

July 16, 2023: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.”

- Matthew 13:1-23

Today’s Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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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 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

Post-poned until further notice.

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.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

July 8th – July 9th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,675.50
Loose Offering	132.00
Building Fund	105.00
Votive Candles	10.00
In Memorium (Late Jimmy Quigley)	30.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	100.00
Roof Donation (Joe & John Hayes)	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Thur. 7 pm	Late Nora Wray
Fri. 2 pm	No Mass
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Susan Canning
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 22	
Lynette Taylor	Don Gallant
July 23	
Basil English	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

COFFEE TIME: Our Coffee has now stopped for the Summer. We would also like to thank anyone who so kindly made baked goods and donated every Sunday. See you in September.

PARISH DUES: Parish dues have been received from Catherine Musseau and Mary Ann Park.

BINGO: Thanks to Judy Joyce for her donation towards the May Bingo Draw. Her name was omitted from the list.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER: Workshop for caregivers supporting seniors is being offered on **July 26th - 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm** at St John the Evangelist Anglican Church on Main Street. There is limited seating for register early - **deadline is July 24th**. For more information call 634-4321 or email cmhi.mhp@gmail.com

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for anyone available to take Communion to the Sick and Shut-Ins during the summer months. Please contact one off the Outreach members if interested.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Will take place on **Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral. This is for the parents and god-parents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with the understanding that there will be a well-founded hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. We offer a walk through of the liturgy with an opportunity for question and discussion. Call the office at 634-5161 to register.

DIOCESE OF CORNER BROOK AND

LABRADOR: “Dear Fr. Lee Lainey; By virtue of this letter, I appoint you as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Curling, and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Benoit’s Cove, effective on **August 1st, 2023** with all the faculties, duties, and rights and privileges accorded by the norms of law. Thank you for your generous service to the people of Holy Redeemer Cathedral, All Hallows and St. Brendan’s Chapel, and pray that the next few weeks will be marked by fond farewells as well as time for rest and relaxation. Please be assured of my prayers during this time of transition, and my support in your ongoing ministry”. -Bishop Bart van Roijen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally, and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

“Share the Words” Hope: Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women’s League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope.

CEMETERY MASSES: **Mt. Patricia Cemetery** - Monday, July 24th at 7:00 pm, **Townsite Cemetery** - Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 pm, **Mount Cecilia Cemetery** (Sacred Heart Parish) Monday - July 31st at 7:00 pm, **Old RC Cemetery** - Benoit’s Cove - August 1st at 7:00 pm. In the event of rain, the mass will be held at the respective churches.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE EUCHARISTIC

CELEBRATION: July 26th is the Feast of St. Anne and the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women’s Association and the Benoit’s Cove Native Women’s Association will take a special role in preparing for and celebrating this feast. This mass will take place at **5:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish with Bishop Bart van Roijen** as Presider. Both Women’s Association, in traditional regalia will provide hymns and songs. Following the Mass there will be a feast at St. Mary’s Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

DEAR PRIESTS AND PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE: I am glad to announce the arrival of Fr. Assiongbon Loko, also known as “Fr. Joseph”, to our diocese. Fr. Joseph comes to us from the African country of Togo. He will begin his sojourn with us as Associate Pastor of Stephenville, Port au Port East and St. Fintan with sacramental responsibilities in Piccadilly. Though we are still short three priests in the diocese, Fr. Joseph’s arrival gives me hope for the priests whose application with Canada Immigration are still being processed. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Joseph and please pray for all those who have yet to come. The priests will have an opportunity to meet Fr. Joseph at our schedule Retreat and Study Days in Rothesay, N.B. Fraternally in Christ, Bishop Bart.

HUMOUR:

Wife: “Do you want dinner?”
Husband: “Sure, what are my choices?”
Wife: “Yes and no.”