

REFLECTION for the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Fr. Don.

In Biblical times, widows and orphans were treated as being 'special to the Lord.' They were totally dependent on God and neighbour. They were the poorest of the poor. As such the Jews in those days were tasked with the obligation to care for them.

Widows figure prominently in today's scripture readings. First, the prophet Elijah calls on a starving widow to feed him and because of her goodness to him, she receives life-long sustenance as from that time the '*jug of meal was not emptied, neither did the jar of oil fail*'. What a great gift and what joy and peace must have entered her life at that moment. Then in our Gospel Jesus uses the *widow's mite* to show that the poor, especially the poor in spirit, can serve as examples to us all when it comes to giving. Her gratitude should inspire our gratitude.

Have we ever been in the position of facing starvation? Have we ever been down to our last penny? If so, it surely did not feel good, we did not feel blessed, and we certainly wanted better times to come our way.

But in all truth, most of us have never been in these desperate situations in our lives. For us life, thanks to the merciful God, has been good to us; we haven't suffered that way. Perhaps if we had to face the widows' dilemma we would view things differently; both in our moments of need and in our moments of plenty. We'd see the hand of God is there in good and in bad times.

During this month of remembrance, a sobering activity might be for us to try to imagine the struggles of our ancestors. We don't have to go back too far. In our province its harsh winter months, our parents and grandparents knew times when the next meal was still swimming in the sea or running wild in the woods. And neither source of food was readily available at the nearest Sobeys. Yes, we, their descendants, have much to be thankful for in our times. Thank God we don't have to relive the past but, to thank God, we have to honor it. Let this blessing, brought by their perseverance, prompt each of us to never forget our duty to help those who are poor and in need of assistance.

Our fore fathers and mothers, were more giving, were more thankful, and were more 'tied' to God in their daily lives than we, their offspring. Yet we are the hoped for fruits of their labours and struggles and we are the reason they persevered as they did. *We are their legacy!* Let us ask God to guide us in our efforts to be fruitful witnesses.

Lord show to us the way to continue to care for the poor in spirit. The numbers of marginalized persons is growing. They now include the elderly, the sick, the mentally ill, the unemployed, and many others. Teach us to give as those widows gave in today's readings. And most of all Lord, let us never forget to bow in gratitude for the many blessings we have received; *yes, Lord, there but for the grace of God, go I.*

Sacred Heart Parish

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses in Week Days:
Wed 7 pm
Thurs 10 am, Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

Marriages:
Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

Nov 8, 2015
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Oct 31, Nov. 1

Collection	\$1,773.75
Building Fund	150.00
Votive Candles	53.25
Mass Stipends	25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 9	No Mass
Nov 10	No Mass
Nov 11	Deceased Parishioners
Nov 12	William Halloran
Nov 13	Bernadette/Anthony George
Nov 14	Mary Wheeler/Milton Kennedy
Nov 15	Parish Community

MARK THESE DATES

* **Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2pm. Parish Bingo**

* **Wednesday Nov 11 at 7 pm** for our annual Mass of Remembrance.

* **Sunday Nov 15** at 2 pm there will be a Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction in the church.

* **Wednesday Nov 18 at 7 pm** for our Mass for Healing.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

We are beginning our sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Forms are available at the back of the church. It is the call/duty of all of us to introduce children to the mysteries and joys of the sacraments. We cannot shirk our duty as Christians.

AMAZING CONCERT- note of thanks

Our parish concert last Friday was a huge success. 166 people attended the concert and it was an amazing night of great music.

I would personally like to thank the performers: The Allens Road Trio, Jerome Dicks, Wayne Jones, Jack Joyce, Sr. Donna Kelly, Brian Rowsell and Ron O'Connell, Gerry Rowsell, Deacon Andrew White, Ed White and Woody and the Woodpeckers. A special thank you to our MC, Bill Griffin, Art Hall our sound man and my own group, The Griffins. Together, you made it a night to remember. Thanks so much!

signed *Madonna English*

OUR CONCERT

A big round of applause goes to Madonna English for organizing the entertainment, to the Ladies and Mens Groups who took care of all phases of preparation/cleanup for the evening, and to Sharon Delaney & Isabel Gillis for the extra treats for the canteen. A total of **\$1,322.00** was raised for our parish!

PARISH COUNCIL

Members are reminded that our next meeting is **this Monday evening Nov. 9 at 7 pm** at the priest's house. Please make every effort to attend.

PARISH BINGO

Sunday Nov. 8: Our parish bingo is this Sunday at 2 pm. Lots of good prizes. Please come out & support our parish.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartcrparish.ca is our address. Why not have a look. On it you can read the latest Sunday bulletin, the minutes of our latest Parish Council meeting and Liturgy Committee meeting. You can link to excellent prayer sites.

MASS of REMEMBRANCE

This Wednesday evening Nov. 11 at 7 pm.

we will gather to remember our loved ones who have died and gone before us:

-those who have died in the past year.

Family members will light a candle.

- those who were veterans. All can pin a poppy on a Cross placed near the altar.

- all those who have died. Names can be placed in a basket near the entrance and it will be carried in procession and placed on the altar during Mass.

NOTE: *If you had a loved one die elsewhere during the last year, let us now.* JOIN US.

WEEKDAY MASSES

These Masses are now being celebrated in the Eucharistic Chapel. We will continue this practice until the coming of Spring. **NOTE:** Whenever numbers or occasions dictate the Masses will be celebrated in the main church. This change is meant to reduce our heating costs over the long cold winter.

MASS INTENTIONS

At the back of the church there is the schedule for Mass Intentions for November. You will note that there are lots of empty spaces near the end. We do not have any mass intentions on hand. So, please consider requesting a Mass for your deceased loved ones.

MENS GROUP

They wish to announce that all men are invited to gather on **Fri. Nov 27 at 7 pm** in the priest's house for a Christmas Social /

Appreciation Night. Please come to share a fun evening of fellowship.

CHURCH WINDOWS

The Parish has contracted Premier Siding and Windows to replace the windows in the church. The main work will be done in the spring. However the company has sealed the windows for the winter. We have made a down-payment and an additional \$10,000 is to be paid when the work is complete. This is another in our efforts to reduce heating costs.

TICKETS

The Men's Group has sold, and had returned monies for, 4200 of their tickets. So, 800 tickets are still out. The organizing committee has asked that all tickets be returned by Nov 22. If you have tickets please remember this deadline.

SUNDAY MISSALS NOW AVAILABLE

In two weeks we begin a new church year. So, the new Sunday Missal for 2016 is available for anyone who wishes one. They cost \$5. We also have copies of the Youth Sunday Missal. They cost \$5. **BUT**, if paying \$5 for these books bothers you, please feel free to take one if you wish. We're FAMILY.

ATTENTION LECTORS (READERS)

Please pick up your copy of the **Lectionary Handbook for 2016** at the back of the church. It has the Sunday readings and lots of helpful hints for enriching your ministry.