

February 16, 2020 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all these things have taken place . . .

“ . . . if you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”
Matthew 5: 17-37

Sadly, things are fine for Michael . . .

In a recent episode of Lynn Johnston’s Sunday newspaper comic strip For Better or For Worse [December 15, 2019], 13-year-old Michael complains to his mom, “Mom, there’s nothing to wear!”

“Michael,” his mother counters, “you won’t go shopping with me, and the last time I gave you money to buy your own clothes, you didn’t buy anything!!”

A few minutes later, Michael is staring out the window. “There’s nothing to do,” the teenager whines.

His mother reminds him, “Brian asked you to go swimming, your dad asked you if you’d go downtown with him — and you turned them both down.”

Mom next encounters Michael plopped in front of the television; the sound turned down. “There’s nothing to watch,” Michael gripes.

Mom says pointedly, “There are plenty of channels to choose from and you have video games to play.”

In the next-to-last panel, Dad comes home from his errands to find Michael just sitting in a chair, a forlorn expression on his face. “What’s with Michael?” Dad asks.

Mom deadpans, “There’s nothing to complain about.”

Today’s Gospel is about attitude and perspective. Jesus asks us to consider not just our failings and sins — the acts themselves — but the self-centeredness at the heart of our actions. To embrace happiness is a choice we make; we decide whether or not to engage the world with a perspective of hope and possibility. Michael’s pessimism is his own making, and his wise mom calls him on it. On a much deeper and more serious level, Jesus challenges us to confront the anger, the bigotry, the self-righteousness that we use to justify our selfish behavior: the attitudes that tear families and communities apart, that destroy our own sense of self-respect as well as diminishing the basic human dignity of others. To follow Jesus is to see the possibilities we have for doing good things and to accept God’s grace to make such good a reality.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

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

Daily mass is also cancelled any day there is a funeral in our parish.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

February 9, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1365.70
Building Fund	115.00
In Memorium (Late Rita Hall)	100.00
Votive Candles	22.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Ed Callahan
Wed, 10 a.m.	Deceased members of the O'Brien & O'Connell Families
Thur, 7 p.m.	Late Rod Joyce
Fri, 10 a.m.	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Thomas Griffin Sr.
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 22	
Janet Jackson Linda Tarbett	Art Hall Joe Byrne Joan Penney
February 23	
Donna Eldridge Debbie Allen	Brian Sparkes Margaret Dalley Calvin Gillis
Communion of the Sick	
Barbara Neville	

NET MINISTRIES: Sacred Heart and Holy Redeemer parishes are co-sponsoring events with NET Ministries for the weekend of March 20th - 21st. This is a great event for all youth in grade seven and higher. More specific details to follow. Confirmation candidates are expected to take part in these NET Ministries activities.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019: This is the last week that Tax Receipts for 2019 will be available at the back of the Church. After this weekend receipt will be at the parish office. If there are any issues, please contact the Parish from Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

BINGO: Bingo that was cancelled on February 2nd will now take place SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL. Bingo begins at 2pm.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Adoration and Benediction has been rescheduled from February 16 to **SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23rd**. Adoration begins at 2pm and concludes with Benediction at 3pm. Please come join us in pray.

BISHOP'S REFLECTIONS: After reading all the Pastoral Advisory Committee Surveys submitted by the parishes and missions of the Diocese over the last few years, I would like to respond to the request for more regular communication by making a conscious effort to visit all the parishes and missions on a regular basis and by using the diocesan website (www.rcchurch.com) as a platform for my weekly reflections. Please free to approach me with any concerns that you may have or questions you would like me to address. I do not claim to have the answers; my thoughts are often meant to lead to further discussion and ongoing discernment. I have faith that the Spirit will lead us, if we learn to listen together.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT: Ash Wednesday is February 26th. The season of Lent is a time for prayer, penance and fasting in preparation for the Great Season of Easter. **In particular, Ash Wednesday, is a day of fasting and a day of abstinence from meat.** Fasting does not apply to seniors and to those who have special dietary needs. During Lent, extra services will be scheduled with other events to assist us in faith development. Everyone is encouraged to enter into this time of preparation.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA: Mission activity was the first action of the Apostles. When the Canadas began, French missionaries, accompanying explorers, continued that action in North America. Four hundred years later, some areas have yet to be fully established. Encouraged by Pope Francis, our home missions need our attention. The 'Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions' hopes to achieve this goal by asking God's blessing on our mission areas. Our Canadian missionaries and the Catholics they serve need our prayers. Each Canadian Diocese is choosing its own time to celebrate our Canadian missions. Our Diocese has selected Ash Wednesday as a day of prayer for this worthy cause. In particular, we will be asked to make an offering on this day. Envelopes for this purpose are in our package. Extra envelopes will be available in our churches. Please join the initiative. Sponsored by Catholic Missions in Canada, 201-1155 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M4T 1W2

ST VINCENT de PAUL: The regular monthly meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place in the basement of the Cathedral Residence next Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 pm. New members welcome.

WINTER CARNIVAL CABBAGE ROLL DINNER : Holy Redeemer Parish Cabbage Roll Supper will be held on Monday, **February 24th** at All Hallows Church Basement. Take out is 3:30 to 4:30 and eat in 5:00 to 6:00. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the door. Please note the dinner will be held at All Hallows but is sponsored by Holy Redeemer Cathedral Parish. We thank the parishioners of All Hallows for the use of their centre.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Advance Notice: of upcoming **Novena for Life**, celebrating life from the moment of conception to natural death. Further details will be released in the coming weeks. The Novena will run from March 7 to the 15th.

HUMOUR:

Knock! knock!
Who's there?
Howard!
Howard who?
Howard you like to stand out in the cold while some fool keeps asking "who's there?"



ADVANCE NOTICE: PRE-MARRIAGE

SEMINAR: Couples planning to marry this year are advised of a special seminar being held Friday, March 6th starting at 7:00 pm and continuing on Saturday March 7th at 9:00 am. We cover topics of Sacramentality of Marriage, communication, financial considerations, relaxation and meditation as well as an overview of challenges to the goals and objectives of the Sacrament. This promises to be a pleasant experience as you prepare spiritually to celebrate your marriage. The fee is \$50.00. Kindly call Holy Redeemer parish office at 634-5161 to register.