generous and gracious to others. This week, whose needs can I put before my own? Who can I serve this week?

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

Bible Study:

Cancelled for summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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August 20th - August 21st, 2022

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| Regular Sunday | \$1580.00 |
| Building Fund | 35 .00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tue. 7 pm | Late Camille Bruce |
| Wed. 7 pm | Intentions of Donor |
| Thu. 7 pm | Late Bernadette & Anthony George |
| Fri. 2:00 pm (Lohnes Complex) | Late William & Veronica Joyce |
| Sat. 4:30 pm | Late Mary Gallant |
| Sun. 11 am | Parish Community |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| September 3 | |
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| Joan Penney | Barbara Neville Joe Byrne |
| September 4 | |
| Mike Leonard | Calvin Gillis Brian Sparkes |
| Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore | |

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of the late Norman Poole. May he rest in peace.

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election. Mike Leonard, Victoria Murphy, and Brian Sparkes are the three people that finish their term this September. Thank you very much to all who served on the parish council.

CHURCH ROOF: The parish finance committee has met and has decided to replace the roof at Sacred Heart Church with a metal roof. The work will begin in early September. It will take at least one week. Further details will be announced soon.

ROOF CAMPAIGN: In deciding to proceed with the steel roof, the parish finance committee also decided that we need to encourage a special fundraising effort to cover its cost. We know times are tough, and there is not much room for extra giving, however this is a project for the long-term sustainability of your parish church. We need you to make a special effort and dig deep to help us replenish our parish account after paying for our new roof. It is hoped that this campaign will raise most of the estimated cost of \$75000.

PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: The Church August 29th celebrates the passion of St. John the Baptist. John was the cousin of Jesus, the son of St. Elizabeth, and the nephew of our Lady. John spoke out against King Herod and was beheaded because of it. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage, that he wasn't fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day. This was the reasoning that led to his death, but he continued. We can learn a lot from his life. We too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out against of the immorality of our day. And with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around us.

WELCOME: Sacred Heart Parish warmly welcomes anyone who may be visiting our Parish this weekend. Whether you are visiting us just by chance or returning home, you're always a part of our family.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: Pope Francis has established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2022, Pope Francis calls us to use the season to "cultivate our ecological conversion" and to pray together in "the great cathedral of Creation". He warns that we are reaching "a breaking point" and must act decisively so that "we and future generations can continue to rejoice in creation's sweet song of life and hope."

POPE GREGORY: Pope Gregory I commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great, was Pope from September 590 to his death in 1604. He is known for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the Gregorian Mission, to convert the then largely pagan Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as pope. The epithet Saint Gregory the Dialogist has been attached to him in Eastern Christianity because of his Dialogues. English translations of Eastern texts sometimes list him as Gregory "Dialogos", or the Anglo-Latinate equivalent "Dialogus".

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For the small businesses - We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving communities.



HUMOUR: The World Health Organization announced that the dogs cannot contract Covid 19; Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, **WHO** let the dogs out.