

REFLECTION for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

'God did not make death and does not delight in the death of the living; for God created all things so that they might exist.' These are the first words of today's readings. They reveal to us that God's initial plan for us was immortality but the wily devil acting on our first parents-Adam and Eve- caused the 'fall.'

As a result we face death, suffering, and pain; now all part of the human condition, such is the fallen human state. But God wants us to live forever, so we strive for healing and heaven.

God is Love and so God's will for us is that we be fully alive in the here and now. Healing- physical and spiritual- is readily available to us from the fount of Love. Faith is this belief leads us to a comfort level concerning our journey along life's path with its all too frequent encounters with death and sickness. We look for examples to bolster our faith and we are given them in today's Gospel.

Unlike the apostles in last week's gospel who had little faith when the storm struck at sea, today's Gospel presents two people of great faith. Firstly, we meet Jairus who approached Jesus with the belief that Jesus would do something about his daughter's desperate situation. He did.

Secondly, we meet the woman who was suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years. She lost everything in trying to get cured but her situation was getting worse. She never gave up and believed that Jesus would be of help. She thought, *"if I but touch His clothes, I will be made well."* She went ahead to do that and she was indeed cured!

The two miracles in the Gospel challenge us to have great faith in Jesus and to persevere like Jairus and the woman. There are times when we may tend to give up and loose heart when faced with certain life and death situations and especially when our prayers seem to be in vain.

Let us pray: *God give us the courage, conviction, and faith to reach out to touch you and be healed. Lord, 'I believe; help my unbelief.'*

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses in Week Days:
Wed, Thurs 7 pm
Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month,
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

Marriages:
Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

June 28, 2015

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

	<u>June 20,21</u>
Collection	\$ 1,668.00
Building Fund	40.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Baptism Stipend	25.00
Seminary Fund	4.00
Dues	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

June 29	No Mass
June 30	No Mass
July 1 7pm	Bernadette/Anthony George
July 2 * 7pm	Dr. Tony O'Connor
July 3 10am	Liz Parsons
July 4	Leona Snow
July 5	Parish Community

*Please note the **Mass time change for July 2nd**. The priest has a medical appointment on the morning of **the 2nd**.

ADVANCE NOTICE: CEMETERY MASSES

Mount Cecilia	Tues	July 28, 7pm
Mount Patricia	Wed	July 29, 7 pm
Town-site	Thurs	July 30, 7pm

SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the **office** will be open in the morning & closed in the afternoon. Morning hours will begin this week, and continues until after Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Sept. 8th.

A PARISH REGISTRATION

Just a reminder of our Parish Registration. Please fill it out and return it. If you do not want to fill some parts in or answer some of

the questions, that's OK. Fill in enough so that we can register your family. It will help us enumerate our parish community.

Additionally, if you know a family who you believe would like to register with our Parish, please take a form and give it to them to complete.

BE SAFE, HAVE FUN

To all our young people, especially this year's high school graduates, who are free from school this week. We offer our hopes and prayers for a fun-filled but safe summer holiday. May God shine on your future.

And we wish likewise to acknowledge all our parish volunteers in the various ministries and committees.

THE HOPE WALK

Beginning in Port au Basques on July 2nd and ending at the Mount Cashel Memorial in St. John's on August 2nd, Gemma Hickey, a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, plans to walk over 900 km across the island of Newfoundland to raise funds for Pathways, an organization she founded for men and women who have experienced abuse within religious institutions. For more information visit: www.pathways-foundation.com

THANKS AND GOD BLESS YOU

Fr. Ambrose Hynes, presently at the Cathedral parish, is retiring from priestly ministry this week. He plans to return to his hometown on the Northern Peninsula. Our parish joins with all churches in the diocese

in celebrating this milestone in his life and wishes him well in his retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS

This Sunday **Leah Rae Greene** was baptized at our parish Mass. Let us pray that God may bless her, her family, and all our parish families.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING

This prayer group meets every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral parish rooms. The talk for July 2nd is "Intercession: Standing in the Gap".

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Last week, Pope Francis released this encyclical. This encyclical reminds us that care for the environment is part of our Church's teaching and is really not optional. The Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of the environment in Paragraph 436. *"How should we treat the environment? We fulfill God's commission with regard to creation when we care for the earth, with its biological laws, its variety of species, its natural beauty, and its dwindling resources, as a living space and preserve it, so that future generations also can live well on earth."* It goes on to explain that, while God gave humanity dominion over the earth, this does not mean that God wants us to use nature in a selfish or careless way but that we should use the earth's resources wisely and that we should save them from destruction.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting is scheduled for Monday at 7 pm in the parish house. All members are urged to attend.

MUSICAL CONCERT OF PRAISE

These concerts are sponsored by the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association. Various churches offer them on a weekly basis throughout the summer. **Our folk choir and ministers will present an evening of music and praise at 7 pm on Sunday July 12.** The services are held outside at the *Sir Richard Squires Building*. In the event of rain the service will be here at our church. Please come out to enjoy our wonderful choir.

QUALIPU CELEBRATE WITH US

On Sunday July 26, members of the Qualipu First Nation Band will join us for the celebration of our 11 am Mass. Together we will praise and glorify the Lord in this Mass and recall His ancestry; for this date is also the Feast Day of St. Anne, mother of Mary, and the Band's patron saint.

O DIVINE MASTER

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN