

JULY 24, 2022: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Is there a father among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give the child a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”
Luke 10:41

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying “in a certain place.” They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of “sins” rather than “debts,” which is used in Matthew's version. Prayer is not meant to “change God’s mind” but to draw us into union with the divine. Not giving up on prayer keeps the line of communication open, allowing God to speak to us also. This can help us see things in a different light, or lead us in a new direction, or soften our hearts. Or maybe we just need to be patient. Prayer is meant to break us out of our closed mindedness. We call to the God who is both near enough that we can call him Father and yet so different from us..

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First, he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost. The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

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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 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

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

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, ***closed to public.***

Bible Study:

Cancelled for summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned 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 638-9010.

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July 16th -July 17th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1474.50
Building Fund	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 5 pm	Feast of St. Anne
Wed. 7 pm	Late Mary Gallant
Thu. 7 pm	Late Camille Bruce
Fri. 10:30 am	Bernard Quilty - Funeral
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Alice Flynn
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 30	
John Carroll	Don Gallant Donna Mitchell
July 31	
Victoria Murphy	Margaret Dalley Anna House
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore	

CEMETRY CLEAN UP: Many thanks to everybody who made the cemetery so clean and neat. It is a real sign of parish and community pride.

FOOD BANK: Pleaser remember those who have need for food this summer. With rising food costs many families are finding it more difficult to feed themselves. You may support by dropping off groceries and other household supplies at the parish church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CONDOLENCES: We offer the condolences to the family of the Late Rod Oxford. May he rest in peace.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE: July 26 is the Feast of St. Anne and the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women’s Association and the Benoit’s Cove Mi’Kmaq Women’s Association will take a special role in preparing for and celebrating this feast. This mass will take place at 5:00 pm with Bishop Bart van Roijen as presider. All are welcome to attend as both Women’s Association, in traditional regalia will provide hymns and songs. Sister Kay Rex as organist and Barbara Hickey will lead us with music



CEMETERY MASSES:

Mount Patricia Cemetery
-Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm
Townsite Cemetery

- Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00 pm.
In the event of rain, the mass will be held at the local Parish Church.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: *For the elderly* - We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS’ DAY: Pope Francis invites all dioceses to celebrate the second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (Sunday, 24 July 2022). We celebrate together so that we ensure “no one lives this day in loneliness.” The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). Please pray for our grandparents and all seniors. Spend some time together and celebrate this day.

THANK YOU: Thank you to John Hancock for his work on his parish flower gardens. It certainly brightens up the place.



LITURGICAL LEADERS: Every parish should have in place a team for leading various liturgies in the absence of a priest. With declining number of priests and increasing demands, there may be times when local lay leaders will preside at Sunday gatherings, funerals, weddings, and baptisms. If you have done this work or are interested in providing this ministry, the diocese would like to provide some up-to-date training. Please contact the parish office if you can help with this vital ministry.

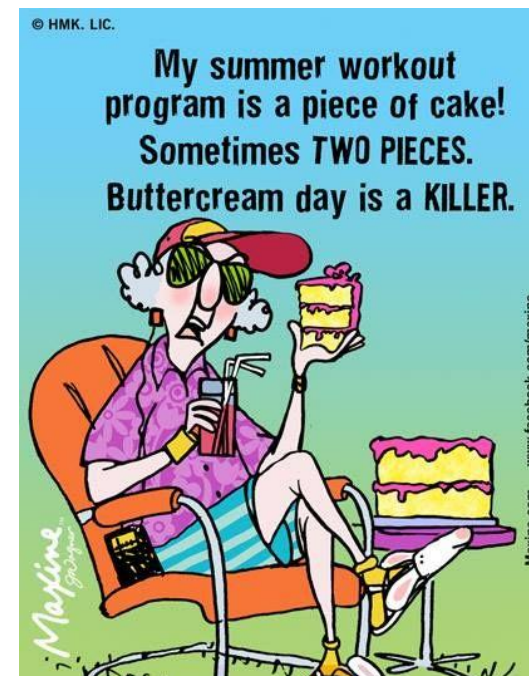
POPE’S PILGRIMAGE TO CANADA: In view of the importance of the Pope’s Pilgrimage to Canada, we encourage all parishioners to pray daily for the healing and reconciliation that needs to take place, and to offer some form of penance during the coming week. In addition to the nightly news, you may want to access the Salt and Light Channel or consult their website: www.slmedia.org/popeincanada. You may also want to go to the livestream of some of the more important events at: www.papalvisit.ca.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Parishioners are reminded that **Poor Box Sunday** weekend is on the 30th and 31st of July. Please be as generous as possible during this time when things are so expensive, and the need is so great. Our storage is short of mattresses and box springs. We will come and pick up any donations of goods in good condition. We are so grateful for your much-needed support.



FAMILY CATECHETICS COORDINATOR: The Cathedral Parish is looking for a qualified individual to assume the position of Family Catechetics

Coordinator, beginning in September. Interested persons may leave their name, resume, and contact information by calling the Parish office at 634-5161



HUMOUR: My grandpa said he was built upside down: He said his nose runs and his feet smell. What did the reporter say to the ice-cream? What’s the scoop? Do you have any clue what bread does on vacation? It loafs around! What did the little corn said to the momma corn: Where is Pop corn? Why didn’t the sun go to college? Because he already had a million degrees.