

**September 23, 2018 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last and the servant of all."**

Mark 9: 30-37

**"Sam's Relief"**

Sambonn Lek - known as "Sam" to his customers - is a bartender at Washington's St. Regis Hotel, just a few blocks from the White House. Sam is a Vietnam-era Cambodian refugee; at 66, he's been mixing drinks since the Carter administration. He's a favorite among the regulars: he remembers names and favorite cocktails, he arranges rides home when needed, and, in slow times, he entertains with a repertoire of magic tricks.

But his greatest act is the foundation he started, "Sam Relief." With the help of his affluent customers, he collects spare change and big checks and uses the money to aid the people of his native Cambodia. Since 2000, his non-profit has built 27 schools, dug nearly 400 wells, delivered 290 tons of rice and awarded 120 scholarships.

Sam came to the United States in 1974. His father was a diplomat and the family fled Cambodia when the country fell to the communist Khmer Rouge. They first settled in France. Sam was among the lucky students offered refugee status to come to the United States. He studied at the University of the District of Columbia, but in need of money to continue, he landed his first bartending job at the landmark Mayflower Hotel. Four years later he married Nara Sok, a fellow Cambodian refugee he met at a friend's wedding. They went on to have two children. Sam became a U.S. citizen in 1980.

In 1998, Sam's mother died, leaving him \$2,500. In keeping with Buddhist practice, he used the money to "buy rice for the poor people who don't have food. And clothing for children to attend school." Sam told a few patrons, who contributed, too, and "Sam Relief" was born.

In its early days, Sam would take the money to Cambodia on his vacation each summer, going into the villages and buy rice to make sure it got delivered. One of his patrons, an accountant, drew up the paperwork to set up the foundation.

Washington is known more for power politics than humanitarian works. What inspires these movers and shakers to fork over thousands of dollars to a bartender with a story? One public relations lobbyist who has been supporting Sam's work for two decades, explains: "Despite what might be interpreted as a meanness in today's world, there's an impulse to help. We are all our brother's keepers. People like Sam remind us of that."

[The New York Times, July 9, 2018.]

**Sambonn Lek personifies the ideal of "greatness" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel. Such greatness is found in the lives we touch, in the joy we bring into our world, in the holy and sacred we make real for family and friends. To put another's needs, hopes and dreams ahead of our own, to seek to bring forth and affirm the gifts of others for no other reason than the common good, to seek reconciliation no matter the cost is to be the Gospel "servant" in the spirit of Jesus.**

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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: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-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** (Sept 16, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,558.70
Building Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	78.50
Shepherds Fund	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, Sept 24	No Mass
Tues, Sept 25	Late Augustine (Gus) Barry
Wed, Sept 26	Late Patrick & Annie Quilty
Thur, Sept 27	Late Brian Boland
Fri, Sept 28	Special Intention
Sat, Sept 29	Late David Jones
Sun, Sept 30	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>September 29</b>	
Lynette Taylor John Carroll	Marie Byrne Joe Byrne Joan Penney
<b>September 30</b>	
Sherry Lynn Brake Donna Eldridge	Elizabeth Carew Doreen Jones Margaret Dalley
<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.

**ACCOUNTING CLERK:** The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador currently requires an Accounting Clerk. This part-time position is located in Corner Brook and reports directly to the Financial Administrator. For more information please go to the Diocesan website at <http://rcchurch.com/>

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses to remember departed family and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Pick call the parish office to schedule masses.

**OCTOBER PARISH BINGO:** Please note that our next parish bingo will be held on **Oct. 14, NOT Oct. 7**. We wouldn't want to interfere with anyone's Thanksgiving dinner! The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. It includes those with last names beginning with G-M. Please support this important fundraiser.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Parishioners are reminded this weekend, **September 29/30**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taking up its Poor Box Collection. Please support generously their very worthwhile work.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** This is the time of year when we look at parish council membership. Current members of council include: Pat Jones, Carol Reid, Carl Bennett, Don Gallant, Mike Leonard, Barbara Neville, Art Hall, Bill Brake & Brian Sparkes. This year Pat Jones, Carol Reid and Carl Bennett complete their 1<sup>st</sup> three-year term. That means three positions are open for this year. They may be re-nominated, or other persons can be nominated to run in an election scheduled for September 30. **If you wish to nominate someone, forms are available in the back of the Church. YOU MUST HAVE THE CONSENT OF THE PERSON YOU ARE NOMINATING BEFORE OFFERING THEIR NAME.** We always do better when we include new blood, new ideas and new energy – look around your parish and see who you can suggest would be a good addition to parish council.

**THE ROLE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:** The Parish Council's purpose is to enhance the process of pastoral planning, pastoral programs, improving pastoral services, and evaluating the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services offered by the Parish.

**MEETING - Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process:** Our Diocese continues to look at how we can make our diocese and our parishes more active and alive. There have meetings held in every parish over the last number of years and this year we are called to meet once more as a parish. At this meeting, scheduled for 7 pm, Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Church, you will be asked to address the following questions:

1. Give a brief overview of your perspective of how the health and vibrancy of your Church Community has evolved, developed and/or declined.
  2. Has your Church Community any specific focus, plans and/or projects this year aimed at sustaining/increasing the Community's health and vibrancy (Please give details)?
  3. Are there any concerns/suggestions that you would like a someone to bring to attention at a Diocesan meeting?
- A large turnout will help us generate the best responses and would be a sign of how active and alive your parish is. Please look at these questions, come to the meeting, and help us grow as a parish and as a diocese.

**MARY'S KITCHEN:** Our parish will be serving at Mary's Kitchen during the month of October. If you are able to help serve meals or provide a dessert there are now sign-up sheets available at the back of the church. For more information please call Veronica at 639-7216.

**4YOUTH:** Do you know what a martyr is? A martyr is a person who was put to death because he or she believed in Jesus Christ. On September 26, the Canadian Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of the Canadian martyrs. Did you know there were Canadian martyrs? Do you know who they are? They were six Jesuit missionaries and two laymen who accompanied the missionaries, all between the ages of nineteen and thirty-nine, who were tortured and killed in the mid-17th century in Canada. Go to <https://martyrs-shrine.com/the-story-of-the-martyrs/> to find out a little bit about each of them.

**NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH:** A special collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is being taken up in all parishes across Canada on the weekend of September 29-30. Each diocese in Canada participates in financing one of the four regional assemblies (Atlantic, Ontario, Quebec and the West) as well as the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops by a contribution based on its Catholic population. The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada invites all the faithful to participate in this financing by helping their diocese meet its financial obligations to the regional assemblies and to the national Conference. Any additional revenues raised help the diocese support its own diocesan pastoral programs and other activities.

**HUMOUR:** A man went to a lawyer and told him, "My neighbor owes me \$500 and he won't pay up. What should I do?" "Do you have any proof he owes you the money?" asked the lawyer. "No," replied the man. "OK, write him a letter asking him for the \$5,000 he owes you," said the lawyer. "But it's only \$500," replied the man. "Precisely. That's what he will reply and then you'll have your proof!"