

September 15th, 2024: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today’s reading is the turning point in Mark’s Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus’ disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today’s reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean “human being.”

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Chris’s disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus’ words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

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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.

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

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm

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

Bible Study:

To resume in September.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed 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 709-638-9010.

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on September 7 & 8**

Regular Sunday	1548.00
Loose Offering	65.00
Building Fund	40.00
Votive Candles	37.75
Mass Stipends	70.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	20.00
Living with Christ	46.00
Walk-a-thon – Direct donation	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 17 – 22

Sept. 17	Special Intentions Mass
Sept. 19	The Late Brian Griffin
Sept. 20	Special Intentions Mass
Sept. 21	The Late David & Violet Dicks
Sept. 22	Annie & Thomas Griffin (Sr.) & George Hynes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 21	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jacqueline Neville	Eileen Moore
September 22	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Mike Leonard	Calvin Gillis
Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin	

BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624 MEETING:

Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road, Corner Brook on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:45 P.M. Would Sir Knights please try to attend.

SACRED HEART BINGO: Bingo will start again on the last Sunday of each month and our first one for fall is on **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.

WALK-A-THON: September 21st, 2024

The walk-a-thon is getting close, remember to start collecting from those that are sponsoring you. We will be starting at 10:30a.m. from Sacred Heart Church to the Rock Art Wall on Griffin Drive and back to the Church for refreshments. There are still sponsor sheets available at the back of the church, or if you want to donate to this fundraiser, please call the church office at 709-785-5025.

VOLUNTEERS - LONG TERM CARE GIFT SHOP:

Volunteers Wanted for LTC Gift Shops. Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? We are looking for volunteers to help with the Gift Shops at Corner Brook Long Term Care and Western Long Term Care. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL:

The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm in the church.

YOUTH GROUP:

Calling all youth grades 6 and up! Join us as we kick off the year on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Cathedral. Throughout the year there will be discussions on our faith, community projects, movies, fun games, and snacks! Ideas for the future of this group will be discussed and led by our youth supported by volunteers for the parish. Please contact angie.dolomount@gmail.com or 631-4543 for more information.

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.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY MEETING:

Its next monthly general meeting is on **Wednesday, September 18** at 2pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend, especially after the spring and summer break. We encourage those who are looking to become more active as a volunteer to come along to the meeting. We welcome the opportunity to discuss how becoming a Vincentian can be one of the most rewarding journeys you will ever experience. Hope to see you there!!

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

CHOIR/MEETING ROOM:

Our room is finally completed and could not have been accomplished without the good works of many, including Dan Park doing the plastering, John Carroll doing the painting, and all the parishioners who helped empty and restore the room. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Thank you to everyone for your time and commitment to our parish and your faith.

Reflection: Faith without works

A watch may have a gold chain,
but if it doesn't tell the time, it is useless.
A fruit tree may be teeming with
blossoms,
but if it doesn't produce fruit, it is useless.
A lamp may be studded with diamonds,
but if it doesn't give light, it is worthless.
And a faith that doesn't result
in good works is dead.

The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
And the fruit of service is peace.