

October 1, 2023: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I am going, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

- Matthew 21:28-32

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities, the chief priests, and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

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.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

Post-poned until further notice.

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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

September 23rd – September 24th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,848
Loose Offering	91.10
Building Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	27.00
Mass Stipends	170.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	256.00
St. Vincent de Paul	70.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Edward Callahan
Wed. 7 pm	Late Joan Rex Jones
Thur. 7 pm	Late Gould & Rex Families
Fri. 10 am	Late Daphne Brake
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Leo English
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 7	
Jerome Dicks	Art Hall
October 8	
Amelia Dicks	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin	

HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER:

For the Church - that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, October 2nd** - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a parish council meeting on **Tuesday, October 10th** following the 7pm mass.

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and welcome new members. Baked good are always welcome.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

INSTALLATION OF FR. LEE LAINEY: A special mass to mark the official installation of Fr. Lainey will take place on **October 12th at 7pm.** Bishop Bart will be presiding the mass. Reception follows, and all are welcome to attend.

OCTOBER DANCE: Sacred Heart Parish will be hosting a dance on **Saturday, October 21st at 8pm** at the Canadian Legion. Tickets are \$10:00. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Marie Pennell at 388-5090.

FAMILY CATECHETICS 2023-2024: New Registration Forms are available at the back of the Church for the Family Catechetics program, which also prepares students for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For questions and inquiries please call Julia Hackett Myles at 709-639-2265.

THE FOOD BANK NETWORK THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE:

We will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Day Food Drive this year. Please donate non-perishable food items to your child’s upcoming school food drive, at your church, at any local community fundraiser, or in the food collection bin located in the major grocery stores. Thank you for your continued support.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: I was sick, and you visited me. (Matt. 25:36). The need for a team of people to visit hospital, bringing comfort and consolation to the patients, is greater than ever before. Palliative care is looking for volunteers to be present to those in need. We are, therefore, inviting you to consider this special ministry. You’d need to meet with us, have the protocol completed, be updated on making the best of visitation and be aware of ongoing support. A gathering for this purpose will take place on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 10am.** at **Holy Redeemer Cathedral lower level** to coordinate our team effort. If you would like to be part of this ministry, kindly come to this gathering, or contact Father Ed Terry, R.C. Hospital Chaplain at ed.terry49@hotmail.com. You may also call 709-649-7420. Many thanks for considering this special calling to serve our church community.

E-TRANSFER: You always have the option to make donations and mass requests via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is **sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com.** Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section.

FOR THE YOUTH: **October 1st** is the feast day of St. Theresa de Lisieux, who is also known as the “Little Flower”. St Theresa knew that due to her young age and very poor health (she died at the age of 24), she would not be able to do really great things for God. So, she decided to spend her life scattering flowers. St Therese loved Roses. She had thrown rose petals as a child before the Blessed Sacrament. As she reflected on her quiet, hidden, and gentle life ending, she believed that her mission was only beginning as she entered the fullness of life with God.

What are St. Therese’s little flowers? They are little sacrifices that nobody would really notice, except God, who notices everything we do. So, when we smile at someone, we really don’t like much or help out someone in our family when we’d rather be chatting online with our friends, we are scattering flowers as St. Therese did. We can pray to St Therese for her help in living out this simple and beautiful approach to spirituality. By the way, did you know that St. Therese is one of our Diocese’s patron saints?

HUMOUR:

A hunter goes on safari with his wife and his mother-in-law. One morning, the wife wakes up to find her mother gone. In a worried state, she awakens her husband and they both set off to find the old woman. Suddenly, they break into a clearing and there’s the mother-in-law, standing face-to-face with a ferocious lion! “Quick, darling,” the wife shouts frantically, “Do something!” “Oh, no,” the husband says, “That lion got himself into this mess. Let him get himself out!”