

February 25, 2018 - Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them . . . **Mark 9: 2-10**

Sacrifice

In the first reading, Abraham offers his beloved son as a sacrifice to God. The Gospel Reading identifies Jesus as God's beloved Son. The two readings together remind us that God offers his beloved Son as our sacrifice to God. Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us. (1 Cor. 5:7). And so the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect on sacrifice. What is a sacrifice? And why would God want one, from Abraham or from us through Christ?

The first thing to see is that a sacrifice is a peculiar kind of gift.

In the case of ordinary gifts, which aren't sacrifices, the person who gets the gift is the one who benefits from the gift-giving. That person has the thing given, and if that thing was good enough to give, it is a good thing to get too. So the gift-receiver is the primary beneficiary of ordinary gift-giving. But a sacrifice is a different kind of gift. When one person gives something as a sacrifice, however great his gift is, in the giving of it he himself receives something of very great value. In sacrifice, the gift-giver is the primary beneficiary of gift-giving.

To see this point, consider Maximilian Kolbe, who sacrificed his life for Franciszek Gajowniczek at Auschwitz.

The Nazis had randomly selected 10 prisoners to die, and Franciszek Gajowniczek was one of them. When he was picked, he cried out, "Oh, my poor wife! My poor children! I will never see them again!" But Maximilian Kolbe stepped forward and offered to take Franciszek's place. Kolbe knew that the selected prisoners would be slowly starved to death in a dark and airless bunker. But Kolbe offered his life for that of his fellow prisoner anyway. Witnesses reported afterwards that Kolbe prayed and sang hymns until the end when his voice failed.

In his sacrifice, Kolbe became a person in whom the beauty of love shone so brightly that his story now illumines all who hear about it. He gave his life to give life to Franciszek, but he himself received far more than he gave. Who would not want to be as lovely a soul as Kolbe was?

And so God, who lacks for nothing, is glad to have the gift of our sacrifices, not because he gets something great from them, but because we do.

Eleonore Stump

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Nonday – Friday , 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

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

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

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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Feb 17-18, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,638.75
Baptism Stipend	25.00
Building Fund	45.00
Votive Candles	37.25
Mass Stipends	165.00
The Word among us	15.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	298.25
Memorial Fund [Tom Collier]	215.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 24	Late Jack Neville
Feb 25	Parish Community
Feb 26	No Mass
Feb 27	Late Howard and Denise Brake
Feb 28	Late Clyde Molloy
Mar 1	Late Marie Pennell
Mar 2	Late Augustus, Nora & John Griffin
Mar 3	Late Basil Donahue
Mar 4	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 3	
John Carroll Art Hall	Marie Byrne Joe Byrne Frank Lewis
March 4	
Calvin Gillis Michael Leonard	Margaret Dalley Don Gallant Doreen Jones
Communion to the Sick –	

WINTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather. This does not apply to funerals.

NEW SCHEDULES: Readers and Communion Ministers will find new schedules at the back of the Church. Please be sure to take your copy.

PARISH SECRETARY: Katie Greenwood has resigned as Office Administrator. This was a 20 hour position. We are now advertising for this position. There is a job description available at the parish for anyone interested. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS 2017

Thank you for your generosity. These are now available at the back of the church. If there are any discrepancies, they should be reported to the Parish Office.

4YOUTH: The season of Lent is closely associated with fasting and abstinence. Just what exactly does that mean? Fasting means eating one full meal and two light meals a day, with no eating between meals. Abstinence means not eating any meat. In Canada, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Although all Fridays are days of abstinence, you can choose to do special acts of charity or piety instead. Many people choose to give up something for Lent, usually something that they enjoy a lot. You can give up: chocolate or sweets or desserts or complaining or negativity or bickering with your family. You might even decide to give up some of your daily screen time (TV, computer, video games, cell phone, etc.) What are you giving up this Lent?

MASS OF CHRISM: The annual Mass of Christm takes place at our cathedral on Wednesday, March 21st beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a gathering of people, pastoral ministers and priests from all our parishes as they celebrate the blessing of the holy oils to be used throughout the diocese in the coming year. A great chance to re-unite with former pastors and people from western Newfoundland and all Labrador. Please make every attempt to be there

4Youth: Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. For over 50 years, this organization has supported programs in developing countries and has also advocated for peace and human rights. Each year, Development and Peace runs a fund-raising campaign entitled Share Lent. The theme of this year's campaign is *Together for Peace*. Once again this year, Development and Peace is pleased to offer the Lent Calendar App, entitled Lent Carême 2018, suitable for smartphones and tablets and available for free download from the App Store or Google Play. Guiding you daily through the Lenten season, the app invites you to take three simple steps: learn, pray, and act. This Lent Calendar is also available on the Development and Peace website.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting the persons name with a donation in the Sunday collection or drop by the Parish Office.

ADVANCE NOTICE: MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Friday, March 9th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 am at the Cathedral. The cost to attend is \$50.00 and lunch will be provided. If you plan to get married in 2018, call the Cathedral parish office at 634-5161 to register.

PARISH COUNCIL: Our next meeting will take place on Monday, March 5th at 7 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

BINGO Our next parish bingo will be held on March 4 at 2pm. in the school cafeteria. The list of donors is posted on the church bulletin boards and include last names from N to Y.

LENTEN FOLDERS: Folders are now available at the main entrance to the Church.

LENTEN HUMOUR: The new priest

The new priest is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks an older priest to sit in on his sessions.

The new priest hears several confessions, then the old priest asks him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions.

The old priest suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand."

The new priest tries this.

The old priest then suggests, "Try saying things like, 'I see, yes, go on, and I understand, how did you feel about that?'"

The new priest says those things, trying them out.

The old priest concludes, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying, 'No way! What happened next?'"

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: In January we made 26 home visits which included 40 adults and 6 children. This consumed 67 volunteer hours and cost \$1698.43. Mary's kitchen served 137 adults and 4 children in January. There were 109 volunteer hours and it cost \$465.20.

Poor Box collection will be taken up at the entrances to the Church after weekend Masses.

Asked to announce:

Apr 27-May 7: Pilgrimage to **Medjugorje**. Cost of \$2035 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and professional local guide. Accompanying priest yet to be determined. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.