October 2, 2022: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 16:25

What is faith? Faith is a response from each one of us to God speaking in our hearts. In order to have faith we must first listen to God speak. We must let Him reveal Himself to us within the depths of our conscience. And when He does this, we manifest faith by responding to all that He reveals. We enter into a belief in His Word spoken to us and it is this act of believing that changes us and forms faith within us. Faith is not just believing. It's believing in what God speaks to us. It's the belief in His very Word and in His very Person. Interestingly, when we do enter into the gift of faith, we grow in a certainty about God and all He says to a radical degree. That certainty is what God is looking for in our life and will be the answer to His question above. Reflect, today, upon how authentic and how certain your faith is. Reflect upon Jesus asking you this question. Will He find faith in your heart? Let your "Yes" to Him grow and commit yourself to a deeper embrace of all that He reveals to you each and every day. Don't be afraid to seek out His voice so that you can say "Yes" to all He reveals.

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As disciples, we can't just pretend to follow Christ. True discipleship requires action. Jesus makes it very clear what we are supposed to do. We must love God and each other. We must care for the less fortunate in our midst. Faith also requires a servant's heart. We can't just be people who do really good things. That can become an exercise in ego building. We feel that we are paving our path to heaven through our own actions. But we can't earn God's love. And we don't have to. We are here to serve. Let God do the rest.

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In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans.

The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information



Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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 $\underline{\textbf{Office Hours}}\textbf{:} \ \mathsf{Tuesday} \ \mathsf{and} \ \mathsf{Thursday}\textbf{:} \ 8\textbf{:} 30 \ \mathsf{am} - 4\textbf{:} 30 \ \mathsf{pm}$

Friday: 8:30 am- 12:30 pm

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

<u>Mass During Week</u>: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.

Friday at 10 am.

<u>Lohnes Complex</u> First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, *closed to public*.

<u>Bible Study</u>: 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.

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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Regular Sunday	\$1320.30
Building Fund	55 .00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.7:00 pm	Late Patrick & Mildred McConnell
Wed. 7 pm	Late Norman Poole
Thu. 7 pm	Late Daphne Brake
Fri 2:00 pm (Lohnes Complex)	Intentions of Donor
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Edward Buckle
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 8		
Gerry Buckle	Donna Mitchell	
	Don Gallant	
October 9		
Veronica Stone	Margaret Dalley	
	Anna House	
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore		

BIBLE STUDY: The parish will start the bible study on October 16th. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

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.

<u>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:</u> The meeting will take place on Monday, October 3rd at 6pm in the parish meeting room.

THE ROSARY: October is the month of the Holy Rosery. During this month we are encouraged to make the Rosary a part of our daily prayer routine.



TWO NIGHT MISSION: The Newfoundland Catholic Renewal will be sponsoring a twonight mission with Catholic Evangelist Father Mark Cherry, which will be held on October 18th and 19that Holy Redeemer Cathedral starting at 7:00 pm each evening. Come and be renewed in your faith and receive hope for the future. There will be a free will offering taken up each night to help cover the cost of the mission. All are welcome! Tuesday evening will consist of praise/worship and a presentation by Fr Mark Cherry. There will also be a personal testimony of faith, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Wednesday evening there will be a celebration of Holy Mass, a personal testimony of faith at the end of Mass and a prayer of empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

LADIES GROUP ROSARY: The Ladies Group of Sacred Heart Parish will be leading the Rosary at 10:30 am every Sunday in October.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Hurricane Fiona has impacted the lives of many in the Atlantic Canada Region. The devastation shows to us the significant impact that climate change is going to continue to have on our communities. Please join us via zoom on Tuesday, October 4, 6:45 on the island of Newfoundland and 6:15 Atlantic time, to pray the rosary virtually and offer it for the intentions of those impacted by Hurricane Fiona. You may register to join us here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ AlcOygrDouGtdW9h_pyZVxUG6xW1YjqDyU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY: K of C will be leading the Rosary at 4:30 pm on Sundays, before the mass at Sacred Heart during the month of October

<u>CHILDRENS LITURGY:</u> 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: Climate change and the use or misuse of the earth's resources has become a major concern for many members of our society. As Catholics, we believe that care for God's creation is an everyday thing. The Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (YouCat, for short), which is written in question-andanswer format, speaks of the environment in Paragraph 436. "How should we treat the environment? We fulfill God's commission with regard to creation when we care for the earth, with its biological laws, its variety of species, its natural beauty, and its dwindling resources, as a living space and preserve it, so that future generations also can live well on earth." It goes on to explain that, while God gave humanity dominion over the earth, this does not mean that God gave humanity dominion over the earth, this does not mean that God wants us to use nature and its creatures in a selfish way. It mean that we should use the earth's resources and creatures wisely and that we should save them from destruction.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Starting in early October the access road to the Cathedral from Mt. Bernard will be closed due to the ongoing construction on Mt Bernard Ave. Please use an alternate route via Wellington Street to attend mass during this time

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION 2022: The election for the three-parish council members took place on the weekend of September 24th - 25th. Four persons were nominated for the three positions. Those nominated were Tony Griffin, Gerard Deveaux, Mike Leonard, and Marie Pennell. Ballots were opened and tabulated immediately after Sunday morning mass on September 25th. Ballots were opened by Joe Byrne, a parish council member. These ballots were verified by parish council member Jack Pennell. Votes were recorded and tabulated by Fr. Jim Robertson. Elected for the 2022-2025 term are Tony Griffin, Marie Pennell, and Gerard Deveaux. Total number of ballots submitted were 57.

Many thanks to those who finished their terms: Mike Leonard, Brian Sparkes and Victoria Murphy. And thank you to those who continue to offer their names to serve in the parish council.

<u>PRIEST RETREAT:</u> The priests of the diocese will be taking part in a retreat from October 10th to the 15th. Please pray for them.

