

July 28, 2024: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the “Bread of Life Discourse.”

In many important ways, John’s Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John’s Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus’ language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John’s description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John’s Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus’ actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples’ feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus’ action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul’s Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples’ feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John’s Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy’s offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by 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:**

**NO Mass Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>, Tues/Thurs/Fri. 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:**

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

**Reconciliation:**

**Marriages:**

**Baptisms:**

**Family Connections:**

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

**To resume in September.**

Postponed until further notice.

By request.

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

At [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS  
on July 20 & 21

Regular Sunday	1307.00
Loose Offering	196.00
Building Fund	120.00
Living with Christ	11.00
Votive Candles	27.00
Mass Stipends	100.00
Baptism Stipends	70.00
Cemetery Fund	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS July 30 – Aug. 4

Aug. 1	The Late Rita Josephine McGrath
Aug. 2	Lohnes Complex
Aug. 3	The Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt The Late Rita Josephine McGrath
Aug. 4	The Late Hugh Gillis The Late Vince Lewis

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 3	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	Eileen Moore
August 4	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Tony Griffin	Margaret Dalley
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

**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.

**MASS:** There is **no morning mass Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>** as we are holding mass at Mount Cecelia cemetery in the evening at 7pm across from the church.

Prayer for the Fourth World Day  
for Grandparents and the Elderly  
28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,  
You who created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us  
through every season of life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
And grant us, once again,  
The ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word  
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.  
May your Spirit of love  
fill us with Your tenderness  
And teach us to say:  
“I will not abandon you!”  
To those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
And may we not conform  
to the sadness of loneliness.  
Help us to look to the future  
with renewed hope,  
And make the World Day  
for Grandparents and the Elderly  
A day without loneliness,  
and a day abundant  
with the first-fruits of Your peace.  
Amen.

**EXCERPT FROM**  
**HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS’ MESSAGE**  
**FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS**  
**AND THE ELDERLY:**  
...On this Fourth World Day devoted to grandparents and the elderly, let us show our tender love for these members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centered attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say “I will not abandon you”, and to set out on a different path.

To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

**WALK-A-THON: September 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**PILGRIMAGE:**  
**OUR LADY OF LORDES PARISH GROTTO:**  
This past Monday we had our pilgrimage to the grotto. Everyone had an amazing time and because of the generous donations from a select few, the parishioners were better able to afford the trip. Thank you to the ladies for putting this together, they did an amazing job.

**CEMETARY CLEANUP:**  
Our mass is coming up soon at Mount Cecelia and the Old RC Cemetery in Benoit’s Cove and we ask that parishioners spare some time to do a little cleanup around the gravesites and markers. It would be so helpful for everyone. Thank you.

**THANK YOU:** To Jim Griffin for maintenance of the heating systems and general care and to Art Hall who always maintains our furnace system. A sincere thank you to all who help and care for our parish.

**HOLY REDEEMER PARISH CHASE THE ACE:**  
Is still going strong at Immaculate Heart of Mary Gym on Wednesdays. There are 7 cards left and the jackpot is now **\$29,486.00 plus to the days portion of ticket sales.**  
Contact Holy Redeemer for more information.

*Reflection: Discovering one’s own riches*

I lived on the shady side of the road and watched my neighbors’ garden across the way revelling in the sunshine.  
I felt I was poor  
and from door to door went in my hunger.  
The more they gave me from their careless abundance, the more I became aware of my beggar’s bowl.  
Till one morning I awoke from my sleep at the sudden opening of my door  
and you came and asked for alms.  
In despair I broke open the lid of my chest  
and was startled into finding my own wealth.

*Rabindranath Tagore*  
*Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.258*