

August 30th – 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Jesus] turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does but as human beings do . . .

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Matthew 16: 21-27

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Theologian and storyteller Megan McKenna recounts the tale of a blacksmith who was revered in his village for his hard work, skill and generosity. The day came for him to die, and so God sent his angel to accompany the man's soul to the place prepared for him in heaven. But the man said to the angel, "Please, let me stay for a little while longer. It was time for the year's planting, and my neighbors need me." The angel agreed.

A few months later, the angel returned to bring the humble blacksmith to God's dwelling place. The blacksmith said, "I don't mean to be ungrateful, but could I stay a little longer? A neighbor of mine is seriously ill, and it's time for the harvest. A number of us are trying to save his crop so his family won't be destitute." Again the angel agreed to ask God for more time.

And so it went: the angel would come to bring the blacksmith to God, but the blacksmith would ask for more time, that he was still needed in his village. And the angel would agree.

After many years, the blacksmith grew old and weary. It was time, he realized, and so he prayed: "God, if you'd like to send your angel again, I'd be glad to come home now."

God's angel appeared to the blacksmith. "If you still want to take me home, I'm ready to go to God's kingdom."

But the angel laughed and, with delight and surprise, said to him, "Where do you think you've been all these years?"

The blacksmith was already home.

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus challenges our often-illusory, distorted relationships with such things as money, food, technology and fashion at the expense of the important relationships we have with family and friends — and God. The blacksmith has discovered the true blessings of life that enable him to find "God's home" in his present life. Jesus challenges his disciples to *detach* from the ephemeral and shallow in order to *attach* to the lasting, fulfilling things of God. In embracing the spirit of God's compassion and mercy, we can transform our time and place into the time and place of God.

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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 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and **Wed 7 pm this week**
& Fri at 10 a.m.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

Note a change in time for Wednesday's mass.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

August 23rd, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1284.20
Building Fund	5.00
Votive Candles	42.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Late Rita Hall
Wed, 7 pm	Late Daniel & John O'Brien
Thur, 7 pm	Late Father Don Leonard
Fri, 10 am	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Verna Hynes
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

Note change in mass time on Wednesday

TIME FOR CREATION: The five-week period



between September 1 and October 4 is known as Time for Creation. September 1, the beginning of the Orthodox Church Year, is the date when, since 1989, the Orthodox Church commemorates God's Creation by observing a Day of

Prayer for the Environment. In August 2015, Pope Francis announced the establishment of a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be observed annually on September 1. October 4 was chosen to mark the end of the Time for Creation as it is the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology. We are encouraged during this time, especially to pray, to organize practical initiatives to combat the environmental crisis facing our planet and to reflect on ways to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the environment.

COVID-19: MASK WEARING: New guidelines received from our Public Health Office require non-medical masks to be worn in all public indoor places, including houses of worship beginning Monday, **August 24th**.

This Public Health Order is **waived** for:

- Children under the age of 5
- People with physical or mental health conditions.
- During "services provided" (i.e. receiving Holy Communion).
- Showing Identification.
- When deemed unsuitable under Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.
- In seated areas, provided physical distancing of 2 meters is being practiced.

Parishioners will be expected to comply with this order. You must wear a non-medical mask over "mouth and nose" while entering and moving around the church; you can remove their mask upon seating as long as the 2-meter physical distancing rule is practiced. You must wear a mask going up for communion but remove it at the time of communion. Thank you

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: We are required to keep a contact list of all persons attending all services and masses. Please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm to have your name registered. You will be asked to provide your telephone number and to answer some simple screening questions.

HUMOR: One man says to another " I quit my job at the helium factor the other day." His friend answers, "Why what happened?" The man responses, "Nothing happened but I refuse to be talked to in that tone of voice."

VIGIL LIGHTS (votive candles): Due to the pandemic we cannot have different people lighting different candles. For that reason The candle will be lit by one of the parish representatives who is an usher or register for that day. Please remember at all times to maintain physical distancing. Offerings for the candles must be place in an envelope and deposited in the offertory basket.

E-TRANSFER: Email for e-transfers only is **sacredheartcrparish@gmail.com**. Please use "Church" as the password. Include your envelope # in the comments, if you don't have one, please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you.

NOTE FROM BISHOP BART - Second

Collections: I would like to remind you that several of the Second Collections scheduled for the Spring have been moved to the Fall. Please remember that if you have already submitted your envelope in the Spring, you are not expected to do so again.

- September 13th Collection for the Holy Land (moved from Good Friday, now in Commemoration of the Holy Cross).
- September 27th Collection for the Church in Canada.
- October 4th Collection for the Pope's Pastoral works (Moved from May to the Memorial of St. Francis).
- October 18th Collection for World Missions.
- November 8th Collection for Development and Peace (Moved from the 5th Sunday of Lent).
- November 22nd Shepherd's Fund Appeal.

THE PONTIFICAL COLLECTION: In support of the Holy Land, usually collected on Good Friday, was cancelled when churches were closed due to the pandemic. Pope Francis has requested that it be taken up on Sunday the 13th of September – a date close to that of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast celebrates Christ's saving work and also reminds us of faithful Christian pilgrims, like St. Helen when she found the relics of the Holy Cross in the 4th century, who have committed themselves to preserving the holy sites as places of worship that sustain our Christian culture and history of salvation. The annual Holy Land Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at holy sites, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for the local population. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to be in solidarity with the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, and entrusted with this care, I sincerely thank you in advance for your support. Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of Holy Land in Canada

