

Background on the Gospel Reading:

The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark’s Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God’s original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus’ disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus’ teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today’s Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus’ emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today’s Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus’ disciples show that they just don’t get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these “little ones” in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today’s Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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October 6th, 2024
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10a.m. **(NO MASS: Oct. 8-11)**

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

Lohnes Complex*

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.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS
on September 28 & 29**

Regular Sunday	1788.50
Loose Offering	109.55
Building Fund	75.00
Votive Candles	18.75
Mass Stipends	170.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	35.00
Walk-a-thon	160.00
Word Among Us	6.00

MASS INTENTIONS Oct. 8 – 13

Oct. 8-11	<i>NO Mass on these days</i>
Oct. 12	The Late Leo & Ellen & Sadie Parsons & Edward Buckle
Oct. 13	The Late Marie Pennell

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 12	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Art Hall	Marie Pennell
October 13	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Wayne Dicks	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the sick – John Carroll	

MASS CANCELLED – October 8 – 11, 2024:

Remember Father Lainey will be away from October 8 – 11 and there is no mass. Mass will resume on Saturday October 12th, 2024. Thank you. There is no **Symbolon** meeting during this week.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Weekday masses (Tuesday-Friday) will be held in the meeting room at the church to help with oil costs.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP MEETING:

The next meeting is October 15th, 2024. 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.

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.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

Furniture Donations: From September 1 - 30, we made 28 furniture deliveries and picked up 52 furniture donations. 24 mattresses, 8 dressers, 6 loveseats and 5 kitchen tables were distributed, among many other items. Of the 28 deliveries, three quarters (21 of 28) were to households of New Canadians from the Philippines, India, Ghana and Ukraine. Total volunteer hours for the month amounted to 125 hrs. Much appreciation to our SSVF members and non members for their time and effort. As evidenced by the number of furniture donations, we are blessed with caring individuals and families who generously continue to support SSVF in its mission. THANK YOU!

Mary's Kitchen saw 122 people served during the month. 94 volunteer hours were provided. Gratitude and appreciation go out to the CWL Cathedral for their help in September. And to all of you who continue to provide financial support, especially to our Poor Box Collection, thanks and God Bless.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

October is Mission Month

As we begin the month of October, we enter a special period of reflection and action for our Church's missionary efforts worldwide. World Mission Sunday, which will be celebrated on October 20th, is a vital time for all Catholics to support the spread of the Gospel in mission territories. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," emphasizing our call to bring God's love and message to all corners of the world.

The contributions collected on World Mission Sunday are crucial for sustaining the Church's mission in over 1,150 territories where the Church is still young or struggling. Historically, the Church in the United States was once a beneficiary of these missionary efforts, and now we have the opportunity to give back and support our brothers and sisters around the globe. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to engage fully in this mission throughout the month.

SACRED HEART BINGO:

Our first bingo of the season was this past Sunday, September 29th, 2024. Thank you to a few of the ladies from the Sacred Heart Ladies Group and a few of the men who pitched in when there was no one else. We managed to bring in \$700. Thank you to everyone for their contributions and donations to this event and we look forward to seeing you next time.

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

WALK-A-THON: Our walk-a-thon was held on September 21 this year and the weather was beautiful for it. For the first ever walk-a-thon with Father Lainey it was a great success. From all the people who showed up to walk, to the people who made lunch for all of us, it was excellent. For those who sponsored and did not or could not walk, not to worry Father Lainey walked on your behalf. From all our efforts we managed to bring in \$4027.00. This speaks so greatly of our parishioners and your family and friends who donated to this event. Thank you from the parish and we hope to see you again next year.

Reflection:

Youth and Age

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years; worry, doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair, these are the long, long years that bow the head and turn the growing spirit back to dust.

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

So long as your heart receives messages of beauty, cheer, courage, grandeur and power from the earth, from man, from the infinite, so long are you young.

When the heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then I am grown old indeed, and may you, Lord, have mercy on my soul.

*General Douglas MacArthur
Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.317*