

July 19 – 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed . . . the smallest of all seeds, yet when full grown is the largest of plants . . .

“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.” **Matthew 13: 24-43**

The seeds of calculus and Shakespeare

Learning to read back in the first grade began with a series of cards or posters: A is for apple, B is for ball, C is for cookie (or celery), D is for dog — and we worked so hard to learn those sounds: a-pple, b-all, c-ookie, d-dog. Once we learned to make the right sound to the right letter, we were able to sound out combinations of letters that formed words. And we were reading! A wonderful new world of story and expression and learning was now open to us. Think about how far you’ve come since See John run was the height of great literature.

And then there were numbers. First, we had to recognize that the numerals one through ten represented specific amounts of apples, cookies, pennies. Then we moved on, with the help of pie tins and pizza slices, to fractions. The next time you marvel at balancing your chequebook, stop and remember that it all began with ten apples.

Remember the first time you met your spouse? Maybe it was a chance meeting with a simple Hello, a few awkward words might have been exchanged until you finally screwed up your courage to ask her out or you said yes to his tortured invitation, and somehow, in God’s good time, the two of you connected — a relationship began and love blossomed.

None of us will ever forget this pandemic. It’s been a time of fear and anxiety, of confusion and frustration. Many parts of our lives stopped or took strange, unexpected turns; we learned to do without, we learned to adapt and — most important of all — we learned to depend on one another. We’ve walked some treacherous ground these past few months and we’re just starting to get our bearings again — but whatever the “new normal” will be like in the weeks and months ahead, many of us will begin our lives again with a little more gratitude, a little more patience, a little more humility.

The great events and moments of life begin with small things — from simple beginnings and basic principles life’s greatest accomplishments and journeys come to be. Humanity’s dreams of peace, community and justice are realized, first, in the simple, basic and small acts of goodness and generosity offered by individuals like you and me. Jesus invites us to embrace the simplicity of “mustard seed” faith: the ability to see the potential in the smallest of things and the courage and perseverance to unlock that potential. He calls us to realize the potential of the Gospel “yeast”: to let the grace of God transform the flour and water of our lives into the “bread” of hope, of forgiveness, or justice, of peace.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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<u>Weekend Masses:</u>	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request
<u>Mass During the Week:</u>	Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

NOTICE

Due to the church repairs there will be no masses scheduled from
Monday, July 27th to Friday, July 31st inclusive.
Mass will resume on **Saturday, August 1st at 4:30 pm**

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July 12, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1858.35
Parish Dues	50.00
Building Fund	65.00
Lenten Folders	20.00
Votive Candles	5.00
Parish Insurance	10.00
Garden Party Proceeds	75.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Cemetery Fund	35.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Special Intention
Wed, 10 am	Late Patrick Joyce
Thur, 7 pm	Special Intention
Fri, 10 am	Late Peter O'Brien
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late William Gregway
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received July 12th with thanks from: Norman and Agatha Poole. Received June 15th with thanks from: Marina Cashin. Received June 28th with thanks from: Vivian Donahue. Received May 22nd with thanks from: Doug and Donna Beales.

COVID 19: To protect yourselves and others we ask that you maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at all times. This does not apply to people within the same bubble. Hand sanitizer is provided in the church or you may bring your own. Facemasks are not required but you may wear one if you wish.

HUMOR: What did the beach say to the tide when it came in? *Long time no sea!*

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE:

The feast day of Saint James the Apostle is July 25. Saint James was one of the first disciples of Jesus. He and his brother John, who also became a disciple, were called by Jesus as they were fishing with their father in the Sea of Galilee. James was one of the three Apostles present at the Transfiguration. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel until he was martyred for his faith, becoming the first of the apostles to die. Many believe that his remains were taken to Spain still lie in the Cathedral of Santiago. Many people make a pilgrimage to this burial site, walking what is known as the Way of Saint James. He is the patron saint of pilgrims and of Spain.

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANN:

According to ancient Christian tradition, Saints Joachim and Ann are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus. They were both members of the tribe of Judah of the house of David who, according to tradition, came to Jerusalem from Galilee. Historically and biblically, little is known about them except that they are the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. The Church recognizes them as models of family virtue and faith, which they transmitted to their offspring. Their feast day is celebrated on July 26. This is special day of celebration in our Mi'kmaq and French communities.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our condolences to Father Joseph Gash on the death of his brother Timothy. Tim died July 7th and was buried on Monday July 13th.

We also offer our condolences to the family of Aden Mahoney whose funeral was celebrate last Saturday, July 11th.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: While dealing with the Covid 19 Pandemic we are required to keep a contact list of all persons attending all services and masses. You should call in Monday to Friday between 9 and 1pm to have your name registered. You will be asked to provide your telephone number and to answer some simple screening questions.

CHURCH PAINTING/STUCCO REPAIR: for some time, our church has been in need of stucco and concrete repairs. Once these repairs are done the church would need to be repainted. The Parish Council and Finance Committee has approved a major contract to have this facelift done as one project. Please be patient while this work is being done and please be vigilant to the work of our contractor. This work which began on Monday July 13th will continue throughout the summer.

The church will be closed for masses from July 27th until July 31st inclusive as work will be done on the main entrance and steps. Mass will begin again on Saturday August 1st at 4:30 pm.

E-TRANSFER: Now you also have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartcrparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."

A SUMMER BLESSING

May you walk with God this summer. In whatever you do, wherever you go, walking with God means... walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect, with concern for the feelings of others May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. Talking with God means... Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, Asking God's help In all your decisions, Expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk and walk with God every day. Amen.

HUMOR:

What did the little corn say to the mama corn? *Where is pop corn?*

