

October 23, 2022: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner. ‘I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 18:13

Pharisees were held in high esteem in Jewish culture. Tax collectors, on the other hand, were collaborators with the Romans. They also cheated people to increase their earnings. So they were despised. So for Jesus to tell this story where the Pharisee is the “villain” and the tax collector is the “hero” is a complete reversal of how these roles were perceived. Jesus is showing us that it is not social status which matters in the eyes of God. He cares about how our hearts are oriented. We must remember that everything we are and have comes from God. And we are all in need of God’s mercy. When we start thinking that praying and following the rules somehow earn us a special place in the Kingdom of God, then we are relying on our own efforts instead of trusting in God.

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The way to true holiness is humility. It is the most basic foundation of all Christian virtues. All the saints, without exception, were profoundly humble persons. It is impossible to be holy without humility. As one comes closer to God, the True Light, the more clearly he sees his own unworthiness and sinfulness. The prayer of the tax collector is the same prayer that the saints utter over and over again: “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” That is why the saints, despite their avowed holiness of life, make it a point to come to the sacrament of Confession almost every day. As we come once again before God’s presence in this Holy Sacrifice, let us bow our heads in humble acknowledgement of our unworthiness and sinfulness. May the Lord Jesus, who humbled himself on the cross, fill us with the grace of humility so that we may become truly pleasing and beautiful in the eyes of God.

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The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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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:

Bible study will resume on October 16, 2022

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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
October 15th – October 16th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1271.80
Building Fund	35.00
Fiona Hurricane Relief	390.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
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Thu. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Fri. 10 am	Intentions of Donor
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Mary Gallant
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 29	
John Carroll	Art Hall Joan Penney
October 30	
Mike Leonard	Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks
Communion to the Sick – Barb Neville	

BIBLE STUDY: We will continue this Sunday at 7pm at the meeting room. All are welcome.

THE ROSARY: Please join us in praying the rosary on Saturdays at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 10:30 am.



SUNDAY MISSALS: Missals are available at the church or parish office for \$5 each.

THE WORD AMONG US: These periodicals, which are used as a daily prayer book are costing us more. We regret to ask for a donation of \$3.00 per book per month.

CHILDRENS LITURGY: We are hoping to continue our Children’s Liturgy program. Grandparents and parents are encouraged to bring young children to the masses of Sunday Morning.

4YOUTH: Prayer is our means of having a conversation with God. God wants us to share with Him - our joys and our pains, our hopes and our frustrations, the good and the bad that happens in our lives. It is important to plan a time and place each day, otherwise, with our busy lives, it just won’t happen. Consider saying morning prayers as soon as you get up (petitions for people that you’ve promised to pray for, thanks for the gift of another day and an offering of that day to God) or a walk at lunch or break time to meditate quietly on a scripture quote, or time before bed to read a few Bible verses or pray some favorite prayers. Praise God or thank Him or ask Him for help - He’s always ready to listen to you.

SAINTS DAYS: The Church celebrates the feast of Saints Simon and Jude whose names occur together in the Canon of the Mass and are also celebrated on the same day. Possibly this is because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent, but in actual fact we know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. St. Jude is the author of a short Epistle which forms part of the New Testament.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. New members welcome.

ROOF NEWS: We are in constant contact with the contractor. He promises that it will be done very soon. Whether it is a problem for them. Pledges have been received from a number of persons towards the church roofs fund. They have suggested that we ask families to contact other family numbers and together to make a pledge of \$1000 per family to the roof fund. A plaque will be made to acknowledge the generosity of these families.

POOR BOX COLLECTION: This collection will be on the weekend of October 29th and 30th. Please be generous. We are in dire need of Beds and if you have any to donate, please call St Vincent de Paul at 638-9010.

POPE’S PRAYER FOR OCTOBER: For a church open to everyone - We pray for the church ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 23rd, 2022 - Every parish and diocese throughout the world from the poorest to the most affluent will celebrate this day, and will contribute to the universal solidarity fund which is then shared among countries according to need. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifices, for our brothers and sisters around the world. The financial assistance that you offer today will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers and catechists who are Christ’s witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing and peace.

AUCTION: Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding an online Auction during the week of November 2-8. It will run for 5 days, the auction will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 2, bidding will close at 6:59:59 pm on Monday, November 8. We will be using the same Facebook group that was used for the Spring 2021 auction (Our Lady Star of the Sea Online Auction).

LADIES GROUP MEETING: There will be a meeting this Monday, Oct 24, @6:30pm in the church meeting room. All members are asked to attend. New members are always welcome.

FIONA RELIEF: The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador is now accepting monetary donations to support the people of Port aux Basques and surrounding communities, most affected by Hurricane Fiona, to assist and rebuild homes and livelihoods that were lost. If anyone would like to make a donation, you may do so by placing it in an envelope marked “Hurricane Relief” and dropping it in the Sunday collection. Please do not forget to include your envelope number and name, so that you may be credited with a tax receipt. All funds, made payable to the parish and marked as “Hurricane Relief”, will be forwarded to the Diocese and given to the local effort to help those most in need.” need.

