

September 29th, 2024: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today’s Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus’ name. John’s question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John’s question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus’ words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus’ name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus’ name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus’ name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus’ healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes “stumbling” or “causing scandal.” In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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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



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10a.m. (NO MASS: Oct. 8-11)

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 21 & 22

Regular Sunday	1609.00
Loose Offering	95.00
Building Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	47.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	245.00

MASS INTENTIONS Oct. 2 – 6	
Oct. 1	Special Intentions
Oct. 4	Lohnes Complex – 2pm
Oct. 5	The Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt The Late Rita McGrath
Oct. 6	Deceased members of the Hancock Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
October 5	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Don Gallant	Joan Penney
October 6	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Basil English	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

NATIONAL TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY:
In commemoration of this day the office will be closed on Monday September 30th, 2024.

CONDOLENCES:
The parish would like to offer sincere condolences to the families of Edward Joseph King and Edward Byron Allen. Prayers for the families at this difficult time.

MASS CANCELLED – October 8 – 11, 2024:
Remember Father Lainey will be away from October 8 – 11 and there is no mass. Mass will resume on Saturday October 12th, 2024. Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Weekday masses (Tues-Friday) will be held in the meeting room at the church to help with oil costs. This will start October 1st, 2024.

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. Hope to see you all there.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER GIFT DONATION DRIVE:
Saint Vincent de Paul ask that you join them as they start collecting for the Christmas hampers. You can donate gift cards, cash or items by November 30th. Tax receipts are available for cash donations and envelops are on the table at the back of the church. There is a suggestion list of items available at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

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!

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:

New Members: Congratulations to our new members who volunteered to be our New Secretary: Jane Coleman, New Treasurer: Madonna English, and Liz Carew our Correspondence Convenor. New members are always welcome, and we look forward to a great year.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is changed to October 15th, 2024. See you all there.

Thank You: to the following for their donation towards the September Bingo: Debbie Allen, Stella Anthony, Donna Beales, Evelyn Beales, Gertude Daye, Dianne Bennett, Loretta Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Margorie Blanchard, Dorothy Brake, Nora Brenton, Eileen Buckle, Karen Buckle, Sandra Buckle, Joan Butt, Hilda Butt, Joe Byrne, Cathy Bolt, John Carroll, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Christine Chadderton, Lynn Coombs, Debbie Dolomont, Vivian Donahue, Evelyn Ezekiel, John Hayes, Daniel O’Connor, Valarie O’Connor, Brian Park, Mary Ann Park, Marie Pennell, Julia Hackett Myles, and Regina Brown. As always it is greatly appreciated.

GRIEF & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:
NLHS Western Zone will be offering an 8 week in-person Grief & Bereavement Support Group in Corner Brook at Western Long-Term Care beginning on October 22, 2024. For more information or to register, please call Sandra at 709-784-5224.

POOR BOX COLLECTION:
The Poor Box Collection is this weekend at 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.

MOUNT PATRICIA CEMETERY ASSOCIATION:
Please be advised that as of October 1st we are starting our preparations for this coming winter. We kindly ask that you **remove any form of artificial flowers** including containers and saddles by October 1st. After that date cemetery staff will remove any remaining artificial flowers, etc. from grave sites and discard them. MPCA would like the thank the public for their cooperation in this matter.

Reflection:	Children
Jesus warned those who would lead the little ones astray, but he blessed those who care for them.	
One of the most touching things about children is their openness.	
But this same openness leaves them extremely vulnerable.	
They may not say much but they feel everything.	
They are like crocuses which appear in the open in February – frail, delicate, beautiful creatures – innocents abroad in an unpredictable climate.	
If they are embraced by the sun, they will bloom to their full potential.	
But if they are assailed by hail, they will die a premature death.	
Love is to a child what sunshine is to a flower.	