

**REFLECTION for the Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time \_\_\_\_\_ Fr. Don.**

Christians believe that eternal life exists. As Catholics, we believe in three options: heaven, hell, and purgatory. We believe that we are bound for one of these places. But just where? Is our hope for heaven realistic?

Given our narcissistic view of life, most of us find it difficult to accept any possibility but heaven. For humanity, this has always been so. It is what separates us from other animals-our ability to rationalize things. Yes, we all desire heaven but the *'road to hell is paved with good intentions, but heaven is full of good works.'* The quest for our final resting place, for our participation in the communion of saints, and for our seeing God face to face, is not for the faint of heart. But, join with me, sing it loud- *'Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.'*

There is an inner voice (the Holy Spirit) reminding us that we are called to co-operate with God. Our final eternal destination requires our full and active participation. In our Gospel, Jesus sends us a warning: *'By your endurance you shall save your souls.'* Endurance- staying the course, running the race, and keeping the faith. It is never giving in to naysayers; it is never giving in to our own weaknesses and doubts. It is a journey fraught with hope.

Choices must be made. Lifestyles must be adapted to ensure our goal. And what is our goal? Let's look to the teachings of others as they pondered their end-time:

*'I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather he will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?' (Mother Theresa)*

St. Catherine of Genoa in her prayers concerning purgatory, believed it was not a place, but a process. *"The soul that is aware of the immense love and perfect justice of God consequently suffers for not having responded correctly and perfectly to that love, that ongoing suffering is purgatory.'*

*'He who despises Hell or forgets it will not escape it.'* (St. John Chrysostom). Here is another ominous quote: The inscription on gates of hell: *Abandon hope all ye who enter here.* (from Dante's Inferno)

Consideration of heaven, purgatory and hell has been ongoing through salvation history. The more things change the more they stay the same. The lessons passed on to us are these: fight the good fight, trust in God, and hope beyond hope. Again, let us see what others have advised: *"The times are bad! The times are troublesome! This is what humans say. But we are our times. Let us live well and our times will be good. Such as we are, such are our times.'* (St. Augustine-Sermon 80, 400AD)

*'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way.'* (Charles Dickens- Tale of Two Cities -1799)

And just imagine we are at a coffee shop eavesdropping on some senior citizens in our province: *'She's gone boy she's gone; the arse is outa her.'*

Remember St. Augustine- we are our times. We are called to work hard to guide others to their salvation, we are called to spread the Good News, we are called to perform the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Doing these things- that's endurance. But ultimately each of us must work upon and work toward our own salvation.

# Sacred Heart Parish

## A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



### Parish Information

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

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: No Masses

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church

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

Baptisms: Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

**November 13, 2016**

**Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b><u>RECEIVED WITH THANKS</u></b>	Nov. 5, & 6
Collection	\$1,726.50
Mass Stipends	10.00
Bldg. Fund	55.00
Votive Candles	44.00
Garden Party	15.00
World Missions	10.00
Shepherd's Fund	5.00
Windows	1,175.00
Bingo & Fall Fair combined	5,004.50

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Nov 19 Percy/Mary/Bern/Rod/Nicholas Joyce  
 Nov 19 Ursula Murray  
 Nov 20 Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS** (Nov 19, 20)

**READERS**                      **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Gen Quigley                      Joe Byrne, Art Hall  
 Linda Tarbett                      Frank Lewis

*\*Tony Griffin- Communion Minister to the Sick*

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 Wayne Dicks                      Hedy Kenny, Doreen Jones  
 Amelia Dicks                      Don Gallant

**WELCOME**

Sacred Heart Parish would like to extend our gratitude and a warm welcome to Most Rev. Peter Hundt and Father Terry Boland for celebrating Mass with us while Father Don is away.

**BIBLE STUDY**

The group will meet in the parish house on **Sunday** evening for this week at **7:00 pm**. We encourage newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word of God' as found in the Gospels.

**LADIES GROUP RETREAT**

All members of the ladies' group are encouraged

to attend a faith-filled evening this Monday at 7pm at the parish house. Kay Jordan will be giving a short presentation entitled "Call to an Encounter with God." A discussion period will follow. Refreshments will be served.

**SUNDAY MISSALS 2017**

Our new **Missals** are now available. They cost \$5.00 each and begin on Nov. 27, the first Sunday in Advent.

**CHURCH ART CALENDARS 2017**

We have ordered 150 of these beautifully illustrated wall calendars. They have our Parish information on the bottom and are for 13 months, begin in December. They have feast days and daily readings. They will sell for \$5.

**FAMILY CATECHESIS-**

Registration forms are available at the back and must be returned by the end of the month. The program will begin with a meeting of parents at that time. Spread the word.

**YOUTH INVOLVEMENT**

Our Sunday Readings for the next month focus on prayer. Please join us in prayer for our young people to come join us at Sunday worship. We are looking for youth to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and any other capacity. Spread this message of welcome to our young people. Tell them we need them with us to keep us young at heart.

**OUR CHURCH WINDOWS**

Some have asked for an opportunity to donate what they can afford. So, there will be one window in the Chapel that will have one large plaque placed in there with all the names of loved ones from all those who donate \$20 or

more. If this meets with your approval, please donate.

**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY**

Will be held on the **first Friday** of each month at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary School Chapel from 7:00-8:00 PM**. [for world peace]

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

To assist those in need - 638-9010

**LARGE PRINT BIBLES---**are still available at a cost \$30 each. Please see John or call the office.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

These are also available for a cost of \$20.

**ST. MARGARET of SCOTLAND, Nov 16**

The 11<sup>th</sup> century Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others. Her husband Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country, she softened his temper, polished his manners, and helped him become a virtuous king. Margaret's outstanding virtue was her love of the poor. Although very generous with material gifts, she also visited the sick and nursed them with her own hands. She and her husband served orphans and the poor on their knees during Advent and Lent.

**FEAST of ST. GERTRUDE, also on Nov 16**

In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was later extended to include living sinners as well. Why not pray it now? "ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER YOU THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF YOUR DIVINE SON,

JESUS, IN UNION WITH THE MASSES SAID THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY, FOR ALL THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. AMEN."

**CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES**

Please consider filling a Christmas Shoe Box for children living in poverty. This will likely be the ONLY gift they receive. Boxes can be picked up and dropped off at the back of the church. There is a pamphlet in each box with instructions. Deadline for return of the boxes is Nov.17. If you have any questions, please call 388-1048.

**BINGO DONATIONS for Nov. 6** were graciously

received from the following: Vivian Donahue, Bill Brake, Donna Eldridge, Donna Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Victoria Murphy, Bob & Kay Musseau, Glenda Neilson, Barbara Neville, Darleen & Jean Noseworthy, Barbara O'Blenis, Valerie O'Brien, Valerie O'Connor, Brian, Mary, & Jim Park, Patricia Payne, Jack & Margie Pennell, Joan Penney, Mary Jo Perrett, Bernadette Pike, Kim Preston, Caroline Power, Agatha Poole, Rita Pye, Gen & Gerry Quigley, Linda Randell, Carol Reid, Assumpta & Karen Roche, Annette & Bernice Rowsell, Marie Samms, Ann Marie Seaward, Brian Sparkes, Mona Specker, Jennifer & Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Diane Wells, Eileen Williams, Rita Woodman, and Peggy Young. Together we made **\$945.25**. If anyone's name was omitted, please call the office & let us know.

**Jesus, have mercy upon us; we are sinners seeking divine redemption only you can give.**