

REFLECTION for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Few of us are aware of the spiritual abilities we have in terms of our power in proclaiming Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and to influence others by our way of life. Undoubtedly this is because we were raised to see spiritual power/holiness as residing in priests, sisters, and other religious persons. There was little chance that any of us were holy like those people.

Well my dear friends, times have changed. The perceived holiness of a lot of these people has been exposed. While we do not want to belittle the effects of sexual and physical abuse, we have to acknowledge that one blessing arising from this exposure is that it has served to remind us that we too are capable of being holy and loving people. Holiness does not necessarily require being dressed in cleric or religious clothing.

And we too are called to be priests and prophets. Today's readings point out that the call of all followers of Jesus is to spread the Good News, to proclaim God's goodness and love. Hand in glove with this call is our call to point out injustice, inequality, indifference, and any wrong and any act which contravenes the two great commandments of LOVE.

Jesus spoke with authority when He proclaimed the Good News; He believed in the power of God the Father to guide and confirm Him in His worldly acts of love for others. Imprinted on our souls is the ability to do what Jesus did; indeed He came to earth to show us how to live as He lived, to do what He did. We are made in the image and likeness of God, we are called to imitate Jesus, and we are called to live out daily our Baptismal call to be priests, prophets and kings.

Please give some thought over the next few weeks to becoming actively involved in the life of our parish. Please consider actively living out your call to be a Christian- a Catholic who lives his/her faith fully, actively, and consciously. These are three descriptive words used to urge Catholics to action during the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Fr. Don

A PARISH HISTORY: has now been completed by Mr. Tom Collier and is in the possession of the Parish. It contains a well-documented history, with photos, of our Parish up to the 1960's.

We are still looking for photos and/or stories from the 1960's through until today.

Do you have photos of the Re-opening of the Church after the 1979 fire, the Sacred Heart Bowling League, the Sacred Heart Social Club, the Sacred Heart Charismatic Prayer Group, the Sacred Heart Softball and Broomball Teams, First Sacrament Classes, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, or any other special Parish event?

Please have look, we would love to have some of these in our desire to record our proud history.

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses this Week:
Monday ---Friday
No Masses.

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Mon & Wed after Mass

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$1952.35
Building Fund	\$85.00
Dues	\$185.00
In memory of Gerald McHugh	\$20.00
Joan Barriault	\$85.00
Theresa Tompkins	\$50.00
Mass Stipends	\$100.00
Votive Candles	\$47.65
Advent Folders	\$25.00

DO YOU WANT TO BE ACTIVE?

The readings of the last few weeks have challenged us to become involved in the work of the church. A disciple of Jesus does more than sit and watch. So, I am asking you to consider volunteering your time and talent to help out. Please give some prayerful thought to how you might help out. *A lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, altar server, choir, Ladies or Mens Group-- choose one or more.*

Then over the next few weeks call the parish Office 785-5025 and give us your name. We will contact you and welcome you to our parish team. There is a place for everyone.

BINGO

There will be a Bingo in Sacred Heart School cafeteria at 2pm on Sunday Feb.1. The list of donors for this bingo is posted at the back of the Church.

MENS GROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for

Wednesday Feb. 4 at 7:30pm in the rectory. All members are urged to attend. There will be **an election of officers** for the coming year at this meeting.

PALM FOR ASHES

The beginning of Lent will be upon us soon. Last year's palms are used in the preparing of ashes for Ash Wednesday. To help us in this, could you please bring some palm from home to be burned to make the needed ashes. Please give the palm to John Carroll. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

There will be **no weekday Masses**- Monday through Friday- for the next two weeks

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Lent is fast approaching. The parish has ordered 50 copies of the Lenten edition of **THE WORD AMONG US**. This contains the daily Mass readings and a short meditation on them. These will be available in a few weeks at the back of the church. For those into using the internet, you can access this material by visiting the website wau.org, or see the link on our parish website.

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER

The Ladies Group is organizing this event- **Tuesday Feb. 17. There will be a Mass at 5pm at the church followed by a pancake supper at the rectory.** There is no charge. The ladies are busy planning this event; we urge you to mark the date and time and plan to attend to make it a successful parish celebration in anticipation of Lent. It can be our Mardi Gras!!

CONFIRMATION 2015

Registration forms are now available at the back of the church. **Preparation classes begin in three weeks.**

In our Diocese, children are eligible for this sacrament when in Grade 7. So, any child born in 2002 or 2003 should register this year and receive confirmation.

Time to register is getting short so if you know of a young adult who has not been confirmed and is older, please encourage them to register this year.

All Catholics should receive all sacraments as soon as they are able.

Daily Devotions

Is one of your Resolutions to try to pray more? We may have help for you.

Are you aware that on our parish website you can find the daily Mass readings and meditations/reflections on those readings? In a section called **PRAY WITH US**, there are links to **Our Daily Bread** and **Living Faith** daily devotionals.

CELEBRATING THE WORD

25 copies of this meditation aid are made available at the back for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Each week you will find this material for the week ahead. Please consider giving it a try. It is also available (*in paperless form*) by visiting the website ressurrectionists.ca or by following a link on our parish website.

SYMPATHY

The parish offers sincere sympathy to Carol Reid & family on the death of husband and father Roy Reid.

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Again this year the K of C is sponsoring an essay writing contest. All students from Grade 7 to 12 are eligible to make entries. First prize - \$200.00; Second prize - \$100.00; Third prize - \$50.00.

This year's essay topic is: "WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK POPE FRANCIS IS HAVING ON THE CHURCH TODAY." Essays should be approximately 500 words in length and are to be submitted by March 31, 2015.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

meets on Thursdays at 7:30 at the Cathedral. This week's (Feb 5) teaching is **Anger-Is it affecting you?** All are welcome.