

REFLECTION for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

Then Jesus said to her, your sins are forgiven.’ Those who witnessed this said, ‘who is this who even forgives sins.’ We should fall on our knees in acknowledgment of this divine gift and truth.

It is available at every Mass as one of God’s many gifts showered on those who gather to ‘do this in memory of me.’ It is available when we turn to God in repentant prayer, especially in sacramental Confession. There is no repentant sinner sinful enough that Jesus will not forgive if there is even a sniff of sorrow and contriteness. What a powerful truth of our faith.

Can you think of the name of the worst sinner who ever lived? Who comes to mind? Judas, Hitler, Charles Manson, or maybe the Devil. There is a veritable rogues’ gallery of such persons.

Yet mercy, forgiveness, and salvation is/was available to them as surely as it is available to you and me. Oh, we may have some reservations about eleventh hour conversions, but Jesus does not. Jesus is ever patient with the sinner- all sinners have the inward disposition to become saints. We might say they don’t deserve it. But sinners daily thank God that we are not God.

They thank God for this gift, this cleansing, this expiation, and this renewal, of spirit and soul. Admittedly we really are all sinners of some degree. Those who deny their sinfulness are probably the greatest sinners of all. But with Jesus as our model and guide, we, in our fallen human nature, are destined to always fall short. Do you know that St. Augustine believed that human nature was inherently sinful and believed that few people would be saved? We’ll call him a pessimist. The unconditional love of God hopefully makes us optimists-forgiveness is at hand.

For forgiveness is just a prayer away. Consider King David who committed a grievous sin. He lusted for, committed adultery with a married woman, got her pregnant, and when he could not cover it up he had the woman’s husband murdered and took her as his wife to avoid detection.

Whoa, what a wretched human being, and yet this man went on to become the greatest human king in salvation history. He was so highly favored by God that his genealogical line leads to Joseph and so to his son Jesus, truly a royal lineage. How is this fair, how is it possible?

The answer lies in repentance. King David was given a nudge by the prophet Nathan and came to realize the damning gravity of his actions. He figuratively threw himself at the feet of God, acknowledged his sins and begged for mercy and forgiveness. Given that remorseful and repentant disposition, God did what God always does, God forgave him. The sin-filled woman in our Gospel story literally threw herself at the feet of Jesus and the result was the same.

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Sing it again and again and again, it becomes a prayer rather than a hymn.

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am

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

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

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

June 12, 2016

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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

June 4,5

Collection	\$1,444.05
Building Fund	180.00
Mass Stipends	90.00
Votive Candles	65.45
Pope's Pastoral Works	9.00
Certificates	10.00
Cemetery Fund	195.00
Bingo	724.50
Bibles	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

June 13	No Mass
June 14	Basil Donahue
June 15	Brian Griffin
June 16	Lewis Family
June 17	Brian Griffin
June 18	Jack Neville/ John Hearn
June 18+	Quigley & Gallant Family
June 19	Parish Community

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (updated)

Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend these events. Nothing says I care like being there.

- **YEAR-END PARISH SOCIAL**- Everyone is invited to attend a pot luck lunch at the school cafeteria this Sunday, June 12 following 11am Mass. Food can be dropped off at the school at 10:30 am. We will also celebrate Fr. Don's birthday.

- **VARIETY CONCERT**- this event will take place on **Friday, June 17 at 7:30 pm in the school auditorium.** Entertainment provided by; Tara Quilty, the Allen Rd. Trio, Gerard Deveaux, Gerry Rowsell, the Griffins, & many more. Admission is \$5.00. Canteen & ticket sales available.

-**The 2016 Mount Cecilia Cemetery Mass** is scheduled for Monday July 25 at 7 pm.

-The **2016 Mount Patricia Cemetery Mass** is scheduled for Wednesday July 27 at 7 pm.

NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL

This Group is announcing that its Annual Summer Conference will be held on the weekend of July 22-24 at the Mint Brook Campsite near Gambo. Come and experience the merciful love of God. For further details, please contact Amelia Dicks 388-1048. This is a great opportunity to seek/find the Spirit of God

FATHERS DAY NEXT WEEK

June 18 is Fathers Day. If you would like to request Mass on that day for your father, please contact the parish office to let us know.

BIBLE STUDY

Our next session will be this Monday June 13 at 7 pm in the parish house. Come join us in studying and sharing God's Word.

SMALL LOWER WINDOWS REPLACED

We have all new lower windows. These cost \$13,500. Some of the larger upper windows need replacing also. We are presently seeking a quote for this cost. It's about saving heat.

LARGE PRINT BIBLES

We have only 3 left for sale. They sell for \$25.00. If you wish to purchase one, please let the parish office know and we will save one for you.

PARISH SUMMER STUDENT

Matthew English has been hired to work for the summer. Among others, his tasks include mapping, identifying names, and digitalizing, gravesites at our cemetery. He will be cataloguing and displaying all archival materials, and digitalizing all our registration forms and

sacramental records. By the end of the summer we will be in-tune with the 'digital age.'

SOMEONE'S GOT A GREEN THUMB

A few ladies have come forward and agreed to take the lead in planting some flowers. They inform us that mid-June is the proper time and they will begin then. Please join them. John is available and more than willing to be of assistance to any offer to plant.

FOOD BANK NEED

The Food Bank needs its cupboards filled for the summer months. The Christmas in June Drive on Monday evening will help. But please consider bringing a few food items to Mass with you over the next few weeks. There is a box at the back in which to place them. Thank you.

OUR BELLS WILL RING

On the 100th anniversary of that fateful day at Beaumont-Hamel – Friday, July 1st, 2016, at 8:45 am, the moment when our young soldiers were given the order to advance into the battlefield 100 years ago, all churches in Newfoundland and Labrador with bells will ring them loudly to tell the world that we have not forgotten.

Our parish is planning to gather in the church at 8:30 am for prayer and hymns, then ring our bells at 8:45, and follow this with a Mass of Remembrance at 9am. Please try to attend.

Congratulations!

Melissa Brake of Corner Brook had winning ticket # 2010 on the quilt. Thanks to the hard work/dedication of Mrs. Edith Leonard for making and donating the quilt, our parish raised \$2,944.69. Thank you everyone!

SUMMER STUDENT

Matthew English has been hired as our summer student. He has lots of work. He could use your help in two of his tasks. We hope to complete an accurate record of the layout of all the gravesites in the cemetery. If your loved ones are buried there, he would appreciate your contacting him at the parish house to be sure that it is recorded in our files. Also he is doing work to digitalize our archive material collected last year. If you have anything to add to again make it more complete, he would love to hear from you.

Thank You!

Donations were graciously received for our June bingo from the following: Donna Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Mrs. Theresa Murphy, Victoria Murphy, Kay & Bob Musseau, Glenda Neilson, Barbara O'Brien, Valerie O'Brien, Brian Park, Mary Park, Jim Park, Patricia Payne, Jack Pennell, Margie Pennell, Joan Penney, Mary Jo Perrett, Bernadette Pike, Kim Preston, Agatha Poole, Rita Pye, Gen Quigley, Gerry Quigley, Christine Jewer, Linda Randell, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Karen Roche, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Mrs. Marie Samms, Carol Snow, Mona Specker, Jennifer Stone, Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Lunette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Diane Wells, Rita Woodman, Peggy Young, Edith Leonard, Brenda Griffin, Madonna English, & Donna Eldridge.

Thanks to all who supported our games throughout the year, and to all the men & women who helped run it. God bless & have a great summer.

MERCY PRAYER

LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF THE LIVING GOD,
HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.