

January 17, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?”

John 1: 35-42

RVs4MDs

Dr. Mark Quale is an emergency room physician in Burlington, North Carolina. Like many health care workers during the pandemic, Dr. Quale has been putting in 70- and 80-hour weeks at his hospital — but just as stressful has been the fear that he might bring the virus home to his wife, young boys and mother-in-law. So, when he would come home, he would strip off his scrubs on the porch and walk a specific route to a bathroom cordoned off by a tarp where he would shower.

But now, Dr. Quale isolates himself in a 31-foot-travel trailer parked in their yard. The loan of the trailer is the work of RVs4MDs, a Facebook group organized to connect health care workers with RVs so they can isolate near their homes. From a critical care nurse in Boston to an ER doctor in Lynchburg, Virginia, RVs4MDs has matched health care workers with RVs, trailers and campers in their area. To date, the group has matched 1,500 RVs with nurses, doctors, EMTs and paramedics around the country.

RVs4MDs began in April when Emily Phillips posted a request on her Facebook page asking if anybody had an RV her family could borrow for Emily’s husband, an ER doctor in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Holly Haggard replied offering her family’s RV to the Phillips. Emily and Holly realized they were on to something and the two women created RVs4MDs. Within a week of posting their idea on Facebook, hundreds of RV owners signed on.

Before the arrival of Holly’s RV, Emily says, “I was a nervous wreck. Every time my husband walked in the door or put his hand on something, I thought we were going to get (COVID-19), including my baby. But now that he’s in that RV, I’m back to my life, focused on my full-time job and my kids, and it’s completely changed our situation.”

Dr. Quale and his family in North Carolina were matched with an RV from Kelsey and Tim Webb. The two families had never met, but Tim Webb drove his trailer for almost three hours to the Quales’ home. The Webbs gave the keys to the Quales, telling them they could use the trailer as long as they needed it.

Renting their RV is a source of income for the Webbs, but Kelsey Webb says donating it to the Quales was a “no-brainer.”

“This family was in need and this was the one way we could help.” Kelsey says. “You can’t put a price tag on this . . . It just makes my heart happy that we’re able to do this for them and give them peace of mind.”

In today’s Gospel, the first disciples meet Jesus and ask where he is staying — “Come, and you will see.” Jesus dwells in every place where all are welcome and cared for; Jesus makes his home where everyone is assured a place; Jesus stays wherever compassion and forgiveness are readily offered. Jesus’ “place” includes RVs and campers offered to provide a level of security and safety to medical personnel and their families during these difficult days. May our homes become fitting dwelling places for Christ to “stay,” where all are received with humble generosity and honor as we would welcome Christ himself.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

Reconciliation:

By request

Mass During the Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm
Friday at 10 am.

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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 10, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1436.00
Building Fund	40.00
Christmas	10.00
Advent	40.00
Envelopes Cost Contributions	211.00
Christmas	10.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Certificates	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 10am	Late Brian Canning
Tue. 7pm	Late Jack Hearn
Wed. 7pm	Deceased Members of the Quigley Family
Thu. 7pm	Late Father Bernard Buckle
Fri. 10am	Special Intention
Sat. 4:30	Late Captain Robert Evans
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

BIBLE STUDY: Continues this Sunday at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from: Eileen Buckle, Karen Buckle, Christine Jewer, Maxine Staples, Gerard Deveraux, and Edward and Theresa Dobbin.

FACE MASKS: These masks should be worn at all times. They may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing from others.

SUNDAY MISSALS: Are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Are now available in the church. \$5 each.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: JANUARY 18-25: This special time of prayer for unity is celebrated around the world. It encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The Bay of Islands Ministerial Association has decided that there will be no common service this year. Covid-19 regulations make it difficult to gather in prayer and impossible to have a social after. Each community is asked to pray for our common Christian identity while practicing in our individual church communities. Kindly continue to celebrate our theme for this year: *“Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit” Jn 15:5-9.*

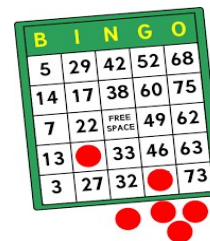


SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2021: We thank you for your generosity in past years. Envelopes for 2021 are available in the church at this time. Please ensure you pick up your box of envelopes and boxes of envelopes for other family members. Remaining boxes will be taken back to the parish office. If you are looking for them, and cannot be found in the church, please call or drop by the parish office.

RECEIPTS FOR 2020: Your receipts for contributions made in 2020 are now available at the parish office. **Parish office is open 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday.** Please examine your receipt and if there is discrepancy please check with the parish office. And we apologize for any errors.

LADIES FUNDRAISING:

Congratulations to our winners in the December draw. Peggy Young and Mona Specker each won \$56.00, while Linda Tarbett and Barbara O’Blenis each won a turkey complete with all vegies for a boiled dinner. The names of people who donated for the draw are posted on the inside door of the church. Our draw for January will return to 10% of the money received for the month. Deadline for donations will be Sunday, Jan 23. Draw will be made on Sunday, Jan 30. Those whose last names begin with A through E will be asked for a donation, but all are invited to take part. On behalf of Sacred Heart Ladies Group, I would like to thank you for your past support and wish you all a happy, healthy new year.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Bishop O’Reilly assembly 0624. There will be meeting at All Hallows’ Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on Tuesday, January 19th. The meeting will be at 7:45 P.M. upstairs. Could Sir Knights please try to attend.

LENT-ADVANCE NOTICE: Please remember that Lent begins with the celebrations of Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday takes place on February 17th. Easter Sunday this year is April 4th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: There will be a meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Wednesday, January 20, at 7 PM in the Cathedral. All members are asked to attend and new members welcome.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION - Human

Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

HUMOUR: My husband and I purchased an old home in a northern outport town from two elderly sisters.

Winter was fast approaching, and I was concerned about the house's lack of insulation.

My husband confidently declared "If they could live here all those years, so can we!".

One November night the temperature plunged to below zero, and we woke up to find our interior walls covered with frost.

My husband called the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation, he hung up looked at me and said, "They told me that’s why for the past 30 years they've gone to Florida every winter."

