

October 20, 2019 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Ordinary Time

*“There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’”*

Luke 18: 1-8

If only someone would see . . .

He sits in the back of the classroom, carefully following the teacher’s lesson. He loves school, but everything else in his life is a struggle. His exhausted mom is raising him and his brother alone, and money is tight — he works a part-time job that helps keep the family afloat from month to month. He’s naturally shy and feels intimidated, surrounded by kids from families far better off than his, so he tends to stay in the background. He’s a bright kid, with potential to do great things — if only someone would see him.

She works hard in the office. She’s been there for a while, making a little more than minimum wage. But truth be told, she makes the place work: she picks up the slack when someone messes up; she’s learned to think three and four steps ahead, often solving a problem before it starts. The manager and sales team have come to depend on her — they just don’t realize it. Her organizational skills are terrific; her generosity of spirit and her ability to deal with people with patience, empathy and focus have won her the respect of all. She could and should be on the management track — if only someone would see her.

Then there are those who work hard not to be seen. Some are here legally, with limited visas; many are not. They work the farms at harvest; they crew fishing and crab boats. Except for a few dollars for their few expenses while here, they send their earnings home to the families waiting for their return. But many have come to consider them enemies, thieves — and worse. But they just want what we all want for our families: food, shelter, clothing and security. Why can’t we see that?

***Today’s Gospel challenges us to see the “persistent widows” in our midst: to recognize their struggles and the gifts they possess that we overlook or discount. The widow of Jesus’ parable lives among us: she is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten; she is the mother and father, the daughter and son, the family and friend of the suffering and dying who work for a cure so that other families may be spared what they have suffered through; she is the victim of injustice whose sense of her own dignity enables her to fight on. Christ promises that the Father hears the worthy prayer of the Gospel widow in her many guises and that her perseverance in faith will one day be rewarded — and Jesus challenges us to put aside our obliviousness and self-absorption and see her. In her many guises, she is Christ in our midst.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



## Parish Information

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<b><u>Weekend Masses:</u></b>	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
<b><u>Reconciliation:</u></b>	By request
<b><u>Mass During the Week:</u></b>	No daily mass until October 29, due to priest retreat.
<b><u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u></b>	Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.
<b><u>Marriages:</u></b>	Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
<b><u>Baptisms:</u></b>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<b><u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u></b>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

***The office will be closed from October 21 to October 25.***

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

October 13, 2019

Regular Collection	\$1324.20
Building Fund	45.00
Votive Candles	54.00
Sunday Missals	81.00
World Mission Sunday	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues, 7 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Annetta Hackett
Thur, 7 p.m.	Special Intention
Fri, 10 a.m.	Late Annetta Hackett
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late James Park
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>October 26</b>	
Janet Jackson Basil English	Eileen Moore Donna Mitchell Joan Penney
<b>October 27</b>	
Sherry-Lynn Brake Don Gallant	Barbara Neville Donna Eldridge Brian Sparkes
<b>Communion to the Lohnes Complex</b>	
Joan Penney	

**MASS REQUESTS:** This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2020:** Forms for registration for Sacramental Preparation are now available at the back of the church.

**HUMOR:** Why did the man fall in the well? Because he couldn't see that well.

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP-ELECT VAN ROIJEN:**

After the initial shock of being called to the episcopacy, and to a province half a world away, I am turning my eyes and my heart eastward to you the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. I remember the sense of adventure, at the age of eight, of sailing from Amsterdam to Montreal. How could I have known I came within a few miles of my future home. I fondly recall the car excursion with two older brothers (aged 14 and 18) arriving in Penticton, B.C. five years later. It is true; I have never settled anywhere for long. Many lives contained in one. With age, my longing for "home" is beginning to grow. One last move, and this time even bigger, the excitement is building within me once again. The appointment may have seemed strange at first, but I am warming up to it day by day. I look forward to the day we meet. I delight in visiting each one of you in your own communities. But, for now, I hold you dear to me, in my prayers and in my thoughts, and I ask the same of you. May our love increase for one another, until the day we celebrate together and gather around the table of the Lord. Fraternally in Christ, Fr. Bart, Bishop-elect

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION:** Adoration and Benediction is this Sunday, October 20. Adoration at 2 p.m., Benediction at 3 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX 2019:** These boxes, filled with your loving gifts, bring joy to countless children and help spread the Good News of the Gospel. Please consider filling a Christmas shoe box. Filled boxes can be returned to the church, on or before Nov. 17. Inquiries please call Wayne or Amelia at 388-1048.

**BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS:** To James John Noseworthy, the child of John and Jennifer Noseworthy. May this child and his family experience a lifetime of faith and hope.

**SIGN UP SHEETS – LADIES GROUP:** There are several sheets at the back of the church we would like to bring to your attention.

**DINNERS** Please let us know if you plan to attend as we need to prepare enough food.

**DONATIONS** If you can provide any of the items listed, please leave your name & phone no & someone will get back to you. For more info you may call Veronica at 639- 7216.

**MARY'S KITCHEN** Our Parish is responsible for NOVEMBER. We are in need of volunteers for desserts and serving.

**4YOUTH:** Prayer is our means of having a conversation with God. God wants us to share with Him - our joys and our pains, our hopes and our frustrations, the good and the bad that happens in our lives. It is important to plan a time and place to pray each day, otherwise, with our busy lives, it just won't happen. Consider saying morning prayers as soon as you get up (petitions for people that you've promised to pray for, thanks for the gift of another day and an offering of that day to God) or a walk at lunch or break time to meditate quietly on a scripture quote, or time before bed to read a few Bible verses or pray some favorite prayers. Praise God or thank Him or ask Him for help – He's always ready to listen to you!

**THE ROSARY:** The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. for the month of October.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Today, on World Mission Sunday, we are invited to celebrate our mission's vocation, to pray for the people who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Your gift on this day helps: People in remote villages, town and cities, through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests; Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick, and orphans through the services of religious Sisters and Brothers; To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family; Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give. Please offer your prayers for the work of the Church in the missions today and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday.

**CABBAGE ROLL DINNER:** The Ladies Group will be hosting a dinner on Saturday, November 2 at Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Dinner will include cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, carrots, tea/coffee and dessert. Take out will begin at 5 p.m. Eat in dinner will start following Mass about 5:30 p.m. The cost per plate is \$10.00. We encourage all parishioners to attend as this is one of our major fundraisers and a great time to socialize with friends.

**THE POOR BOX COLLECTION:** The Poor Box collection will take place next weekend, October 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup>. We are still in need of beds, mattresses, dressers, sofas, etc. If you can help, please call 638-9010. Also, if you are recycling bottles and would like to donate the proceeds, you can do so by entering the 638-9010 number. Thank you.