

September 6th – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone . . . If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church . . .

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18: 15-20

The killing silence

The silence is deafening.

Family members and friends must tiptoe around them. Spouses, parents, children are held hostage by the silence. *Not in our family*, we insist. *Better to hold our tongues than set them off*, we fear. It may be alcoholism, drug addiction, physical abuse that tears the family apart; or a misunderstanding or conflict over finances, a divorce, a child’s rejection of the family’s culture or values that creates a tension that represses the family dynamic. It’s a silence that kills.

A student is struggling in school and doesn’t know how to ask for help or is afraid to seek out a teacher for fear of being labeled.

A youngster is the target of bullying. He or she is miserable but is too scared to say anything to an adult.

The project is failing; the business is going down the drain. The company has many savvy, experienced people who know what to do — but nothing is said, no one is consulted. This is a tough market — and any appearance of trouble or vulnerability will sink everything.

The surviving spouse is lost. The grief is more than he or she can bear. But they don’t want to be a burden — the children have enough going on in their lives. So the widow or widower becomes more and more isolated.

Regardless of the cause or circumstances, fear is the controlling agent.

Say nothing — it’ll just make things worse.

He won’t hear it.

She’ll never change her mind.

You’ll only get hurt.

Please, I can do this on my own. I’m fine.

And so, there is silence.

Silence — while hearts scream in agony and spirits shrivel and die.

Jesus’ challenges us in today’s Gospel not to tolerate the dysfunction in our lives or allow our judgements and disappointments to isolate us from others, but to confront those problems, misunderstandings and issues that divide us, grieve us, embitter us. More challenging still, Jesus says, is to face those situations in which our demands and expectations are the cause of such turmoil and then managing to put aside those wants and needs of ours that are exacting such a heavy cost from those we love. Christ calls us to the hard work of reconciliation, to be committed to seeking solutions not out of indignation or self-righteousness but out of a commitment to imitate and bring into our lives the great love and mercy of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

August 30th, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2700.50
Building Fund	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Late Gus & Eileen Rumboldt
Wed, 7 pm	Late Captain Robert Evans
Thur, 7 pm	Special Intention
Fri, 10 am	Late Roderick Blanchard
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Chesley & Edward Noseworthy
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL: After many months schools are finally reopening. This creates much anxiety along with great hope for a new year. We pray for the students and teachers as they begin this year of study during the global pandemic. We pray that the advice and work of our health and education departments will help keep all persons safe and help them to grow in education.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM – Sacred Heart

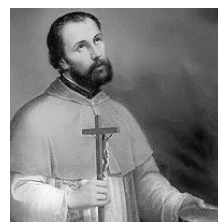
Parish: Our home religion program will begin sometime in the month of October. As with so many other things because of the presents of Covid-19 it is difficult to finalize plans and develop programs. Please be patient with us and you will be contacted as soon as the diocesan and parish plan is in place. By bringing your children and grandchildren, you will help form your children and grandchildren in the formation of faith.

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

PARISH COUNCIL: The next regular meeting will take place on Monday September 14th at 6pm in the parish meeting room. The meeting will begin at 6pm. Please bring your PPE (masks) with you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The committee will be meeting on Wednesday September 9th in the parish meeting room at Sacred Heart Church. The meeting will begin at 6pm. Please bring your PPE (masks) with you.

SAINT PETER CLAVER: September 9 is the feast day of Saint Peter Claver. Born in Spain, Peter Claver went to be a missionary in Cartagena in what is now Columbia, which was one of the major entry points for



slave ships on their way to America. He worked tirelessly on behalf of the slaves, bringing them whatever food and medicine he could afford and assuring them of their human dignity and God’s saving love. It is estimated that he baptized approximately 300,000 slaves in his 40 years of ministry. He is the patron saint of slaves, the Republic of Columbia and ministry to African Americans.

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.

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.

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.

- September 27th Collection for the Church in Canada.
- 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.

HOLY LANDS COLLECTION: Usually collected on Good Friday, this was cancelled when churches were closed due to the pandemic. Pope Francis has requested that it be taken up on Sunday the 13th of September – a date close to that of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast celebrates Christ’s saving work and also reminds us of faithful Christian pilgrims, like St. Helen when she found the relics of the Holy Cross in the 4th century, who have committed themselves to preserving the holy sites as places of worship that sustain our Christian culture and history of salvation. The annual Holy Land Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at holy sites, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for the local population.

HUMOR:

