

July 29, 2018 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?"**

John 6: 1-15

“Maria”

Maria is a white woman in her late 50s. She cleans toilets at a major sports arena. Every day she comes to work lugging through the security line three duffel bags bursting with plastic Tupperware. She says little; she never smiles; she is dressed in whatever she can find at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store.

On this particular day, a new security guard is on duty when Maria comes to work. He gives Maria and her duffel bag of Tupperware the "all clear" and waves her through. After several days, the security guard asks, "Excuse me, ma'am, I'm just curious . . . what are these containers for?"

Maria's scowl quickly turns to a smile and begins to tell her story:

Maria was homeless three years ago. For years, she lived under a highway overpass just a few miles from the arena. She spends her time outside of work caring for a sick friend who can barely move on his own. After every game, Maria fills the Tupperware in her duffel bags with leftover chicken fillets, burgers, and other uneaten treats. She brings it all to the homeless shelter where she used to stay.

"The reason I took this cleaning job was, so I could have access to all this leftover food," Maria explains. "Usually arenas just throw it away, but I know people would really enjoy it."

The security guard is moved by Maria's story - and generosity. "Maria, what keeps you going? What sustains you?" he asks.

"The goodness of people," Maria says simply. "It's like a shade went up on my window. When I was homeless, all I could see was how bad I was inside and that I didn't deserve a good life. When the shade lifted, I could look outside myself. I saw goodness that I never saw before . . . [I] just believe in a loving God and I'm doing my part to share the good news."

[From "The examined life: What sustains you?" by Jessie Bazan, U.S. Catholic, May 2018.]

Like the boy in today's Gospel who gives the little he has, Maria makes use of the opportunities she has been given for the good of those who live in even harder circumstances. The multiplication of the loaves and fish did not start with nothing: Jesus was able to feed the crowds because one boy was willing to share what little he had; from his gift, small though it was, Jesus worked a miracle. Eucharist is possible only when self defers to community, only when serving others is exalted over being served, only when differences dissolve and the common and shared are honored above all else.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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(NEW) Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 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 22, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,613.55
Building Fund	10.00
Cemetery Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	36.00
Garden Party Proceeds	85.00
In Memorium	120.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, July 30	No Mass
Tues, July 31	Late Edna Dwyer
Wed, Aug 1	Deceased Members of the Gallant Family
Thurs, Aug 2	Late Columbine Healey
Fri, Aug 3	Late Josephine & Michael Green
Sat, Aug 4	Late Michael, Ada, Lorena & Lawrence George
Sun, Aug 5	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 4	
Victoria Murphy Basil English	John Carroll Art Hall Donna Mitchell
August 5	
Hedy Kenny Mike Leonard	Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick	
Gerard Brake	

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Samantha Bennett and Scottie Carter on their marriage celebrated on July 21st, 2018. May their lives be blessed with many years of love and happiness.

CELEBRATE CONFERENCE NL:

Conference organizers would like to thank all of those who provided baked goods for their recent gathering.

BAPTISM AT MASS: There will be a Baptism taking place during mass on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - POOR BOX: The St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box collection is taking place after masses this weekend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a hospital bed and mattress to give away, if you are in need of this item, please call 638-9010.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE/QALIPU MASS: Thank you to all of those who helped organize the mass of St. Anne.

HUMANAE VITAE: The CCCB's statement marking the 50th anniversary of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which falls on 25 July 2018 is available at www.rcchurch.com. The text, titled *The Joy of Married Love*, presents the teaching of *Humanae Vitae* in an accessible and uplifting style aimed at inspiring and providing encouragement to married couples. It was developed jointly between the CCCB's Commission for Doctrine and The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF).

SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI: Saint Alphonsus Liguori is a Doctor of the Church and the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. 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 at the age of 17. However, he eventually resigned from his career as 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 01.

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?)

HUMOUR: Three elderly sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, shared a house together. One evening, the 96-year-old sister went upstairs to take a bath. As she put her foot into the tub, she paused. Then she yelled down to the other two sisters and asked, "Was I getting in the tub or out?" "You dern fool," said the 94-year-old. "I'll come up and see." When she got half way up the stairs she paused. "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92-year-old sister was sitting at the kitchen table drinking a cup of tea and thought, "I hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood." She shook her head and called out, "I'll be up to help you both as soon as I see who's at the door."

REVERENCE AND RESPECT FOR THE SACRED: When we enter our church buildings we do a few things we might take for granted. It's important to be aware of these, nonetheless, and allow them to remind us of what we believe. In the first place, we reach for the holy water. This is our passport into the sacred space. It tells us we are full members of the church - with full rights to its sacraments and sacramentals. When we come to our seat, we reverence the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ by genuflecting to the tabernacle or simply bowing. This reminds us that Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament. This is further indicated by the red sanctuary light in the area of the tabernacle. During the celebration of Mass, we are requested to remain in our seats - especially while the word of God is being proclaimed and during the Eucharistic Prayer. It is inappropriate to be moving or chatting at this point because God Himself is speaking with us, inviting us to listen to the word proclaimed and partake of Holy Communion. Above all, this sense of respect tells us we are sacred ourselves. We bring this sacredness into our homes and communities - all better for having visited our church and taken part in its liturgy!

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 Pyritho 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.