

REFLECTION for the Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Don.

'All nature seemed inclined to rest, but still there was no rest for me.' (know what song this is from?)

It's nearing the end of the year; nature- plant and animal- is preparing for a long sleep. Soon, most of our natural surroundings will be buried in snow. And so, just as naturally, our Sunday readings are turning to address the end-times and our belief in life after death. Dead is our destiny, we hope for heaven, but hell also exists. Are we comfortable hearing/talking about these issues? Is there a way to be prepared? Well, shockingly but thankfully, we know not the time of our death. Do we hope in eternal life; are we striving to be hope-filled children of the resurrection? Is our hope set on heaven?

Hopefully, we are not Sadducees. Unlike them, we believe in eternal life. We believe, like those brothers who joyfully went to their torturous death, in the real possibility of the Beatific Vision. We believe that in the after-life we will see God and we will be reunited with our loved ones. We believe that heavenly life offers joy-filled living far beyond that which earthly living offers. That is why we call it heaven. And just where is heaven? For the Christian believer, living in faith-filled hope, it's exists where- *'as the dawn appears at the edge of the night, there's still a light that gleams beyond my wildest dreams.'*

Yes, there is an indwelling flickering flame, on Spirit powered auto-pilot, awaiting ignition. It is a pure and active hope Christian have for the final resurrection. It was born out of suffering that tested faith- the tested faith of the young men in our first reading, all suffering we may endure, and, penultimately, out of the redemptive suffering of Jesus- the once for all sacrifice.

This is the type of hope characterised both by what it is that we hope for when we pray and it is how we believe our hope is to be fulfilled- by letting God be God. The promise is real and available; its realization depends on us; we're not bystanders. We are called to exercise our faith in humility every day of our lives. We are reminded always do so with an eye to that which is the only ambition that counts: *'to be considered worthy of reaching that world.'*

We must chase after our inheritance as God's children. We cannot obtain by our own merits the perfection of the children of God. But we are not to despair. By sending us His Son, Jesus Christ, the Father has offered us the possibility of becoming His adopted children through the power of His Holy Spirit. See, all three persons in the Blessed Trinity are guiding us, drawing us to our true homeland.

If we place into Jesus' hands the control of our human lives, He will transform our poor ambition so that we become His great work. Here is the Good News- we will become a new creation. We can believe this with all our hearts and live in the here and now with this confident hope. Trials will come, doubts will come, naysayers will come, but we will prevail. We are filled with hope for vindication as children of the resurrection. By the grace of God, the rest of our earthly days can be more joyful in this hope.

But where does this leave marriage? Marital love is special and precious to spouses. In the beatific vision, however, we will love all people just as God loves them, by sharing God's very love for people in a way that excludes no one. In effect, marital love will be extended and perfected. Couples will still walk hand in hand, their love will be transformed to a far greater love. What is best about human love in this life is made available in an even better way to all of us in the next life. *'Love endures all things, hopes all things.'* Don't let anyone or anything dampen our strong hope in living forever and ever. *Love never ends.*

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



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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 6, 2016

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>RECEIVED WITH THANKS</u>	Oct. 29, 30
Collection	\$1,886.00
Bldg. Fund	15.00
Votive Candles	21.00
Windows	1,140.00
World Mission Sunday	100.00
Variety Concert	2,023.00

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Nov 12 Brenda Purcell, Paul Young
 Nov 13 Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS (Nov 12, 13)

READERS **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Art Hall Mary-Jo and Joanne Perrett,
 Edna Dwyer Theresa Dobbin
 *J/ M Byrne- Communion Minister to the Sick

 Janet Jackson Patsy Payne, Liz Carew,
 Joan Penney Brian Sparkes

VARIETY SHOW MAGNIFICANT SUCCESS

Thank you. our third parish concert which was held last Friday was another huge success. 235 people attended and it was an amazing night of great music. I would personally like to thank the performers: Brian Rowsell and Ron O'Connell, Gerry Rowsell, Brenda and Jenny Hall, Jack Joyce, Joe Lynch, John and Jennifer Noseworthy and Midnight Crescent. A special thank you to our emcee Bill Griffin, Art Hall our sound man and my own group, The Griffins. Together, we made it a night to remember. Thanks so much!
Madonna English

PRIEST WILL BE AWAY

Fr. Don will be on vacation from Monday Nov 7 until Thursday Dec 1. During that time, there will only be weekend services. For emergencies, if a priest is required, please call the Cathedral 634-5161.

BIBLE STUDY

The group will meet in the parish house on Monday 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.

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.

SHEPHERD'S FUND

The annual collection takes place Nov 19, 20.

FALL FAIR BINGO at 2pm.

Please come join us this Sunday afternoon at the School cafeteria. Lots of good prizes. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards.

FAMILY CATECHESIS-

The program has begun. Parents still have time to register their children. But time is running out. Please contact us. Spread the word.

FEAST of the DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA

Wednesday Nov 9 is the date of this feast day. This Rome church was dedicated in 324 AD by Pope St. Sylvester and is the Pope's cathedral, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. It is often referred to as 'the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world.'

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

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. There is some good news. During Lent, we will have NET Ministries (a group of trained Catholic youth) come here to offer a Retreat and Worship opportunity for our youth.

OUR CHURCH WINDOWS

There are 2 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 donate. The plaques are being prepared and will be in place soon.

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.

MEMORIAL of ST. LEO the GREAT, Nov 10

Elected in 440, he worked tirelessly as "Peter's successor," guiding his fellow bishops as "equals in the episcopacy and infirmities. He is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. Pope Leo is an example of a

pope who used his talents in areas where spirit and structure are inseparably combined: doctrine, peace, and pastoral care. He avoided being overly pious like those who try to live without the body, as well as the "practicality" that deals only in externals. He brilliantly balanced his duties and his call to holiness, hence he is called Great and is a Doctor of the church.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Please consider filling a Christmas Shoe Box for children living in poverty. These gifts 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.

BLESSED HOLY MEDALS

We have a variety of medals available for sale at the parish house on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3pm. They cost \$1.00 each. They were graciously donated by Leila Brake.

Ladies Group Retreat

All members of the Ladies Group are invited to attend an evening of religious discussion on **Mon. Nov. 14 at 7pm** at the parish house. The topic for the evening will be 'Call to an Encounter with God' and will be hosted by Kay Jordan.

Bible Study move to accommodate

Please note that the Bible Study-for next week-will be moved to Sunday, Nov. 13 at 7pm.

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