

### **REFLECTION for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Fr. Don**

In humble submission to the will of God, never forget that we are the creature, that God loves His creation, and, most amazingly immediate of all God's gifts, never forget that we can be physically and spiritually re-created (healed) by God at any time and in any circumstance. If we are suffering from cancer, heart disease, or whatever malady, Jesus can restore us to health; witness the cures for leprosy in today's readings. Just ask around among your friends for testimony of God's healing wonders. These cures are real. Recipients revel in them. But the reality is that, in the end, we are all going to die some day.

So perhaps more importantly from an eternal life point of view, we need to realize that we all require spiritual healing- a being made righteous and holy before our Creator. To take one's last breath with this accomplished should be the hope of all Christians. It can be the Great Amen of our life's journey.

The work of our salvation is seemingly simple adherence to the will of God. But our own lack of faith, our pig-headedness, and our own human weakness, is what hinders us. Far too many of us create our own rules for living. *God, who is He, who made Him boss of me?* May believers and non-believers be healed.

Healing, no greater joy exists than experiencing healing. It is like rising from the grave, like being born again, and like being given a fresh start with a spring in our step and joy in our heart. Shout Alleluia!

Jesus is the ever-faithful source of all healing and divinely He completes it in marvelous ways.

Notice that it is only by words that today's scripture healings are completed. The message of these Good News episodes is that God calls all people into a new life of grace and communion. Come home, come home, be refreshed and made new. Jesus remains forever united in Love with humanity- *'if we die with Him, we will also live with Him.'* Our being chosen and our being re-created (healed) are thus not dependent on our faithfulness or worthiness but on God's love for us. Is it really that simple? Maybe!

Note again in the Gospel that only one leper returns to thank Jesus, and he is told that his faith has saved him. This reveals that salvation (healing) is a two-way process. For God's grace has given all people the potential of being saved, but we do have to actualize that by turning to Christ in faith. Our Saviour desires a relationship with us. Jesus wants to journey with us, to hear our story, to share His Way.

So, it seems that although every human person can be saved, not every one will respond positively with a saving faith in Christ and thus not everyone will obtain eternal glory. Some may wonder how God can let this happen. Well, it is because God is God who loves us unconditionally- some would say 'to a fault.'

For God doesn't force His will on us, instead He has given us the gift of free-will. Another gift, called sanctifying grace when activated, can guide us to right choices. Today's second reading says it bluntly, *'if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.'* That is how much God loves us- He leaves it to us even if it goes against His deepest desire for us. Sound familiar- many parent-child relationships exhibit the same characteristics.

On ***this Thanksgiving, remember the importance of faith in God*** and the importance of giving thanks to God- gratitude unleashes God's mercy. Truly, our faith encounter with Jesus should evoke ***a response of praise and gratitude*** on our parts. As disciples, let us ask what graces we need to reach out and heal as Jesus did? Let us begin to spread the Word? To ensure success, ***put our trust in God*** in three Persons.

# 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:** Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Friday at 10:00 a.m.

**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.

**October 9, 2016**

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<b><u>RECEIVED WITH THANKS</u></b>	Oct. 1 & 2
Collection	\$1,636.90
Mass Stipends	20.00
Bldg. Fund	130.00
Votive Candles	21.00
Bingo	982.10
Garden Party	15.00
Needs of the Can. Church	85.00
Catholic Missions	10.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Oct 10	No Mass
Oct 11	No Mass
Oct 12	Percy/Mary/Bern/Rod/Nicholas Joyce
Oct 13	Roy Reid
Oct 14	David Walsh
Oct 15	+ Parsons Family
Oct 16	Parish Community

**MINISTERS** (Oct 15,16)

<b><u>READERS</u></b>	<b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u></b>
Basil English	Frank Lewis, Gerard Brake,
Matthew English	Shirley Noseworthy
<i>*Gerard Brake- Communion Minister to the Sick</i>	

Wayne Dicks	Hedy Kenny, Barbara Neville
Amelia Dicks	Patsy Payne

**A GOOD THING -THE MORE THINGS CHANGE,**

The more things stay the same. At the last Parish Council meeting the election of Officers was held. All positions remain unchanged: Joan Penny, *Chair*, Carol Reid, *Vice-Chair*, Mike Leonard, *Secretary*, and Gerard Deveaux, *Treasurer*. THANK YOU TO ALL.

**MASS REQUESTS**

At present there are very few requests for our weekday Masses to be offered in memory of deceased loved ones. You can do this by

including the request in the church envelope.

**FALL VARIETY CONCERT**

Save the date, **Friday, October 28 at 7:30 pm in Sacred Heart Auditorium**. Cost \$5. More details will follow. Lots of entertainment by local talent.

**BIBLE STUDY**

The group will meet in the parish house on Monday evening at 7 pm this week. We encourage newcomers to join us in ‘breaking open the Word of God’ as found in the Gospels.

**LADIES GROUP NEWS**

**Our Harvest Sale** On **Nov. 5** -bake sale, harvest table, cabbage roll supper. There are sign up sheets at the back for the cabbage roll dinner. Please see notice on bulletin board re: other help needed.

**Nov. 6**-at 2 pm in Cafeteria, our **next Bingo For the month of October**, to honor Mary and the Tradition of the Rosary, the Ladies will be leading recitation of **the Rosary** in the church **each Saturday at 4:15 before the start of Mass**.

**FAMILY CATECHESIS-**

Registration forms are available at the back and have to 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.

**HEALING MASS**

On **Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm**, we will offer a Mass of Healing. It will follow the same format as previous Healing Masses. Prayer Teams will be available for individual prayer after Mass. Please mark the date and come to be healed.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

All Souls Day is **Wednesday November 2**. At our 7 pm Mass, we will remember all those who have died over the past year. Family members will be invited to come light a candle in their memory. Also we will have a ceremony to honor all our deceased loved ones. Please plan to attend this beautiful commemorative tribute.

**OUR WINDOWS**

They have arrived and installation of the 26 windows will begin next week. We wish to express deep gratitude to the 20 families who donated the cost of one window. In this regard, we have begun preparing the plaques for each window. In the next few weeks we will contact each family to find out the exact wording they wish to be inscribed on it.

**FURTHER TO OUR WINDOWS**

We realize that many of you could not afford the \$1000 requested to cover the cost of one window. Some have asked for an opportunity to donate what they can afford. So, there are 4 windows in the Chapel that have no donors. We are proposing to 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 make a donation.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are now being accepted. The award

is open to any graduate from high school this past year who is pursuing post-secondary education and who is a relative of a member of the Order. Check with the local Council.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

We celebrate this special time next Sunday. Please look at the poster at the back of the church and take home some of the material related to Missions that is available.

**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]

**LARGE PRINT BIBLES**

We have more of these NRSV Bibles now available. If you wish to purchase one, please contact the parish house. They cost \$30 each

**THANK YOU!** Donations for our Oct. bingo were received from: Evelyn Beales, Donna Eldridge, Madonna Elford, Lori Gardener, Alvina, Sheila, Maureen, & Thomas George, Isabel & Margaret Gillis, Linda Green, Annie, Jackie, Brenda, & Tony Griffin, Julia Hackett-Myles, John Hancock, Patsy Hall, Diane Hearn, Anna House, Joan Hutchings, Kay Hynes, Doreen, Helen, & Pat Jones, Clara, Judy, & Patrick Joyce, Florence King, Mike, & Edith Leonard, Gail Leggo, Elaine Lynch, Lori Lynn Lyver, Kathleen MacDonald, Helen McCarthy, Edmund, & Shirley McGrath, Ann McHugh, Linda McIsaac, Barbara Neville, and Bill Peddle. Sincere gratitude to the volunteers who helped run the game. God bless you.

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