

**September 17, 2023: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**“Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.”**

**- Matthew 18:21-35**

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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*If I seek my maker, I find God alone. If I seek the material from which he made me, I find absolutely nothing. From this you can conclude that whatever is in me was made by God, and wholly belongs to God. If I ask about my nature, I find that I am the image of God. If I ask about my end, I find God himself, who is my supreme and total good. Therefore, I will recognize that I have a great bond with, and need for, God, as he alone is my creator, my maker, my father, my exemplar, my happiness, my all. If I understand this, what can happen except that I seek him ardently, that I think of him, that I yearn for him, desire to see and embrace Him? Should I not be horrified at the dense darkness of my heart, which for so long has considered, desired, and sought things other than God, who alone is my all?” ~Saint Robert Bellarmine, The Mind's Ascent to God by the Ladder of Created Things*

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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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> – September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$1,886.00
Loose Offering	39.95
Building Fund	80.00
St. Vincent de Paul	140.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Late Jackie Griffin and Late Brian Griffin
Wed. 7 pm	No Mass Intention
Thur. 7 pm	No Mass Intention
Fri. 10 am	No Mass Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	No Mass Intention
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>September 23</b>	
Linda Tarbett	Barbara Neville
<b>September 24</b>	
Wayne Dicks	Margaret Dalley
<b>Communion to the sick – John Carroll</b>	

**HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS FOR**

**SEPTEMBER:** For people living on the margins- We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**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.

**INSTALLATION OF FR. LEE LAINEY:** A special mass to mark the official installation of Fr. Lainey will take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> at the Canadian Legion. Tickets are \$10:00. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Marie Pennell at 388-5090.

**CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS:** Please be advised that starting this Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> the office hours of the parish will be from 1030 am until 130 pm daily, Monday to Friday.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** St. Vincent de Paul will be resuming monthly Poor Box collections this coming weekend, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**. Your donation helps to fund the Society's charitable works in our community. We thank you for your continued support.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting at All Hallows Parish, Humber Road, Corner Brook on **Tuesday, September 19th at 7:45 P.M.** Could Sir Knights please try to attend.

**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.

**THE SEARCH:** What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death?” Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in-between? The questions are there, and the answers are too. *THE SEARCH* is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. The SEARCH is from the Augustine Institute that serves the formation of Catholics intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally to renew the Church and transform the world for Christ. Please register! *This program will be advertised outside of our parish communities. We need committed volunteers from the parish to come and help by participating in small group discussions, welcoming people into our Church, and to journey with people. Please use the contact information below to volunteer:*

When: **Monday evenings 7 – 8:15 pm, September 11th – October 30th** (Thanksgiving Monday excluded)

Where: Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception  
Registration: thesearchcb@gmailcom or by calling 631-4543

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY-Family Support Group:** is held the **Last Wednesday** of each month at **3:00 pm** at the **Corner Brook LTC.**

**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.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION:** Have you recently given birth or are expecting to deliver a child soon? Would you like to have your child baptized? Bishop Bart will be hosting a baptismal preparation session on **Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral. Please come and find support from other parents who are embarking on the same journey. The session is for both parents and Godparents. We ask that you entrust your child to the care of a loved one. Call 709 634-5161 to register.

**HUMOUR:**

What kind of tree does a math teacher climb?

**Geometry**

What did the pen say to the pencil?

**What’s your point?**

What did the buffalo say when he left his child at the bus stop?

**Bison**

Why did the M&M go to school?

**Because he really wanted to be a smartie!**

What’s the king of all school supplies?

**The ruler.**

Luke comes home from his first day of school, and his mother asks, “What did you learn today?” “Not enough,” Luke replies. “They said I have to go back tomorrow.”