

**July 15, 2018 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**“Jesus sends out the Twelve two by two to preach and heal.”**

**Mark 6: 7-13**

**“Unfinished houses”**

Education Across Borders is a nonprofit group that organizes volunteers to build homes for the poor in the Dominican Republic. Every summer, teenagers and young adults join the group for two-week service trips. Their initial enthusiasm wanes a bit on the first day when they begin work on a house and realize they will never see it finished. *Why can't we finish the house?* they ask. *Weren't we good enough? Didn't we work hard enough? Will the poor resent us for "failing" this project?*

John McLaughlin, who directs Education Across Borders, explains to them that service work, if it is to last, must be about accompaniment more than accomplishment. That unfinished house is a tangible reminder that there is still much to be done.

McLaughlin remembers one group from an American parish who came focused on the work of completing the house. They rose before dawn and worked ten or more hours every day in the tropical heat. They left disappointed that "we didn't get done as much as we wanted."

"But 'getting a lot done' was never the point," McLaughlin says. "Keeping up such an industrial pace had all but precluded [the students] from learning Dominicans' names, speaking Spanish or having their assumptions - about the causes and structures of poverty, for example - challenged. No emotional risk was involved for the students . . . little transformation could take place for anyone."

Another group McLaughlin worked with got little done because of constant downpours every afternoon. "We lost many hours of building time that week, but the students took the opportunity to talk more with the villagers, including Etienne, a young immigrant from Haiti . . . Several students went to great lengths to embrace him, plodding through long, piecemeal Spanish-English-Creole conversations, sharing their meals with him and even, in the case of one volunteer, giving him a church-suitable shirt (in a culture that values appearance highly) so that he could attend Mass for the first time.

"That Sunday, Etienne sat among the students at the service and afterward joined in the *despedida*, the traditional send-off party. The sun came out, and stayed out; perhaps we should have spent the day on the construction site, to make up for lost time. But by then the students knew, without me telling them, where they were most needed. They were in the community center, dancing not with each other, but with their new Dominican and Haitian friends. . . .

"Service is fundamentally about relationship," McLaughlin has discovered. "Yes, it involves mixing concrete or ladling soup, but it also means walking with and listening to the suffering, sharing stories and laughter, tears and prayers. Understanding service as accompaniment reminds us to whom the house really belongs, and to Whom we really belong."

[From "Unfinished Houses: Building the kingdom on God's time" by John J. McLaughlin, America, July 21-28, 2014.]

**Just as he sends forth the Twelve, Jesus sends us forth with our "walking sticks," not to build or rule or dominate but to heal, comfort and encourage. Our own service to others, Jesus says, should be centered not in efficiency or results but in mercy, humility and gratitude. Let us build houses for the poor, but first may we welcome them into our homes and communities; let us feed the hungry, but first make places for them at our tables; let us reach out to the lost and troubled, but first recognize them as our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



## Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Robyn C. Gallant

**(NEW) Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 pm-5:00 pm

Friday: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm  
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am  
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

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

**Marriages:** Six months' notice is 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 (July 8, 2018)**

Regular Collection	1,587.00
Building Fund	40.00
Cemetery Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	40.00
Garden Party Proceeds	40.00
In Memorium	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, July 16	No Mass
Tues, July 17	Cemetery Mass, Benoit's Cove
Wed, July 18	Late Myles O'Donahue
Thur, July 19	Late Marie Pennell
Fri, July 20	Late Edna Dwyer
Sat, July 21	Late Teresa Crawley
Sun, July 22	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>July 21</b>	
Linda Tarbett Gen Quigley	Calvin Gillis Eileen Moore Joanne Connolly
<b>July 22</b>	
Debbie Allen Anna House	Calvin Gillis Donna Eldridge Elizabeth Carew
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	
Eileen Moore	

**BIBLE STUDY:** We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm at the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the Folk Choir, your services are very much appreciated. Enjoy your summer break!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to John Hancock who took the time to plant and maintain the beautiful flowers in front of the parish house and alongside the church. Your time is greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to anyone that helped in anyway with the cemetery clean up at Mt. Cecilia this past week in preparation for the cemetery mass. It was a job well done! Thank you!

**MARY'S KITCHEN:** Mary's Kitchen is now on Summer hours of Noon to 1:00 pm for July and August. Here's to good Summer weather!

**MASS CANCELLED:** The mass on Tuesday, July 17 is cancelled due to the cemetery mass taking place in Benoit's Cove.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Cancelled for this month.

**PATRON SAINTS:** What is a patron saint? Patron saints are special protectors or guardians over any area of life that is important to us, such as occupations, illnesses, churches, countries, causes, etc. Patron saints are named by popes but can be chosen by individuals or groups as well. Patron saints are often chosen because an interest, talent or event in their lives relates with a special area. Saint Francis of Assisi, for example, loved nature, so he is the patron saint of ecologists. We should all have a patron saint. Why? For one thing, we can use that saint's life as an example for our own lives. For another, we can ask for that saint's intercessory prayers to God on our behalf, kind of like asking a friend to pray for us. It would be a good summer project to do some internet research on Catholic saints and find one who would be a good patron saint for you.

**MT PATRICIA/TOWNSITE CEMETERY MASSES: Mt. Patricia - July 24 at 7:00 pm, Townsite - July 25 at 7:00 pm**

In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Cathedral.

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CEMETERY MASS:**

**Old Cemetery - July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**  
In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

**STEWARTSHIP REFLECTION:**

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey." When Jesus sent his Apostles out, He sent them "two by two," and He basically commanded them to take nothing on the journey: "no food, no sack, no money in their belts." The point of the Lord is that all they needed was to trust in God. Jesus more or less says the same thing to us.

As long as we trust in God, our needs will be met. That is easily said, but it is a bit daunting to actually do it. Yet, people have been doing that since Jesus' time. It is one of the reasons that the Church has thrived for such a long time.

There is a secondary reason for Jesus' instructions though, one with which we may not be familiar. At that time there was a rule that you could not enter a temple area with shoes or a moneybag, because you were there to serve the Lord, nothing else and no one else. The Apostles understood that preaching the Gospel and healing in God's name was holy work. Jesus did not want them to exemplify any other motive either.

One of the foundational elements of stewardship is trusting God. What enables us to be good stewards and to think of giving to God first, of ourselves and what we have, is that we truly believe that God will take care of us. God has a plan for each of us, and it is better than our own plan may be.

**HUMOUR:** A mom and a son come home from the grocery store. The boy immediately empties out a box of animal crackers and the mom asks him why. The boy says, "You should not eat it if the seal is broken, so I'm looking for the seal."

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

The Poor Box collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place the last weekend of the month, July 28<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you



**CHASE THE ACE:** Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings at 6 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** With Father Pyriho Marcellin - Sept 28-Oct 8  
**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Cost of \$2065 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

**WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING**

**SESSION:** Come and enjoy a presentation on Wills and Estate Planning by Jill K. Brown, Partner of King, Penny and Brown, Barristers & Solicitors on Thursday July 26, 2018. This workshop will take place in the lower hall of the First United Church, 19 Park Street, Corner Brook from 2:30 pm – 3:30pm. This is a free information session being offered by the First United Church/Parkview Apartments Inc. as part of the senior's program. Everyone welcome!