

September 27th – 26st Sunday of Ordinary Time

The parable of the two sons: “Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did.”
Matthew 21: 28-32

“Entering the kingdom of God . . .”

It’s been a long day. She sits in her dimly lit living room. It’s after 11 p.m.; her day started before six. At the office, it was once crisis after another; then the school called: her eight-year-old she is raising alone came down with a fever, so she had go and bring him home and arrange for her mother to come over so she could get back to the office. After getting him to bed, she took on the monthly challenge of making her salary cover all the bills (managed to make it again for another month!). She’s tired but can’t sleep just yet. She needs a few minutes just to be thankful for the beautiful boy snoring up a storm in the next room who makes her life as a mom more than worth it all.

He drives a truck for a package delivery service — and these are busy days. He takes a couple of extra shifts when he can because his family could use the money — the oldest is starting to look at colleges. But one night a week he manages to get home in time to gulp down some supper and head to the community center where he coaches a team of nine and ten-year-olds in the city’s youth basketball league. He first started coaching his son’s team played — and kept at it long after his son moved on. Yeah, there are other things he could be doing that, frankly, would make life a lot easier, but he knows that for some of these kids, this team is the best thing in their lives. So one night a week he continues to run, push and coach these kids for the good of his own soul.

He helps her with her coat and makes sure she has a good, steady grip on her cane. He then puts her arm in his and they walk the same path they walk every afternoon in the park across the street from their apartment. He points to a cardinal lighting on a tree branch overhead. He cheers a great catch made by a player in a pick-up football game. He talks about last night’s call from their son and the latest doings of the grandchildren. But none of it registers with her. She is lost in a fog of dementia. All she recognizes is him, her husband of 63 years. And that’s more than enough. He’s thankful that they can walk arm-in-arm together for another day.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus upholds the sacred dignity of all men and women in the eyes of God: the struggling, the poor, the powerless, the ignored, the forgotten, the vulnerable, those pushed to the margins and peripheries of society. Every life is open to the “way of righteousness”: simple humility, faithfulness and gratitude are the entries to the kingdom of God. Our standing in demographic and marketing profiles, our net worth, whatever labels society applies to us do not determine the “holiness” of our lives or the measure of God’s love in our days. Christ invites us to realize the kingdom of God in our lives by our commitment to selfless generosity and faithful gratitude; God calls us to look beyond the designations and stereotypes like “tax collector” and “prostitute” and recognize, instead, the holiness that resides within the soul of every person — including ourselves.

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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**
& 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.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS

September 20th, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2120.50
Building Fund	35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	15.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	15.00
Cemetery Fund	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Late Augustine Barry
Wed, 7 pm	Special Intention
Thur, 7 pm	Late Bertha Gallant
Fri, 10 am	Late Edward Callahan
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Mary Park
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

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PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from Kathleen MacDonald.

BIBLE STUDY: We will begin again our regular weekly Bible Study program. This will start at 7pm on Sunday September 27th. Everyone is invited to attend these discussion sessions. PPE is required

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.

THE ROSARY: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. During this month we are encouraged to make the Rosary a part of our daily prayer routine. If you pray the Rosary, you should consider all four versions of the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous).



LADIES GUILD ROSARY: Our Ladies group 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: We ask God’s blessings and thank all those who serve. Thank you for the countless contributions and all your missionary zeal in assisting the poor and those who are in need. **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 on a monthly basis. Those wishing to avail of the program should call 709-638-9010.

PARISH COUNCIL: Current members of our parish council are: Mike Leonard, Brian Sparkes, Victoria Murphy, Carl Bennett, Joe Byrne, Jack Pennell, Bill Brake, and Art Hall. There is also one representative of each of the following: Finance Committee, the Ladies Group and the Men’s Group. Also, there is one vacancy. Three of these members will be completing their term this year. Some will be eligible to run for another term. We are now looking for nominations of four persons for our parish council. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. You must have the consent of the person you are nominating. Nominations should be completed by September 27th, 2020.

COVID-19: MASK WEARING: 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.

THANK YOU: We thank the estate of Doctors Kevin and Marjorie Smith for leaving us a bequest in their will. This week we received notice that their payout from the will has been completed and we have been gifted with a further \$28,000.00. While we thank them for thinking about us it encourages all of us to perhaps remember our parish in our wills and estate planning .

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

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.

HUMOR:

