

August 4th, 2024: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

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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.

Lohnes Complex*

First Friday of each month - 2 pm

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

Bible Study:

To resume in September.

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 July 27 & 28**

Regular Sunday	1547.00
Loose Offering	165.95
Building Fund	65.00
Votive Candles	36.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Baptism Fees	50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00
St. Anne's Oil	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS Aug. 6 - 11

Aug. 7	The Late Rita Josephine McGrath
Aug. 10	The Late Annie & Thomas Griffin (Sr.) The Late Rita Josephine McGrath
Aug. 11	The Late Nellie & Joe Hayes (Sr.) & Jim Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 10	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Linda Tarbett	John Carroll
August 11	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Marie Pennell	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – John Carroll	

LOHNES COMPLEX MASS:

Mass at the Lohnes Complex will resume on the 1st Friday of each month starting on Friday September 6th.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION:

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

WALK-A-THON: September 21st, 2024

Keep those Shoes handy for our next Fundraiser for our Walkathon.
Starting from: Sacred Heart Church
To: The Rockwall

Back to the Church for Hot Chocolate. Nothing is finalized yet, however we do have sponsor sheets at the back of the church. Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – WESTERN ZONE HEALTH SERVICES:

Looking for meaningful ways to spend your spare time and feel a sense of purpose? The Western Zone of Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (Western Health) is looking for volunteers to help out at our gift shops at our long-term care sites in Corner Brook and at the Information Desk at the new hospital.

If you are interested call 709 784 5369 or email volunteerresources@westernheath.nl.ca to find out more. You too will benefit as you will meet new people and experience personal satisfaction.

Joke of the Day

Jesus and Moses are golfing.
Jesus says, "Watch this drive. It'll be just like Tiger Woods." He hits the ball and it lands in the lake.
Moses says, "I'll get it." He goes down to the lake, parts the water and retrieves the ball.

"Okay," Jesus says, "This time, it WILL be just like Tiger Woods." He hits the ball and again, it lands in the lake. Moses goes down, parts the lake and retrieves the ball.

"Third time is a charm," Jesus says. "Watch, just like Tiger Woods." And for the third time he hits the ball into the lake.
Moses says, "This time, you can get it yourself!"

As Jesus is down walking on the water looking for the ball, a crowd has formed. One guy says, "Who does he think he is, Jesus Christ?"
"No," Moses says. "He thinks he's Tiger Woods."

THE LEGEND OF MARY:

A prayer vigil in honor of The Feast of Our Lady's Assumption will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Chapel, on August 15th 7:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m.
A Candlelight procession with Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:00 p.m.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH CHASE THE ACE:

Each Wednesday - Ticket sales start 6:00pm until 7:45pm with a draw time of 8:00pm.
WHERE: Immaculate Heart of Mary School Gym, 112 Humber Rd, CB
TICKETS \$2.00 each
7 Cards remaining
The ACE OF SPADES was not drawn so the progressive jackpot starts at \$29,486
Ticket holder must be present at the time of draw!

Reflection: A day at a time

God provided a mysterious food called *manna* for the Israelites during their time in the desert. However, they were told not to stockpile the manna, but to gather only what they needed for one day. Jesus told his disciples not to worry about tomorrow. He said, When you pray to your heavenly Father, you are to say, "Give us this day our daily bread."

No matter how difficult life may be, for those who trust in God and who live a day at a time, the manna falls every day.

Flor McCarthy, *New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B*, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.264