

July 30, 2023: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus spoke to the crowds: “The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.”

“So it will be at the end of the age. The Angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

- Matthew 13:44-52

Today’s Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who “brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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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 22nd – July 23rd, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,501
Loose Offering	57
Building Fund	35
St. Vincent de Paul	20

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. 7 pm	Late Mary Russell
Thur. 7 pm	Late Helen Cook
Fri. 2 pm	No Mass Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Helen Cook
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 5	
Jacqueline Neville	John Carroll
August 6	
Mike Leonard	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

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 of the Outreach members if interested.

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** - Wednesday, August 9th 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.

FUNERAL MASS FOR BILL BRAKE: The Brake Family will be gathering for a funeral mass on August 4th, Friday at 10:30am. We would like to invite the parish community to come and be one with the family to honor the late Bill Brake for a life well shared and will always be beautifully remembered.

A SUMMER BLESSING:

May you walk with God this summer. In whatever you do, wherever you go, walking with God means... walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect, with concern for the feelings of others. May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. Talking with God means... Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, Asking God’s help in all your decisions, Expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk and walk with God every day. Amen.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

July 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola
 August 1st St. Alphonsus Liguori
 August 4th St. Jean Vianney

E-TRANSFER: You always have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is **sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com**. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you.”

INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

Pope Francis asks us to pray for the World Youth Day happening on August 1st to 6th 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

SOWING THE SEEDS: September 15th - 17th,

Basilica Parish Conference Rooms, St. John’s - Connect with members from throughout the province, meet our youth representatives, learn more about our partners and ongoing projects. The weekend will include time to reflect on our role in caring for creation and ecological justice; youth engagement; discussion on synodal leadership; focused time on the development of diocesan councils, their roles, and the resolution process; and a kick off to the fall campaign. If you are interested in participating, please contact Patricia Walsh Warren, Animator for the Newfoundland and Labrador, pwalsh@devp.org

HUMOUR:

In surgery for a heart attack, a middle-aged woman has a vision of God by her bedside. “Will I die?” she asks. God says, “No. You have 30 more years to live.” With 30 years to look forward to, she decides to make the best of it. So, since she’s in the hospital, she gets breast implants, liposuction, a tummy tuck, hair transplants and collagen injections in her lips. She looks great! The day she’s discharged, she exits the hospital with a swagger, crosses the street and is immediately hit by an ambulance and killed. Up in heaven, she sees God. “You said I had 30 more years to live,” she complains. “That’s true,” says God. “So what happened?” God shrugs. “I didn’t recognize you.”