

September 13th – 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The parable of the unforgiving debtor: “You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

Matthew 18: 21-35

The once and future hoarder

If you’ve been to a grocery store since March, chances are you had this experience, or something similar to it:

You were looking for a particular brand or product that the store just could not keep in stock: staples like milk, eggs, tuna fish, soap — and who will ever forget the Great Toilet Paper Crisis of 2020? Part of the problem was the supply chain could not keep up with the new demands of so many people suddenly being home all day — but a big part of the problem were the “hoarders”: people who stockpiled many of these staples, managing to snap them up as soon as clerks could re-stock the shelves.

So you complained — too loudly and angrily, perhaps — to the manager of the store. You went through the entire litany: how you have been a loyal customer of this store for years, that this pandemic has been difficult for you and your family, that it’s unfair that a few people should be able to snap up everything, etc. The manager listened politely and apologized profusely. Maybe he or she would save you a roll of TP or a dozen eggs.

Then, the next time you shopped, you found a product that had been out of stock for weeks. Your heart leapt for joy! Never could you imagine that hand sanitizer could be the cause of such elation; you grabbed the tomato soup as if you had found the Holy Grail. You resolved that you would not do without this again, so you filled your cart with as many cans or boxes or bags of the product as you could push.

Did it ever dawn on you that someone else would now do without because of your “stocking up”?

Or you may have experienced this: You’re at the bank to conduct some business and the customer ahead of you seems to be renegotiating the debt of a small European country; he or she has managed to tie up not just one but several tellers and an assistant manager while you and others wait. It’s finally your turn and, without realizing it, you take up more than your fair share of their time with One more thing, Before I forget, and As long as I’m here . . .

Or you’re looking for help at the hardware store or home center and you wait and wait while another customer has collared a clerk in search of the right nut and bolt. Finally — finally! — it’s your turn. And you found that you had more questions about your project than you thought — as other customers waited. You had become the kind of shopper you had complained about, the would-be do-it-yourselfer who needed more help than you realized.

It’s not much of a leap from being the forgiver to the forgiven. The servant’s cruel treatment of his fellow servant begins with his forgetting that he was once indebted and forgiven. Such forgiveness does not come easily: it requires overcoming our own anger and outrage at the hurt we have suffered and re-focusing our concern, instead, on the person who wronged us; it means possessing the humility to face the hurt we have inflicted on others as a result of our insensitivity and self-centeredness. But only in such forgiving and seeking forgiveness are we able to realize the possibility of bringing healing and new life to a pained and grieving situation. Christ calls us to create within our families and communities that kind of environment in which forgiveness is joyfully offered and humbly but confidently sought. It begins by recognizing our own indebtedness, our own failings that divide and hurt — often without our realizing it.

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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:

Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and **Wed 7 pm this week** & Fri at 10 a.m.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages:

Six months’ notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

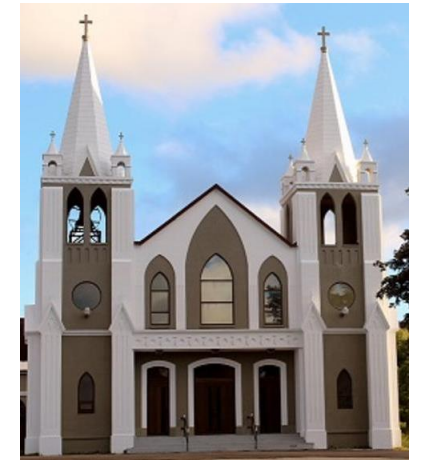
Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

Note a change in time for Wednesday’s mass.



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September 6th, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$929.00
Building Fund	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Sunday Missals	5.00
Word Among Us	20.00
In Memorium	70.00
Mass Stipends	60.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Late Alphonsus Quigley
Wed, 7 pm	Special Intention
Thur, 7 pm	Late Edward & Geraldine Bennett
Fri, 10 am	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late John & Beatrice O'Brien Late Brian Griffin
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

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FIRST COMMUNION: We welcome Quinn Griffin to the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Quinn celebrates her First Communion on Sunday, September 13th. We pray that her and her family will continue to be nourished by the Eucharist and to grow in faith.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM – Sacred Heart Parish:

Our home religion program will begin sometime in the month of October. As with so many other things because of the presents of Covid-19 it is difficult to finalize plans and develop programs. 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, you will help form your children and grandchildren in the formation of faith.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Don Gallant and Carolynn Bruss who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on August 22, 2020. May they have a long and happy life together.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to Barb Neville and her sister Mary Foote for contributing the cordage for marking off our church pews.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our condolences to the family of Barbara Christopher whose funeral was celebrated September 1, 2020. May she rest in peace.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next regular meeting will take place on Monday September 14th in the parish meeting room. **THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6PM.** Please bring your PPE (masks) with you.

TIME FOR CREATION: The five-week period between September 1 and October 4 is known as Time for Creation. September 1, the beginning of the Orthodox Church Year, is the date when, since 1989, the Orthodox Church commemorates God's Creation by observing a Day of Prayer for the Environment. In August 2015, Pope Francis announced the establishment of a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be observed annually on September 1. October 4 was chosen to mark the end of the Time for Creation as it is the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology. We are encouraged during this time, especially to pray, to organize practical initiatives to combat the environmental crisis facing our planet and to reflect on ways to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the environment.

COVID-19: MASK WEARING: New guidelines require non-medical masks to be worn in all public indoor places including houses of worship. Parishioners are expected to comply with this order. You must wear a mask over your "mouth and nose" while entering and moving around the church; you can remove your mask when seated as long as the 2m physical distancing rule is practiced. You must wear a mask going up for communion but remove it at the time of communion.

NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH: A special collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is being taken up in all parishes on the weekend of September 26-27. The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada invites all the faithful to participate in this financing by helping their diocese meet its financial obligations to the regional assemblies and to the national Conference. Any additional revenues raised help the diocese support its own diocesan pastoral programs and other activities.

NOTE FROM BISHOP BART - Second

Collections: I would like to remind you that several of the Second Collections scheduled for the Spring have been moved to the Fall. Please remember that if you have already submitted your envelope in the Spring, you are not expected to do so again.

- October 4th Collection for the Pope's Pastoral works (Moved from May to the Memorial of St. Francis).
- October 18th Collection for World Missions.
- November 8th Collection for Development and Peace (Moved from the 5th Sunday of Lent).
- November 22nd Shepherd's Fund Appeal.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: At the direction of the Bishop a special letter from the diocese will be issued soon. Bishop Bart has asked parishes to include this letter in a parish newsletter for all parishioners. This will put together over the next couple of weeks.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION : We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

4 YOUTH: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27) Monday, September 21st is the International Day of Peace, established by the United Nations in 1981. The purpose of this day is to encourage everyone to work in cooperation for worldwide peace. This year's theme is: Shaping Peace Together. Celebrate the day by spreading compassion, kindness, and hope in the face of the pandemic. Stand together with the UN against attempts to use the virus to promote discrimination and hatred.

HUMOR:

