

November 15<sup>th</sup> – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

The parable of the talents: “For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

Matthew 25: 14-30

The fable of the birds

There is a legend that after God had created all of the animals of the wood, the newly-made animals walked around, happily discovering what it was like to be alive and getting use to their new bodies — all except the birds.

While the other animals had legs so they could run or fins so that they could swim, the birds could just hop a few steps. They didn’t know what to do with these awkward appendages on their shoulder. *Why has God punished us?* they wondered. *Why do we have struggle to get around with these “things” on our backs?*

But then one bird managed to move those “things” on its back and discovered by flapping them up and down the bird could lift itself off the ground higher and higher and higher into the air. Then another bird began to flap its appendages. And then another and another and another. The birds discovered that they could soar into the skies — something no other animal could do.

The birds discovered that what they thought was a “heavy burden” was actually a wonderful gift from God.

***Whether we believe it or not, each one of us has been given something unique and special from God that we can use to contribute to the work of creation. Sometimes the very “thing” that we consider to be a burden or disadvantage leads us to discover the particular gift we (or another person) possesses. But, as Jesus teaches in the parable of the talents, such grace demands work on our part, the faith to “flap our wings,” and a willingness to place our “wings” at the service of others. Our greatness lies not in the greatness of our talents in themselves but in the greatness of our love to use them to build the Kingdom of God in our time and place.***

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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 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:**

Tue, Wed, & Thu at 7 p.m. and Fri at 10 a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled any day in which there is a Funeral Mass or schools are closed due to weather.

**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**

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1478.25
Building Fund	25.00
Sunday Missals	84.25
All Souls Day	145.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
Development and Peace	100.00
Certificates	10.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	All Souls
Wed. 7pm	Late Rita Moore
Thu. 7pm	Special Intention
Fri. 10am	Late Frank Mullins
Sat. 4:30pm	Special Intention Michael Basha
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks; Serenna Callahan

**CONDOLENCES:** We offer prayerful condolences to the families of Marjorie Callahan and Henry (Harry) Hynes. May they rest in peace.

**MEMORIAL MASS:** Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for our annual Memorial Mass held on the night of November 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a great celebration and remembrance of those who died this past year.

**HOLY FATHERS PRAYER - November:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**FACE MASKS:** You must wear facemasks when entering, leaving, and moving about the church. It may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing.

**SHEPHERDS’ FUND FOUNDATION ANNUAL**

**CAMPAIGN 2020:** You are kindly reminded that the annual Shepherds’ Fund Foundation Campaign will be conducted next weekend, November 21-22. Pandemic restrictions prevent the distributions of special envelopes, so parishioners are asked to use a regular envelope listing their name, offertory envelope number and the notation: SHEPHERDS’ FUND CAMPAIGN

**LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISER:** Since Covid has put a stop to all our fundraising activities, we have come up with the following idea to help support our parish. **“BINGO DRAW”** Our regular donors will be called each month, (Parishioners in sections F through M on this list are asked to donate for November), but all parishioners are welcome to participate. Those who give a donation of at least \$10.00 will have a chance to win 10% of the total donations collected for the month. Every \$10 donation will equal one ticket in the draw i.e. if you donate \$20 your name will be in twice. Donations must be in by the third week of each month. Put your donations in an envelope marked BINGO, include your name, and drop in collection, Father Jim’s mailbox, or give to any member of the ladies group. **WINNER DRAWN ON OCTOBER 25 – Mike Leonard. Prize; \$ 50.50. Congratulations!!!**

**ADVENT FOLDER:** Please note, no companies make or sell Advent or Lenten folders any longer. These had been a great source of revenue for the parish. This year we will be trying something different. In the next few weeks, you will find in your bulletin, an Advent offering envelope. We ask you to generously support this Advent collection. Please think of them as a replacement of the folder with a suggested offering of \$20.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** The new missals are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

**HOME RELIGION PROGRAM – Sacred Heart**

**Parish:** Thank you to Julia Hackett Miles who has undertaken this ministry. She has been in touch with many of the families involved in Sacramental Preparation and has begun the appropriate programs. Please contact the parish office if your child should be included but has not been contacted yet. By bringing your children and grandchildren to mass, you will help them in the formation of their faith.

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**



would like to advise parishioners that they will again be providing Christmas Hampers to those people in the community who are in need. Anyone desiring a hamper should call 638-9010. **Starting this week, we will be accepting donations of knitted goods, hats, mitts, socks, and stocking stuffers in the SSVP box at the entrance to the Church.** These boxes will be emptied each week. Parishioners are also invited to sponsor a person or family for a Christmas Hamper. If a person(s) or group wishes to do so they should contact the SSVP at 638-9010. We really appreciate your support in this endeavour.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 624 will be meeting at All Hallows’ Parish Humber Road Corner Brook upstairs at 7:45 P.M. on November 17th and we will be having our Installation of Officers could Sir Knights please try to attend please and The Master will be doing the Ceremony. Could all Assembly Officers wear a shirt and tie.

**EUTHANASIA LEGISLATION:** The Government of Canada has introduced legislation to expand the criteria for euthanasia so that even more people will be eligible. This was triggered by a decision by a Quebec judge, who decided that the requirement that death be “reasonably foreseeable” is not constitutional. If this clause is removed, persons with disabilities will be eligible for euthanasia even in circumstances where death is not reasonably foreseeable. The disability community in Canada is very concerned that this change will only add to the public perception that certain people’s lives are not worth living. To view art and videos, visit [humanflourishing.ca](http://www.humanflourishing.ca). Write your MP today to let them know what you think. You can also go to <http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federalgovernment> with your concerns.

**FLU SHOTS:** Western Health is advising that the influenza vaccine (flu shot) is now available to residents at no cost. Appointments will be required in order to ensure physical distancing and to avoid long wait times. Appointments can be booked online through Health Myself or by calling 1-833-951-3904 (toll free).



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?