

November 5, 2023: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Family Connection

“Do as I say, not as I do.” How many of us have been tempted to say this to our children? In today’s Gospel we hear a resounding reply from Jesus, “Practice what you preach.” Those who know us best, our family and especially our children, can identify the inconsistencies between what we want to teach and the example that we give. The challenge for all of us, especially for those of us who are parents, is to model with consistency the faith and the Christian way of life we wish to teach our children.

As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to practice what you preach. Identify some examples of people you know who practice what they preach. What do you observe about these people? What do you admire about them?

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus talk about the importance of acting in ways that are consistent with our faith. Read together today’s Gospel, Matthew 23:1-12. Talk together about ways in which your family might better practice the faith that you profess. Choose one action to take that will show your faith in action. Pray together that your family’s faith will be shown consistently in your actions. Pray the Prayer for Vocations.

### Prayer for Vocations

God, in Baptism you called me by name  
and made me a member of your people, the Church.  
Help all your people to know their vocation in life,  
and to respond by living a life of holiness.  
For your greater glory and for the service of your people,  
raise up dedicated and generous leaders  
who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me  
that I may serve your people  
following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name I offer this prayer.  
Amen.

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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.

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

**Lohnes Complex\*** First Friday of each month - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

**\*Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

**Bible Study:** To be determined.

**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](http://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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**October 28<sup>th</sup> – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$2,252.00
Loose Offering	101.60
Building Fund	170.00
Votive Candles	60.00
In Memorium	225.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Baptism Fees	50.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	50.00
World Mission Fund	65.00
St. Vincent de Paul	215.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Late Leo English
Wed. 7 pm	Late John Joyce
Thur. 7 pm	Late James Gillis
Fri. 10 am*	Late Edward Callahan
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Ed Dobbin and Herbert Cole
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>November 11</b>	
Joan Penney	Don Gallant
<b>November 12</b>	
Amelia Dicks	Brian Sparkes
<b>Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin</b>	

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:**

Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Remembrance Day. This is a time to remember those who have died during the wars of the last century. This includes military and civilian personnel who have died in battle or because of the wars. As we remember today, let us pray for peace in our future.



**LADIES GROUP:**

**Bingo:** our first bingo was held on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, and with your support we raised \$709.00. The winner of the bingo draw was John Hancock. November month names beginning Q to Z can continue to donate cash or merchandise towards the bingo. We will have our next one on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2p.m. at the Sacred Heart Elementary School, tell your friends and bring them along, we would love to see more people attending. Anyone else wishing to donate can continue to do so. Thank you to all.

**The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation to the October draw:** Debbie Dolomount, Vivian Donahue, Bill Griffin, Brenda Griffin, Tony Griffin, Alvina George, Sheila George, Tom George, Patsy Hall, John Hancock, Bob Hearn, Isabelle Gillis, Margaret Gillis, Linda Green, Janet Jackson, Pat Jones, Claire Joyce, Eddie Joyce, Judy Joyce, Mike Leonard, Elaine Lynch, Helen McCarthy, Margaret McCarthy, Ann McHugh, Patricia Meade, Marie Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Victoria Murphy, Marie Pennell and Mary Jo Perrett.

**October Dance:** The Sacred Heart Fall Dance Fund Raiser was a great success, thanks to you, the parishioners. A special thank you to Mona Specker for her beautiful basket of goodies that was won by a lady in Benoits Cove which she loved. A big thank you to the bands: The Griffins and Friends, and Big Train. Between the ticket sales and 50/50 draw and different donations, we managed to raise \$2720.25. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.

**November 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** 1:30p.m. in the parish meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

**November 18th:** We are having a Book Sale at Sacred Heart Elementary School from 10 – 3 pm. Please drop off books to the church.

**MARY’S KITCHEN:** Is all thru the month of November, Friday’s at 4p.m. - 5:30p.m. You can sign up at the back of the church. It is held at the basement of the Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Mt. Bernard Avenue.

**SPEAKER – DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:** On November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Mass we will have Patricia Walsh-Warren here to discuss the action campaign and answer questions. Please show your support by attending.

**COFFEE TIME:** Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and welcome new members. Baked goods are always welcome.

**NOVEMBER:** THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: This month we pray for deceased loved ones and for all the faithful departed. A visit to the cemetery this month also brings us special blessings. They benefit from our prayers.

**STOCKING STUFFERS:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is currently accepting stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested gift donations/gift cards for all age groups can be found at the back of the church. The collection box is located at the back of the Church. For those who prefer to make cash donations, envelopes are available on the church table and tax receipts can be provided.

Additionally, if you or your family are interested in sponsoring a hamper or can help in any way, please contact the Society at 638-9010. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing generosity.

**PARISH OUTREACH:** This committee is offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. To anyone needing a pastoral visit or communion to the sick please call the parish office at **709-785-5025** and you will be directed to a committee member.

***Reflection: Being genuine***

A Peacock’s feathers are very colourful; they are worn more for show than for warmth. The Pharisees wore their virtue for show; they wanted to be seen and praised by other. They were more concerned with *appearing* good than with really *being* good. Today there is great emphasis on appearances. The image is more important than the reality. We may deceive others, but we cannot deceive God. But then it would be foolish even to try. We don’t have to put on an outward show, or pretend to be what we are not. All we have to do is try to be true to what we are – God’s sons and daughters.

Lord, help us to shun all falsity and pretence, and to live a life of genuine goodness. Then our deeds will flow from what we are, as naturally as good fruit from a good tree.

***Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.336***