

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In today’s Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus’ time, and it wasn’t shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: “follow *me*.” Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark’s pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples’ astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

October 13th, 2024
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.

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

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm

***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:

To be determined at a later date.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed 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 709-638-9010.

on October 5 & 6

Regular Sunday	1891.00
Loose Offering	217.15
Building Fund	190.00
Parish Dues	100.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	10.00
Living with Christ	40.00
Walk-a-thon	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS Oct. 15-20

Oct. 15	Special Intentions
Oct. 16	The Late Edward King
Oct. 17	The Late Augustine Barry & Isabel Barry The Late Jack Neville
Oct. 19	Special Intentions
Oct. 20	The Late Bernice E. Tomasko & The Late Jim Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 19	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Joan Penney	Barbara Neville
October 20	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Marie Pennell	Donna Mitchell
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

OFFICE CLOSED:

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 14th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP MEETING:

The next meeting is **October 15th, 2024 at 6:30pm**. See you all there.

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting is on **October 22nd**, at **6:30pm** in the meeting room at the church. Hope to see everyone there.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: for Denise Bourgeois from Allens Road will be **held on Oct. 13th 2-4pm** at Fillatre's funeral home. All are welcome.

THANK YOU:

The family of the Late Sean Hancock would like to thank everyone who attended his celebration of life, it was much appreciated.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Will be sponsoring a special praying of the Rosary during the month of October at our Cathedral church on Wednesday evenings 7pm. Everyone is invited to these gatherings. They provide an excellent opportunity for faith development and community celebration. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

PARISH MISSION:

A mission in this Year of Prayer will be conducted by Bishop Bart **at 7pm** each evening from **October 15-17** at All Hallows Parish, Humber Road. All are welcome.

IN MEMORY DONATIONS:

For: Sean Hancock:
from Calvin & Isabel Gillis

For: Alvina (Tiny) George:
Bev Quinlan,
Esther Kean (sister-in-law) and family.

BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624: will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on Tuesday October 15th at 7:45 P.M. could Sir Knights please try to attend.

CHALICE SPONSORSHIP APPEAL:

Chalice works in impoverished communities to help families overcome the cycle of poverty. Education is the first step because too often, children must skip class or drop out of school to carry water, care for siblings, or earn money for their families.

Sponsorship gives children the support needed for school and provides the family nutritious food and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, Education gives every child the opportunity to shine. We are appealing to you for sponsorship of two children. Details on these children are available in the parish office. If you are interested kindly speak with Father Lainey to sponsor a child today or contact the parish office.

www.chalice.ca

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

Why World Mission Sunday Matters

World Mission Sunday, observed on October 20th this year, is not just another Sunday; it is a powerful reminder of our call to be missionaries. The collection taken up on this day is unique as it is mandated by the Code of Canon Law and is essential for the survival and growth of the Church in mission territories.

These funds support the pastoral and evangelizing work of the Church, including building churches, providing healthcare and education, and training to future priests and religious. In places where resources are scarce, your generosity makes a profound difference. As we reflect on the theme “Go and invite everyone to the banquet,” let us remember that our participation and support help invite countless souls to the feast of God’s love.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:

Available to all students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2024 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. **Application deadline:** October 31, 2024. Information and applications under scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcni.org.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY MEETING:

Wednesday, October 16, 2pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. Please make every effort to attend as the upcoming Christmas Food Hamper program will be discussed, among other items. And as always, if you're interested in becoming a member, we welcome you with open arms.

Reflection: *Entering the kingdom of love*

Jesus saw that the rich young man had great potential, so he invited him to enter the world of sharing. But he wasn't up to it – riches got in the way. As he went away a sadness descended on him, the sadness that descends on us when we choose to live for ourselves. Even though Jesus was sad to see him go, nevertheless, he let him go. There's no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. If you take things from people, they are impoverished; but if you can get them to give them up, they are enriched. People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be awakened and called forth, if they are to enter the kingdom of love.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.323-324