

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark’s Gospel that reports Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today’s Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus’ glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today’s Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus’ example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

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**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.kofcnl.org](http://www.kofcnl.org).

**SYMBOLON MEETING:**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Mission Sunday  
  
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.

**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](http://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 October 12 & 13	
Regular Sunday	1415.00
Loose Offering	126.00
Building Fund	45.00
In Memorium	310.00
Mass Stipends	140.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	15.00
Living with Christ	18.00
World Mission Sunday	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS Oct. 22-27	
Oct. 25	The Late George Hynes
Oct. 26	The Late Annie & Thomas Griffin (Sr.) & George Hynes The Late Jim Wells
Oct. 27	<b>MASS for the intentions of the People</b>

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
October 26	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	Joe Bryne
October 27	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Dan Park	Margaret Dalley
<b>Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore</b>	

**ALL HALLOWS OKTOBERFEST BINGO:**

A Merchandise Bingo will be held on **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** at All Hallows Church, lower level, **at 2:00**. Come along and bring a friend!

**SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

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

**SACRED HEART BINGO:**

Our next bingo is on **October 27, 2024**. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo will start at 2pm. Names beginning **A to E** can donate cash or merchandise towards the bingo. Hope to see you all there.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:**

**Our Missionary Legacy**

As we approach World Mission Sunday on October 20th, it's important to remember the legacy of missionary work. The Church in the United States was once mission territory, supported by the generosity of Catholics worldwide. Today, we continue this legacy by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies, ensuring that the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth.

Our contributions help build and sustain communities of faith in places where the Church is still growing or facing persecution. This mission is a testament to our faith inaction, reflecting the universal call to share Christ's love. As we reflect on this year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," let us recommit to supporting our global Church family.

**POOR BOX COLLECTION:**

SSVP will be collecting donations during the weekend masses of October 26-27. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

**MARY’S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS:**

Sacred Heart Parish will be helping out at Mary’s Kitchen every Friday in the Month of November. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church or contact Marie Pennell. Thank you for supporting this effort.

**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***

**IN MEMORY DONATIONS:**

For: Alvina (Tiny) George:  
 John & Sharon George,  
 Sheila George & Dianne Rowe  
 Ray & Von Hickey  
 Tom & Eileen Moore  
 Robert & Joan Hynes  
 Maureen George  
 Baden & Chris Cuning  
 Calvin & Isabel Gillis  
 Elizabeth Clarke

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET DONATIONS:**

This year Father Lainey has announced that our parish fundraiser for Christmas will be a **Giant Gift Basket**. We will be selling tickets at various store locations and **are asking for Volunteers** for Nov/Dec. We have already received some gift cards, wine and a tablet as donations, **we are asking for other donations** from our parishioners. Please contact Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094, Lisa Myles at 709-632-9148 or the parish office for further information regarding volunteering and donation ideas.

***Reflection:***

***The request that Jesus refused to grant***  
 James and John were two opportunists. Their one aim was to rise in the ranks. To achieve their end they did not hesitate to beg. They did not mind how much envy and resentment they aroused in their companions. Their aim was to scramble up the career ladder. But at what price to themselves? If in the course of their rise to the top, people lose themselves, their own souls, whatever they do or achieve will be worthless. Power hardens the human heart. A hard-hearted person is incapable of love. It is by giving that we receive, and it is by serving that we grow in love.