

Sacred Heart Parish

REFLECTION for the Feast of Ascension

Fr. Don

The liturgical season of Easter is drawing to a close. The fullness of the revelation and fulfillment of the Paschal Mystery is nearing completion. To use Jesus' own words, *'It is accomplished.'* The Word became flesh and dwelt among us for the redemption of humanity. So with mission accomplished, Jesus can now return to God the Father and to heaven.

By means of His ascension the human Jesus has gone home. So the questions arise: ***Is Jesus still present in our world and if so, where?***

To the first question, real faith-filled Christians resoundingly cry out- YES. To the second, and to proclaim our reasoning, we profess, because of our faith, that The *Sign (par excellence)* by which Christ remains present and active in our world, and among us, is the Eucharist.

At the Last Supper, He commanded us to gather and *'to do this in remembrance of me.'* That's why it is so vital that all Christians gather as Church on Sunday to worship by doing just that. By eating His body and drinking His Blood, Jesus comes fully alive to us and in us.

There He is on the altar of sacrifice; there He is in the form of bread and wine- His body and blood. There He is the **Real Presence**. There He is ready to transform us into Him.

For, to further declare/reveal His divinity and His God-ness, He mysteriously and nourishingly becomes alive in us; changing us into His Body, into His image and likeness, and into His instrument of salvation for the world.

Through the power of the Paschal Mystery, we become Jesus. We are tasked with going forth into the world to be Jesus for others and to see Jesus in others.

So let us praise Jesus in the Eucharist – Mass, and let us praise the Jesus who is me, who is you, and who is all who believe in Him. Let us praise and glorify the awesomeness/ mystery/ divinity/ humanity that are embodied in our Lord and Saviour Jesus. Thank you Jesus!

COME HOLY SPIRIT AND ENKINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE

Parish Information

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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, Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:15 p.m.

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

May 17, 2015
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection---	May 9, 10	\$1,552.00
Building Fund		65.00
Mass Stipends		60.00
Votive Candles		57.00
Parish Dues		10.00
Disaster Relief--Nepal		65.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

May 18	No Mass
May 19	No Mass
May 20	Betty Dobbin
May 21	Jack Cashin/Liz Parsons
May 22	Bernadette & Anthony George
May 23	Gallant & Hackett Families
+May 23	Dr. Murray/Scott Connolly/ Geraldine Bennett
May 24	Parish Community

MASS INTENTIONS

We encourage the requesting of Masses for our loved ones. Please try to request them as early as possible. You may have noticed that there is more than one intention for Masses recently. This is because anniversaries of deaths are being requested and they are for the same day.

As well we encourage you to request Masses of Thanksgiving for favors received from the Lord. To make it convenient, you can put your request in the envelope with your Sunday offering.

HOLY HOUR WITH ROSARY/ BENEDICTION

Sunday afternoon, **May 17** beginning at 2:15 pm. This Hour will be 40-45 minutes.

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING MEETINGS

Our meeting this past Wednesday was very fruitful and blessed. Our next meeting is Wed. May 20 following 7 pm Mass. We are asking members of the Ladies and Men's Groups to attend.

NOTE: If anyone else (not a member of these groups) wishes to participate in the meetings, we are asking that you sign the sheet available at the back of the Church. Your input will be most welcome. If interest is high, we will schedule more meetings.

ROSARY

The Ladies' Group invite all parishioners to join them in praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening in May at 6:30 pm. just before evening Mass.

LADIES GROUP TICKETS

Tickets on a beautiful, hand-made wooden chest are available after weekend Masses in the [readers] room at the back of the church. Please take some to buy or sell, and return cash/stubs as soon as you can. Our Draw date is June 14 & less than half of the tickets are sold. Thanks everyone.

RECRUITING NEW MINISTERS

A recruitment drive to add new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministers, to our lists has begun. Why don't you think about volunteering? Let someone know if you are interested. We will provide training and have a formal installation ceremony.

Steubenville Atlantic 2015

The deadline for registrations is Monday, May 25th. This is the last time we will announce this event. No one has expressed interest as yet. Our parish is really hopeful that some of our youth will want to attend. We are offering some financial aid. BROCHURES with more information are available, contact Fr. Don.

YARD SALE

The Men's Group are planning their annual yard sale **for Saturday May 30.** When you are doing your Spring clean-up, please keep this in mind. They are asking for any items you might wish to donate to their sale--NO TV'S OR LARGE APPLIANCES. Contact Bill Griffin at 785-2784 or Bill Brake at 785-7579.

PAMPHLETS

We have begun placing pamphlets at the back of the church. *The Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Basic Prayers, Sacraments, Catholics and Cremation, Centering Prayer,* are some of the topics contained in these. Please take any of interest to you. Our intent is to make available information that may increase and strengthen our faith.

CENTER FOR LIFE

This Catholic group based in St. John's and dedicated to promoting life has asked us to make available to you various pamphlets to spread their message. These materials and

a membership application are at the back of the church.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Andrew White is being ordained a Deacon on Sunday June 7 at 10:30 am Mass at the Cathedral in Corner Brook. To enable all to attend this event, **Masses at Sacred Heart and All Hallows are cancelled for that Sunday.** So remember, we will not celebrate the 11 am Mass here on that Sunday.

MOUNT PATRICIA Clean Up

The annual **Spring Clean Up** is scheduled on **Saturday, May 23rd at 10 am.** The general public is asked to volunteer some time to help clean up the large amount of debris left after a long winter. Please bring some gloves and a plastic grass rake or any tool that would assist in picking up items. **Thank you** for your assistance.

NEW LIFE RETREAT

We remind you of this **Retreat** and encourage your participation. It takes place every Thursday evening beginning at 7:15 pm from May 14-June 18 at the Cathedral

MEETING--MEN'S GROUP

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Thursday, May 21st. at 7pm. at the parish house.

"FEED YOUR FAITH AND YOUR DOUBTS WILL STARVE TO DEATH."