

March 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit . . .

" . . . what should I say, 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

John 12: 20-33

"The Post"

In 1966, the United States was deep in the quagmire of the war in Vietnam. The Secretary of the Defense, Robert McNamara, sent a Marine-turned-researcher named Daniel Ellsberg in-country to assess the war and the chances for success. After accompanying American units fighting and dying in the jungle, he realized that the war was all but lost. Privately, McNamara concurred with Ellsberg's assessment - but, publicly, the secretary continued to grossly mischaracterize American progress. Ellsberg was so appalled at the carnage taking place because of such dishonesty that he secretly turned over to **The New York Times** the official reports he and other analysts had compiled - what became known as "The Pentagon Papers." The 4,000 pages were a detailed history of America's ill-conceived and disastrously managed war in Southeast Asia over 23 years. The Nixon Administration obtained a court injunction stopping the publication of the documents by **The Times**.

The editor of **The Washington Post**, Ben Bradlee, and one of his reporters, Ben Bagdikian, then came into possession of the papers. They desperately wanted to publish them. To do so could lead to imprisonment - and, in all likelihood, the end of **The Post**. Bradlee went to the publisher, Katharine Graham, for permission to publish.

The story of what happens next is told in Steven Spielberg's acclaimed movie **The Post**.

The timing could not have been worse for Mrs. Graham. She had just become publisher of the paper, following the death of her husband, and was in the midst of taking the **Post** Company public in order to guarantee the paper's financial survival. She knew she was out of her depth; she was patronized by her executives and bankers - all men - who considered her a wealthy society matron not to be taken seriously. Publishing the Pentagon Papers could kill the stock offering.

And further complicating the matter was her long-time friendship with Robert McNamara, who served on the **Post** company board.

A particularly moving scene in the film is Katharine's meeting with McNamara himself, when Katharine confronts him not as a newspaper publisher but as the mother of a son who served in Vietnam. How could the government - how could McNamara - lie to her and the mothers and fathers of sons who fought and died in a land so far away, for a cause that they all knew was doomed?

Katharine Graham overruled her lawyers and accountants and gave her editors and reporters the go - and took the fight to publish all the way to the Supreme Court.

In her courageous stand, Katharine Graham had become one of the major figures in American journalism and in advocating for the freedom of the press.

**At a moment of great financial stress and constitutional crisis, Katherine Graham meets her "hour." She takes on the unique challenge confronting her and her newspaper with clear determination and conviction, despite the potentially disastrous consequences for her, personally and professionally. Like Mrs. Graham - like Jesus - every one of us will, at some time, face our own "hour," when our faith must become more than words, when we must profess our convictions in actions that could have devastating consequences. Our "hour" may not mean the death of democracy, but our "hour" may require us to put on the line our safety, our security, our comfort for what is right and just. To follow Jesus in his hour is to trust in the grace of God to find the courage and conviction to meet ours.**

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:00-5:00 pm

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

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues at 7:00 pm, 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 (Mar 11, 2018)**

Regular Collection	1,560.75
Parish Dues	100.00
Building Fund	60.00
Envelope Cost	10.00
Lenten Folders	30.00
Votive Candles	51.00
Mass Stipends	130.00
In Memorium	70.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	10.00
Easter Flowers	50.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mar 20	Deceased Members of Brake Family (Ed Brake)
Mar 21	Mass of Chrism – Cathedral – 7pm
Mar 22	No Mass
Mar 23	Late Gerry MacInnis
Mar 24	Late Anna Quilty
Mar 25	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>March 24</b>	
Lynette Taylor Victoria Murphy <b>Passion</b> Dennis Bruce (N) Joan Penney (S)	Joe Byrne Marie Byrne Frank Lewis
<b>March 25</b>	
Amelia Dicks Debbie Allen <b>Passion</b> Hedy Kenny (N) Sherry Lynn Brake (S)	Barbara Neville Margaret Dalley Brian Sparkes
<b>Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney</b>	

**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:** Our regular exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, March 18 beginning at 2 pm and ending at 3 pm. Come spend time in pray with us.

**EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE**

Monday, Mar 26	Reconciliation Service 7:00pm ( <b>Sacred Heart</b> )
Tuesday, Mar 27	Reconciliation Service 7:00pm ( <b>Cathedral</b> )
Thursday, Mar 29	Mass of the Lords Supper 7:00pm
Friday, Mar 30	Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3:00pm
Friday, Mar 30	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Saturday, Mar 31	Easter Vigil – 9:00pm
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate toward 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.

**CHRISM MASS:** The Chrism Mass is celebrated annually by the bishop and priests of a diocese in communion with their people. It is meant to publicly express the unity of the diocese and the unity of the priests with their bishop, as well as to celebrate the institution of the priesthood and priestly service. It is at this Mass that the sacred oils used in the celebration of sacraments are blessed: The Oil of Catechumens, which is used in Baptism, the Oil of the Sick, which is used in the Anointing of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism, which is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. The Chrism Mass will take place at **the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, March 21 at 7pm.**

**MARY'S KITCHEN:** Sacred Heart Parish will be running Mary's Kitchen throughout April. We need volunteers to assist with the kitchen and to provide baked goods. You can help with this worthy cause throughout the month or even on one Friday please contact Veronica Stone (639-7216) or Madonna English (634-5141).

**4YOUTH:** For many Roman Catholics, the Stations of the Cross are closely associated with Lent, especially Holy Week and Good Friday. This devotion commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion, from the time He was condemned to His burial. The Stations originated in the Middle Ages, when wars prevented pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. Sculptures or paintings depicting scenes of Jesus' journey to Calvary were placed along a procession route, so that pilgrims could walk the route and stop to pray at each station. Today the Stations can be found in almost all Catholic churches. This devotion allows us to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. Most parishes will have the Stations of the Cross during Lent or you can make the Stations online.



**HUMOUR:** A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats and pigs, the husband asked her sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" "Yes," the wife replied, "they're my in-laws."

**SHARE LENT 2018:** Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God's children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. This collection is being taken up in all parishes this weekend. Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of Caritas International network of Catholic agencies, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. Please give as generously as you can!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Knights of Columbus is again this year sponsoring an essay writing contest. All Catholic students from Grade 8 to 12 are eligible to make entries. First Prize - \$200.00; Second Prize - \$100.00; Third Prize - \$50.00. This year's essay theme is: "**Going to the Peripheries**". Essays are to discuss the role of the Catholic Church in going to the peripheries and to describe the work of one widely known current or historical Catholic, or of someone personally known to the writer, who has helped alleviate human suffering. 500 to 700 words, to be typed one sided, double spaced with 1-inch margins on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, writer's name appearing only on the cover page. **Essays must be submitted by April 15, 2018 to:** Mr. Gordon Lannon, 3 Spruce Street, Pasadena, NL A0L 1K0 Email: <glannon@kofcnl.org>

**FOURTH DEGREE:** Bishop O' Reilly Assembly will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday evening starting at 7:45 p. m. All Sir Knights are asked to attend.