

## **REFLECTION for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Fr. Don**

Remember the Beatles singing: 'I don't care too much for money, money can't buy me love.' Remember the saying: 'Money is the root of all evil.' Remember: 'you can't take it with you'. Remember this one: 'Money isn't everything but it is miles ahead of whatever is in second place.' Yes, the Mammon (god of money) vs God debate is ever with us. Money has a necessary place in our lives but, for our good, God cannot come in second place; primacy of place belongs to God. How do we live with and embrace both?

The lure of Chase the Ace, the Lotto, and scratch tickets is tantalizing. Our loathing of tax on this, that, and every facet of living, knows no limit. What is the true Christian to do? Thankfully, money is merely a god and not God. Our destiny rests on our being children of God and not of Mammon. Does this mean we have to give up the good things of life? Does this mean that we are to shun money, wealth, and worldly attachments? The short answer is No. The long answer requires a large dose of faith in Jesus and His Way.

Remember: Be alert. 'Pick the bones' out of every situation and use the knowledge gained to build up the Kingdom of God- for the good of all. Jesus saw a teaching moment in the actions of the unjust servant. There is no doubt that the servant in our Gospel and the landowners in our first reading were unjust crooks; but as in all our life's interactions, we must observe, evaluate, and take from the situation that which builds-up our faith, hope, and love. We can take their poor example and turn it to good example.

We must use mammon as a means to a Divine end. The shrewd unjust servant in today's Gospel is used by Jesus to illustrate his creativity and decisiveness in using the treasures of this world to achieve a good end result- friends in high places. Jesus wishes that the children of God, us, would be so decisive and creative in regards to the things of God- to achieve the greatest end result possible- our eternal salvation.

It goes without saying that money has a necessary place in the vibrancy and health of any parish. Without money parishes can close; this is a possible outcome of our current Diocesan Pastoral Planning. Many parishes promote the idea of *stewardship*. Many dioceses mandate that parishes have stewardship committees. Good stewards are what this parish, and world, desperately needs at this point in its history.

Here is what Jesus is trying to get us to understand and to do: we can imagine that the earth with all its riches is the *household*, and God the *householder*. We are the household stewards and we are expected to manage justly what we have been given. In good conscience we need to ask ourselves how well do we help manage the goods of the earth? Do we take unfair advantage? Do we share? Do we recognize a common responsibility to respond to the just needs of others? Is our common end-goal salvation for all?

*You cannot serve God and wealth-* Jesus' last words in the Gospel are asking a lot from us. We are not expected to disown the world but to live in it gently using what we need and sharing what we have. The world does not have an unlimited supply of resources. All of us, together, must make decisions as members of this global community that are worthy of the household of God. Only when we share in a way that reflects an enlightened sense of the dignity of all will we grow in ways that really matter: as people who love, who are free, whose hearts genuinely care. Mammon can serve to create God's Kingdom!

# Sacred Heart Parish



## **A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ**

### Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

465 Curling Street  
Corner Brook, NL A2H 3K8  
Tel: (709) 785-5025

[Curlingparish@hotmail.com](mailto:Curlingparish@hotmail.com)  
[www.sacredheartrcparish.ca](http://www.sacredheartrcparish.ca)  
Fax: (709) 388-1141

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Wednesday after Mass, or by request

**Mass During the Week:** Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Friday at 10:00 a.m.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church

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

**Baptisms:** Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

**September 18, 2016**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>RECEIVED WITH THANKS</b>	Sept 10,11
Collection	\$1,628.95
Building Fund	65.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
Votive Candles	64.00
Bingo	627.05
Garden Party	5.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 19, 20	No Mass
Sept 21	William Whalen/ Jack Hearn
Sept 22	Basil Donahue
Sept 23	Mary Leonard/ Dave Jones
Sept 24	Dr. Dennis O'Connor
Sept 25	Parish Community

### MINISTERS (Sept 24, 25)

#### READERS                      EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Art Hall      Marie Byrne, Mary-Jo Perrett  
Edna Dwyer      Joanne Perrett

*\*Joe/Marie Byrne- Communion Minister to the Sick*

-----  
Maureen George      Brian Sparkes, Calvin Gillis,  
Calvin Gillis                      Elizabeth Carew

### CONGRATULATIONS

Marlee Wayson and Shane White were married here in our church on Friday. We wish them many years of happiness together. May God bless and sanctify their marital union.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY of PEACE

*'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.'* (John 14:27.) **Wednesday, September 21** is the International Day of Peace, established by the United Nations in 1981. The purpose of this day is to encourage everyone to work in cooperation for world-wide peace. The theme this year is *"The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace."* Please pray for peace as a

family at meal-times on this day.

### PADRE PIO FEAST DAY- Friday, Sept 23

He was born in Italy in 1887 and died in 1968. He was a friar, a priest, and had the stigmata-wounds similar to those Jesus had from the nails at his crucifixion. Some consider St. Pio to be among the greatest saints of our times. Here are a few of his quotes concerning suffering:  
*"Bless the Lord for your suffering and accept to drink the chalice of Gethsemane."*  
*"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is a key that opens God's heart."*  
*"Suffering born in a Christian way is the condition that God, the author of all grace and of all the gifts that lead to salvation, has established for granting us glory."*

### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

-Elections will take place next week. There are three positions. We have placed nomination forms at the back for this purpose. Please return them to the Parish Office.  
**-Parish Council will meet on Monday Sept 26 at 7 pm in the parish house.**

### HOLY HOUR

This **Sunday, Sept 18 at 2 pm** in the church, we will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the Rosary and Benediction. Please come and join us in this traditional Eucharistic Adoration celebration.

### LARGE PRINT BIBLES

We have more of these NRSV Bibles now available. If you wish to purchase one, please contact the parish house. They cost \$30 each

### FAMILY CATECHESIS- STARTING SOON

The textbooks for Reconciliation, Holy

Communion, and Confirmation have arrived and a date for our first meeting will soon be announced. Please phone the Office (785-5025) to register your children. Julia Myles and her other volunteers are ready to be of assistance to you. Spread the word about this everyone.

### LADIES GROUP NEWS

**A pot luck lunch** is planned for **Sept. 25 following Sunday Mass**. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please bring a dish & join us for our first social event of the year.

**Our Harvest Sale** will be held on **Nov. 5 Election results** from Sept. 11: Veronica Stone-chair, Pat Jones-secretary, Joan Penney-past chair. Gratitude is extended to Theresa Dobbin for chairing the group last year. Bless You.

### VARIETY CONCERT

Save the date, Friday October 28. The time and the details will follow. Lots of local talent.

### SPECIAL BINGO AT CHURCH IN BENOIT'S COVE

You are invited to attend this BINGO as a means of supporting our sister parish. It takes place **Sunday Sept 25 at 2 pm** in the basement of the church. There are lots of good prizes to be won. At this bingo, the draw on the 50-50 tickets now being sold (\$5000 possible prize) will take place. Fr. Don has 50-50 tickets if you want one (\$10)

### .PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Western Health is pleased to offer a NEW training program for pastoral care volunteers, "Caring for the Human Spirit". The **5- week training program will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 -3:30 (every second Monday)** and is **FREE**. Registration deadline is September 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Don

### REPLACING WINDOWS- THANK YOU

We have contracted with Premier Siding and Windows to do this work. Installation will begin next month. To this date, 20 families have donated the cost of one window (\$1000). A plaque will be put on the window indicating in whose memory the donation was given.

### CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

Will be held on the **first Friday** of each month at **the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Chapel from 7:00-8:00 PM**. Intention: For world peace and for a stop to the persecution of Christians and torture of children.

### Needs of the Church in Canada COLLECTION

A special collection for this purpose is being taken up in all parishes across Canada next weekend. All the faithful are invited to participate in helping their diocese meet its financial obligations to the regional assemblies and to the National Conference.

**BINGO DONATIONS** were gratefully received from the following; Kelly Adey, Debbie Allen, Donna Beales, Diane, & Sharon Bennett, Marjorie Blanchard, Colleen Boland, Cathy Bolt, Dorothy, Ed, James, Mary, Michelle, Regina and WC Brake, Jeanne Brown, Camille Bruce, Eileen, Karen, & Sandy Buckle, Nora Burton, Hilda, & Joan Butt, Roberta Canning, Cathy Carroll, Marina Cashin, Joanne Connolly, Helen Cook, Lynn Coombs, Linda Corbett, Gertrude Daye, Barbara, & Amelia Dicks, Theresa Dobbin, Vivian Donahue, Rosemarie Doody, Edna Dwyer, Linda McIsaac, Michelle Andrews, & Bill Peddle.

### MERCY PRAYER

LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF THE LIVING GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.