

July 28 2019 - 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins . . .

“For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened . . .” Luke 11: 1-13

The prayer of “I don’t know”

She doesn’t remember the exact question she asked her father that night. Like many of the questions she asked him when she was a little girl, it had to be something about church or faith or God. But she never forgot his answer that particular evening.

As he sat on the edge of her bed, he listened intently, paused thoughtfully for a moment, and then responded: *I don’t know.*

What she still remembers, too, was her dad’s tone: It wasn’t *I don’t know — leave me alone!* or *I don’t know — stop asking so many questions!* Her dad’s tone that night was weightier and gentler: *I don’t know. I’m only human.* And then, as they did every night, father and daughter prayed together and read a story; and the next Sunday, as they always did, they went to church together.

Now an adult, she still remembers that night. She writes:

“I still chew on that moment now . . . What if my parents had never admitted *I don’t know* in those few minutes before prayer? I would have learned that faith meant certainty, that faith didn’t leave room for what we don’t know. “

But I have also come to realize that the answer my father gave me was important only as part of something larger. That conversation happened before a nightly ritual of prayer, continuing to talk to God, day after day. Perhaps it is because of that foundation that I remember the words so clearly. The *I don’t know* didn’t mean we stopped praying. Nothing fell away with it; it simply existed alongside our daily practice. The practice, not only the conversation, is why I remember that conversation as one of the most significant in my life. With it, I learned that faith could have room for doubt. That sometimes we admit what we do not know, and then it is time for prayer.”

[From “My father’s words” by Laurina Strikwerda, **U.S. Catholic**, January 2019.]

Today’s Gospel is not simply a prayer text (although it has become one) or a formula for praying. It’s an invitation to engage God in an ongoing conversation — an invitation that comes with Jesus’ assurance that we can come to God with all our doubts and fears and questions, without feeling that we have failed God or that our faith is empty. All prayer begins with realizing the loving presence of God in our lives — a love that is a mystery in itself — and expressing gratitude for that presence. And all prayer is sustained by trust in that love, trust that enables us to “ask and seek and knock” with all our questions and doubts and wonders.

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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.
Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

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.

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Regular Collection	\$1406.70
Garden Party Donation	30.00
Building Fund	25.00
Cemetery Fund	15.00
Votive Candles	63.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Baptisms	50.00
Certificates	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	No Mass
Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Mary & James McCarthy
Wed, 10 a.m.	Special Intention
Thru, 7 p.m.	Late Cynthia Murphy
Fri, 10 a.m.	Late Margaret Turner
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Michael & Ada George, Late Reanie George
Sun	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July	
Victoria Murphy Basil English	John Carroll Art Hall Donna Mitchell
July	
Tony Griffin Mike Leonard	Brian Sparkes Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
John Carroll	

BIBLE STUDY: Discontinued for the Summer.

PILGRIMAGE: You are invited to a special mass at our Lady of Mercy Heritage Church in Port au Port West. This takes place on the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 at 7 p.m. Archbishop Hundt will be the presider and many priests will be concelebrating. Everyone is welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: This weekend, July 27 and 28 will be the days for the collection of the Poor Box donations for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. This collection is our main financial means to keep what we do relevant. These funds keep Mary's Kitchen going and allows us to buy groceries and other necessities for needy families throughout the district. We appreciate the financial and moral support we receive from the Parishes. Our activity has been very busy these past few months, so please continue to give generously. Thank you.

SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA: July 31 is the Feast Day of Saint Ignatius Loyola. Saint Ignatius was born in Spain and was wounded as a soldier in the Spanish army in wars against the French. While he was recovering, he read about the lives of the saints and decided to become a soldier of the Catholic faith. He had a very humble lifestyle, which annoyed some people but attracted others. He formed an order called the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. (BTW, did you know that Pope Francis is a Jesuit?)

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI: Saint Alphonsus is a Doctor of the Church and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation- in whose honour our Cathedral Church is named. He was born in 1696 in Naples to a well-respected family. He was very intelligent, he studied both canon and civil law and he became a lawyer, entered the seminary and was ordained a priest. He was well-known as a preacher and a confessor. He was also a great moral theologian and wrote a famous book entitled " Moral Theology". He died in 1787 and was canonized in 1839. His feast day is celebrated on August 1.

SUMMER BLESSING:
As the sun rises, Lord,
Let your light shine on me.

Destroy the darkness about me,
Scatter the darkness before me,
Disperse the darkness behind me,
Dispel the darkness within me.
Let your light shine on me.
As the sun rises, Lord,

Let your light shine on me.
The warmth of your Presence,
The brightness of your love,
The radiance of your joy,
The shining of your hope.
Let your light shine on me.
As the sun rises, Lord,
Let your light shine on me.
Your light to guide, Your light to lead,
Your light to direct, Your light to brighten.
Let your light shine on me.

MASS REQUESTS: Our current list is almost exhausted. This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience.

COME HOME YEAR ECUMENICAL SERVICE: There will be an Ecumenical Service to celebrate the closing of Corner Brook Come Home Year at First United Church, Park Street, on Sunday, July 28th at 11 am. All are welcome.

HUMOR:
From an actual newspaper contest where entrants age 4 to 15 were asked to imitate "Deep Thoughts by Jack Handey."...

As you make your way through this hectic world of ours, set aside a few minutes each day. At the end of the year, you'll have a couple of days saved up. -- Age 7

Give me the strength to change the things I can, the grace to accept the things I cannot, and a great big bag of money. -- Age 13

For centuries, people thought the moon was made of green cheese. Then the astronauts found that the moon is really a big hard rock. That's what happens to cheese when you leave it out. -- Age 6

Often, when I am reading a good book, I stop and thank my teacher. That is, I used to, until she got an unlisted number. -- Age 15