

October 4th – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“When vintage time drew near, [the landowner] sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned . . .

“*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone . . .*”

Matthew 21: 33-43

Little kids, holy kids

The late Brian Doyle was one of the most witty and insightful writers and poets among us. He wrote from the perspective of a loving spouse, bemused dad and faithful if struggling Catholic.

In an essay in **America** Magazine [October 6, 2014], he wrote about attending Mass at the University of Portland chapel where he edited the college’s award-winning magazine **Portland**. He was sitting near four-year-old twin boys. They tried to be quiet and reverent, but it was a hopeless cause. When fists and elbows began to fly, their wise and experienced mom pulled two cookies out of her pocket. That quieted them — for a moment.

And Brian Doyle — who had his own run as the dad corralling distracting squirming little kids in church — loved it, and offered this challenge to those who find less-than-angelic kids at Mass a distraction.

“I love having little kids at Mass,” Doyle wrote. “I love it when they are bored and pay no attention and squirm. I love it when they get distracted by a moth and spend five minutes following the moth’s precarious voyage among the lights. It’s all good . . .

“If you’re distracted by a little kid being a little kid you are not focused on what’s holy. Little kids are holy. Let it be. My only rule is no extended fist fights . . . I think the cadence and the rhythm and the custom and the peace of the Mass soak into the kids without them knowing it. That’s why a lot of the [university] students here come back to Mass, I think — it sparks some emotional memory in them, and once they are back at Mass then they pay attention in new ways and find new food in it. It’s all good. The more the merrier . . . How good and holy that is, that there are little kids under the seats, paying no attention whatsoever.”

Yes, it’s often hard to see, but the “holy” can be found in our midst in the simple, the ordinary, the everyday — and the annoying. In our obsessive busyness, we can miss God in the demands and tasks of the day; in maintaining “proper” reverence in our worship of God, we sometimes inadvertently usher God out the door. God is present in the laughter of mischievous children in the front row and in the clasped hands of the elderly couple in the fourth bench — and God is present in everyone in between. In our constant search for more and better, we don’t realize the bounty of this vineyard God has entrusted to us; in building walls to protect us from “them,” we cast aside the very “cornerstone” on which we seek to center our lives. So let us give thanks for the blessing of God’s presence in the pieces of crackers and broken crayons on our church floor.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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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.
& Fri at 10 a.m.

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.

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September 27th, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1685.00
Building Fund	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	35.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	150.00
Ladies Group Donation	100.00
In Memorium	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue, 7 pm	Late Rita Moore
Wed, 7 pm	Special Intention
Thu, 7 pm	Late Fred Leggo
Fri, 10 am	Late Patrick Joyce
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Percival Joyce Late Edward Buckle
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

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.

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from Joe & Marie Byrne, Vivian Donahue and Mercedes Wells.

BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly Bible Study continues 7pm on Sunday evenings. Everyone is invited. PPE is required.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM – Sacred Heart Parish: Our home religion program will begin sometime in the month of October. Please be patient with us and you will be contacted as soon as the diocesan and parish plan is in place. By bringing your children and grandchildren to mass, you will help them in the formation of their faith.

LADIES GUILD ROSARY:

Our Ladies group will pray the rosary at 6:30 pm every Tuesday in October beginning October 6th. All parishioners are invited to attend.



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The New Horizons for Seniors Program funded by the Government of Canada and delivered by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Holy Redeemer Conference, Corner Brook, effective September 18th, 2020. This program is aimed at house-bound, low income seniors who find themselves in financial difficulty during the Covid-19 pandemic. Seniors, ages 60 and over, may call our volunteer dispatcher who will take the senior’s personal information (name, address, MCP number, and food requirements) and forward the information to volunteer home visiting teams who will pick up food at local grocery stores and deliver to the senior’s home. It is not intended to be a home delivery service to any senior who calls, just those who truly need the service, and not more often than a monthly basis. Those wishing to avail of the program should call 709-638-9010.

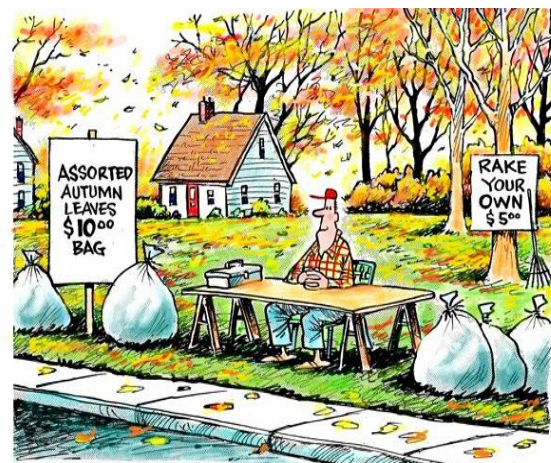
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This year, World Mission Sunday is on October 18, 2020. This is a world-wide celebration for the missionary Church. The funds raised will go to emergency aid when disasters strike, to care for refugees in war torn nations, to establish and support rural health clinics, and to provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions often and please be generous on World Mission Sunday.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION : We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

MUN: Do you have a loved one going to university at MUN (St. John’s)? Worried they may fall away from their faith? Help them find us!

CCO is a university student movement dedicated to evangelizing and building a Catholic community at MUN. Help students find us by sending them this link: cco.ca/get-connected and we will follow up with them!

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK: October 4th - 10th: During this pandemic, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are making a difference in the field of Health Care. Your contribution to the level of care and love in our community is greatly appreciated. We recommend the daily spiritual reflections that are available on the CHAC website (www.chac.ca) for this week. It is a wonderful tool in reflecting on the Christ-like dimension of advocating for, and ministering to, the sick and those in need.



CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP

FOUNDATION: Application Forms are now available for the 2021-2022 Catholic Women’s Leadership Foundation Program. The Certificate program, facilitated by the Providence School of Transformational Leadership and Spirituality at Saint Paul University (Ottawa) runs from April 2021 to June 2022, including both face to face and online courses. For more information visit www.cwlfcanada.ca or email Rita Janes ritacjanes@gmail.com. The application deadline is November 20th, 2020.

BISHOP BART MAKES PASTORAL

APPOINTMENTS: Clergy appointments to become effective on November 1, 2020:

Father Edward Terry will retire from parish ministry as Rector. In his semi-retirement he will take up Hospital Ministry. I am grateful to Father Terry for the generous service he has provided to the Cathedral Parish and All Hallows Parish for the past seven years.

Father Lee Lainey will conclude his ministry as Administrator of St. Ann’s Parish, Codroy Valley and will begin his new assignment as Rector of the Cathedral.

Father Andrew White will conclude his ministry as Associate Pastor of St. Stephen’s Parish and will become the Pastor of St. Ann’s Parish, Codroy Valley.

Father Vanathuraj Rayappan, H.G.N. will conclude his ministry as Associate Pastor of the Cathedral and will begin his temporary assignment as Associate Administrator of St. Stephen’s Parish in Stephenville. I am grateful to Father Ray for the kind service he has provided to the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception and to All Hallows Parish for the past two years.