July 21, 2024: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

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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 June 29 & 30

Regular Sunday	1277.00
Loose Offering	196.35
Building Fund	60.00
Living with Christ	8.00
Votive Candles	20.00
Mass Stipends	130.00
In Memory	180.00

MASS INTENTIONS July 23-28

July 24	The Late Bud Dunphy
July 26	FEAST OF SAINT ANNE – no morning mass
July 27	The Late Joan Marie Hutchings The Late Rita Josephine McGrath
July 28	The Late Jim Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 27	
Reader	**Eucharistic Minister**
Joan Penney	Barbara Neville
July 28	
Reader	**Eucharistic Minister**
Wayne Dicks	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

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, but we will keep you posted.

Donations IN MEMORY of:

The Late Rita Josephine McGrath
- The McGrath Family
- Wayne & Pat Jones
- Joe & Margie Pennell

PILGRIMAGE:

OUR LADY OF LORDES PARISH GROTTO:

On Monday, July 22nd, 2024 we will be having our pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Grotto on the Port au Port Peninsula. Please **bring your rosary beads** as none will be provided. The **bus leaves at 8 a.m.** from Sacred Heart Parish church.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION:

July 26th is the Feast of St. Anne and the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women's Association and the Benoit's Cove Native Women's Association will take a special role in preparing for and celebrating this feast. This mass will take place at 5:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish with Bishop Bart van Roijen as Presider. Both Women's Association, in traditional regalia will provide hymns and songs. Following the Mass there will be a feast at St. Mary's Church Hall across the road from the Parish. All are welcome to attend.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE - CEMETARY MASSES:

Sacred Heart Cemetery Masses:
Mount Cecelia Cemetery - Curling -
Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00 pm.
Old RC Cemetery - Benoit's Cove
Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 pm.

Holy Redeemer Cemetery Masses:
Mt. Patricia Cemetery – N. Shore Highway
Tuesday, July 23rd at 7 pm.
Townsite Cemetery – Corner Brook
Wednesday, July 24th at 7 pm.
In the event of rain, the masses will be held inside the churches.

THANK YOU: As we enjoy our summer and attend church, we should not forget the people in the background who help us maintain our parish. John Carroll and Tony Griffin tirelessly repaired and refurbished our heaters for the church, Dan Park took time to repair our meeting room and John Hancock who quietly looks after our plants and flowers. We could not function properly without the help of our parishioner's dedication. A sincere thank you to all.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH CHASE THE ACE:

Is still going strong at Immaculate Heart of Mary Gym on Wednesdays. There are 8 cards left and the jackpot is now **$27,171.00**
Contact Holy Redeemer for more information.

4TH WORLD DAY OF
GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY:

July 28th – In this year's message entitled, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (ps.71:9),

Pope Francis uses the Book of Ruth as an example of how we often see old age as a journey into loneliness and a burden to those around us. When Naomi releases her two daughters-in-law from any obligation they may feel for her, not wanting to be a burden to them, Ruth responds by accompanying her mother-in-law into an unknown future.

By using this inspired narrative, Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on our response to those who are abandoned in their old age and to use this day to initiate a greater spirit of accompaniment.

Reflection: Sheep without a shepherd

Lord, look upon us and take pity on us,
for at times we too are like sheep.
Save us from a blind following of the herd.
Help us to listen to your voice,
to trust you and to follow you,
Even if it means leaving the crowd
and walking a lonely path.
Lead us from fear to trust,
from error to truth,
from hate to love,
from war to peace,
from despair to hope,
and from death to life.
Amen.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.252