

REFLECTION for the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Fr. Don

In our first reading, Jeremiah prophesies that God will make a new covenant with His people. He will write it on their hearts. Was this prophecy meant solely for the Israelites or was it for all of humanity, including us?

Interestingly in today's Gospel, it is only when people of another nation (Greece) ask to see Jesus that He declares: *'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'*.

For Jesus realized that people of all nations now wished to see this man they were calling the Messiah, the Saviour. Knowing that His message had indeed gone out into the entire world, Jesus realized His death was imminent. His death and resurrection were the last acts He had yet to accomplish. So, Jesus, who is fully human as we are fully human, is immediately troubled and turns to His Father in prayer.

Now we might not have the sense to turn to God in prayer but again Jesus here shows us how to act in the face of adversity, even death- take it to God in prayer. Jesus says *'Father glorify your name'* and God replies *'I have glorified it'*.

Today we know the glory of the Trinitarian God. We know that when the Son of God was lifted up on the cross, all of humanity was saved. The gates of heaven were opened, forgiveness of sins was attained, the Way was mapped out for all the faithful to follow, and the Holy Spirit was given us as guide.

And we know that God has written a new covenant in our hearts; it is a covenant of unconditional love. Now the Holy Spirit dwells within our hearts. It is the Spirit that urges us onward towards trust in Jesus while we live and hope of eternal life when we die.

Yes, it is accomplished for us for it was accomplished by Jesus. We are God's people and He is truly 'OUR FATHER who art in heaven'. There is no sixth Sunday of Lent- the forty days are spent. Next week we begin Holy Week, a time when the Paschal Mystery unfolds for our glory.

Thanks be to God.

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
7pm.

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.

March 22, 2015
The Fifth Sunday Of Lent

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$1,743.00
Building Fund	15.00
Mass Stipends	90.00
Votive Candles	48.00
Certificates	20.00
In Memory of Betty Dobbin	70.00

MASS OF CHRISM

Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral.

The Chrism Mass is celebrated annually in the cathedral by the bishop and priests of a diocese in communion with their people. It is meant to publicly express the unity of the diocese and the unity of the priests with their bishop, as well as to celebrate the institution of the priesthood and priestly service. It is at this Mass that the sacred oils used in the celebration of sacraments are blessed: the Oil of Catechumens, which is used in Baptism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism, which is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. One adult and three of our young people from the Confirmation class have volunteered to receive the Holy Oils for the parish. Try to attend.

HOLY THURSDAY EUCHARIST

The commemoration of the Last Supper will be celebrated at our 7pm Mass. Tradition is that we have the ritual of washing of feet at this Mass. For this purpose a sign-up sheet is available at the back. Twelve volunteers

are needed. Please consider helping us.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

March 23	Roy Reid
March 24	Anthony & Bernadette George
March 25	John McCarthy/Linda Elkins-Schmitt
March 26	Robert Michaels
March 27	Joan Barriault
March 28	Joan Hearn/ Betty Dobbin
March 29	Parish Community

PLEASE NOTE :

ALL MASSES at 7pm from Mon to Fri.

CONFIRMATION 2015

Classes have begun and ten young people are registered. They will fulfill part of their service component by carrying the Candles and Cross at the opening and closing of our Saturday Masses.

COLLECTION FOR CHURCHES IN THE HOLY LANDS

This collection will be taken at our 3 pm Good Friday Service on April 3. All monies collected are sent forward and used for the upkeep of Christian churches in that area. See the posters at the back for more details. Please be generous.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Thursday evening at the Cathedral at 7:30. All are welcome.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of this committee on Monday March 23 following 7 pm Mass.

All members are asked to please make an effort to attend.

WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Stephens Church in Stephenville will present their annual dramatic presentation of the Way of the Cross. This will take place on Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm.

You are invited; admission is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted.

WELCOME

Alex John Dobbin who was baptized last weekend here at Sacred Heart. May God bless him and his parents.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

It will begin on Friday March 27 at 7pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral in Corner Brook. The sessions continue through until Saturday afternoon. Any couple considering marriage in the near future should register for this course now.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St. John's on April 24 and 25. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the good news of the Gospel.

If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES

Thank you to those who volunteered to

help with this committee whose task is to ensure that all activities and functions within our parish are done in a transparent and responsible manner. This means that you, the parishioner, should be assured we are doing things properly. If you have any doubts about this, let us know. See, that's the role of this committee.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

If you wish to have a papal blessing for somebody who is celebrating a birthday (80, 90) or anniversary (50, 60), let us know and we can arrange for this blessing from the Vatican. Two months notice is needed

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Is extended to Marina Cashin and her family on the death of husband and father, John. We will keep you in our prayers.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION

Its theme is "*Beware the Holy Spirit*". It will be broadcast on the VISION TV channel on Monday Mar.30 and Tuesday Mar.31 at 7:30pm and repeated at 11:00pm each night. Please try to tune in and view it. For more details please see the posters at the back of the church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Wayne Jones for your time & work in installing the new handrails on the altar. Good Job.