

September 22nd, 2024: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week’s Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today’s Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God’s kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus’ name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God’s judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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MARY’S KITCHEN:

The regular Friday hours of 4-6 pm is now up and running, located in the lower level of the Cathedral.

PARISH MISSION:

A mission in this Year of Prayer will be conducted by Bishop Bart at 7pm each evening from October 15-17 at All Hallows Parish, Humber Road. All are welcome.

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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.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10a.m. (NO MASS: Oct. 7-11)

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

Lohnes Complex*

First Friday of each month - 2 pm

*Note: No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Reconciliation:

Marriages:

Baptisms:

Family Connections:

St. Vincent de Paul:

To resume in September.

Postponed until further notice.

By request.

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

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

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS
on September 14 & 15**

Regular Sunday	1497.00
Loose Offering	66.00
Building Fund	40.00
Votive Candles	33.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	10.00
Living with Christ	13.00

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 24 – 29

Sept. 24	Special Intentions Mass
Sept. 28	The Late Catherine & John Wilcott
Sept. 29	The Late Helen, Bernie & Sara Gallant
	The Late David Companion

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 28	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Gerry Buckle	Barbara Neville
September 29	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Victoria Murphy	Anna House
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

SACRED HEART BINGO:

Our first bingo of the season is **Sunday, September 29th, 2024**. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo will start at 2pm. Names beginning **A to E** can donate cash or merchandise towards the bingo. Hope to see you all there.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

There will be a celebration of life for Sean Hancock, son of John Hancock, at Fillatre’s Funeral Home, St. Mark’s Avenue, Corner Brook. It will be held on Sunday October 6, 2024, at 2-4pm, with prayers after by Father Lainey. Anyone wishing to attend can do so.

MASS INTENTIONS:

There is plenty of openings left for mass intentions for the month of October and onward. We can only accept one offering/stipend (\$\$) per day of mass however more that one intention can be said on that day. If you wish your mass intention offering to be the only one said on that day you will have to let the office know. We will also have one Sunday a month for the intentions of the people and no mass intentions for specific individuals on that day starting in October.

MASS CANCELLED – October 7 – 11, 2024:

Father Lainey will be away on the yearly priest retreat from October 7th to the 11th, there will be no mass held during this time. Mass will resume on Saturday October 12th, 2024. Thank you.

**THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED
/SYMBOLON MEETING:**

Do you wish to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith and in your relationship with our Lord. Come join us on **Thursday, September 26 at 7pm** in the church to learn more about the Catholic Faith. This course will be held for 10 weeks. A registration sheet will be located at the back of the church or call the parish office and leave a message at 709-785-5025. We look forward to seeing you.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT (Liturgy of the Word):

Come join us in developing children’s minds with the Liturgy of the Word. Do you have some time on your hands to lead our children into the Catholic faith? We are looking for volunteers to join our committee. Call the parish office at 709-785-5025 or speak with Father Lainey after mass.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Will be sponsoring a special praying of the Rosary during the month of October at our Cathedral church on Wednesday evenings 7pm. The new format will be used, promulgated by Saint Pope John Paul 11. It combines scripture segments, chants and the hymn to the Blessed Virgin. Given this enrichment, the prayer takes on the form of a little liturgy in itself. Everyone is invited to these gatherings. They provide an excellent opportunity for faith development and community celebration. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS - LONG TERM CARE GIFT SHOP:

Volunteers Wanted for LTC Gift Shops. The Gift Shops provide a valuable service to our patients, their families and our employees with all proceeds raised to help support special events and comfort for our residents. If you are interested call 709 784 5369 or email volunteerresources@westernheath.nl.ca to find out more.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

We are now seeking new members for parish council. If you or someone you know is interested in helping your parish as a council member, please contact the office 709-785-5025 or speak with Father Lainey.

LECTOR/READER:

Would you like to become a more active participant in Mass? Are you a good reader? Would you consider becoming a lector here in the parish? A good lector proclaims the Word of God in the first and second reading of the Mass. Effective proclamation of the Word involves delivering the message with clarity, conviction and at an appropriate volume and pace. They also lead the general intercessions. If you are interested in this please contact the parish office at 709-785-5025.

POOR BOX COLLECTION:

The Poor Box Collection at the end of each month will resume, starting with the weekend Masses of Sep 28- 29. SSVP volunteers and friends will be set up at the end of each Mass. Your ongoing support is valued and appreciated. THANK YOU.

Reflection: The rewards of the just

God’s inspiration is at work in everyone. However, there are people in whom divine inspiration seems to have no effect; people who commit crimes cold-bloodedly, and who never rejoice at the sight of the true and the beautiful. Even though they may seem to prosper, their punishment is assured even in this world. The anxieties and fears that assail them make their prosperity a bitterness to them. As for the just, even though their passage through life is often dogged by misfortune, the inward satisfaction of obeying divine inspiration gives them great strength, and is sufficient reward for them.