

September 10, 2023: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus spoke to his disciples. “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If he or she listens to you, you have regained your brother or sister. But if the person does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; and if that person refuses to listen even to the Church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

- Matthew 18:15-20

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, which is sometimes called the “discourse on the Church” or the “church order” discourse. In this part of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today’s reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew’s Gospel. In Matthew’s record of Jesus’ teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community’s concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples’ question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today’s Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God’s assistance.

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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:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

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

August 26th – August 27th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$982
Loose Offering	68
Building Fund	115
Votive Candles	38
Mass Stipends	60
St. Vincent de Paul	20
Roof Donation	100

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Roddie Blanchard
Wed. 7 pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Thur. 7 pm	No Mass Intention
Fri. 10 am	No Mass Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Brian Griffin
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 16	
John Carroll	Don Gallant
September 17	
Basil English	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR

SEPTEMBER: For people living on the margins- We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council Meeting on **Tuesday, September 12th**, following the 7 pm mass. The meeting will be held in the church meeting room.

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.

PARISH OUTREACH: On September 14th at 1:30 pm there will be a meeting for the outreach committee.

SACRED HEART LADIES LEAGUE: The Sacred Heart Ladies League will be having their first general meeting on Wednesday, September 13th, 2023, at 1:30pm. This is a new year. Fr. Lainey will be our spiritual adviser. All ladies are welcome. Please join us for good times to come!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION: Have you recently given birth or are expecting to deliver a child soon? Would you like to have your child baptized? Bishop Bart will be hosting a baptismal preparation session on **Wednesday, September 20th from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral. Please come and find support from other parents who are embarking on the same journey. The session is for both parents and Godparents. We ask that you entrust your child to the care of a loved one. Call 709 634-5161 to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12th at 7:45pm at All Hallows church basement.

THE SEARCH: What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death?” Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in-between? The questions are there, and the answers are too. *THE SEARCH* is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. The SEARCH is from the Augustine Institute that serves the formation of Catholics intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally to renew the Church and transform the world for Christ. Please register! *This program will be advertised outside of our parish communities. We need committed volunteers from the parish to come and help by participating in small group discussions, welcoming people into our Church, and to journey with people. Please use the contact information below to volunteer:*

When: Monday evenings 7 – 8:15 pm, September 11th – October 30th (Thanksgiving Monday excluded)

Where: Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception

Registration: thesearchcb@gmail.com or by calling 631-4543

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Sunday, September 14th St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting for the Poor Box Collection to aid in its charity of providing food for the needy and Mary’s Kitchen. Poor Box will take place on the last Sunday of each month.

WESTERN ZONE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

Looking for meaningful ways to spend your spare time and feel a sense of purpose? The Western Zone of Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (formerly Western Health) is looking for volunteers. You will get the opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our residents, patients, and clients. Spending time with volunteers makes our residents and patients happier and they feel less lonely. Share your skills, knowledge, and time. Work in a gift shop. Join an auxiliary. Prepare afternoon treats for palliative care patients and their families. Read to patients and residents. Be a dining companion. Plant a garden. Care for plants. Provide musical entertainment. There are many ways you can volunteer. If you are interested call 709 784 5369 or email volunteerresources@westernhealth.nl.ca to find out more. You too will benefit as you will meet new people and experience personal satisfaction.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY-Family Support Group: is held the **Last Wednesday** of each month at **3:00 pm** at the **Corner Brook LTC.**

HUMOUR:

