

August 12, 2018 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day . . . Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me . . ."I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
John 6: 41-51

“Don't Expect A Thank-You Card Just Yet . . .”

In her new book **Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving**, Diane Butler Bass recalls her first college teaching job. It was not a happy experience. Her credentials were strong but the college - a small, Christian School in California - turned out to be a poor match of her talents with the school's expectations. After four years at the school, she was let go. The president of the school told her, "Your work is wonderful. You are an excellent teacher. But you just don't fit in here." He looked at her and added, "One day you will thank me for this."

"Thank him?" Bass writes. "I wanted to throttle him. In less than two months, I would be without a job and a paycheck, with few prospects for the work in a weak academic job market. Being grateful to the person who put me in this position was the last thing on my mind."

A week later, Bass was telling a friend of the exchange at that final meeting: "Can you imagine the nerve of him? That one day I will *thank* him? What kind of nonsense is that?"

She expected her friend to rush to her defense. Instead, he leaned back in his chair and said, "You know, he's right."

What?

"Years ago," he continued, "I lost a job. It was painful, and I was angry. It didn't seem a favor.

But, eventually, it was the event that made me understand that I was an alcoholic. And that led me to get sober. Eventually, I understood that it was what I needed for my life to change. Not that it was easy."

But "I'm not an alcoholic," Bass shot back. "That's not the problem here."

"I get that," he said. "But we all need to look at ourselves more honestly. To figure out who we are and where we are really heading. To correct course. Sometimes that only happens in circumstances like this. One day, I bet you will thank him."

"Did you? Thank the guy that fired you?"

"Yes," he replied. "I did. But not at first. Mostly I wanted to throw him off a cliff. And yes. I did thank him. Years later. After I learned gratitude."

The challenge facing Prof. Bass, as well as Jesus' listeners in today's Gospel, is to move beyond "murmuring" about the rejections and disasters that have struck us in order to stop to listen and see the presence of God in what has happened. Eventually, it leads us from the "murmuring" of anger and despair to the "manna" of awareness and gratitude for the joy and meaning of life in God. The late Maya Angelou said: "If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present . . . gratefully."

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ
Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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(NEW) Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 pm-5:00 pm

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Reconciliation: By request

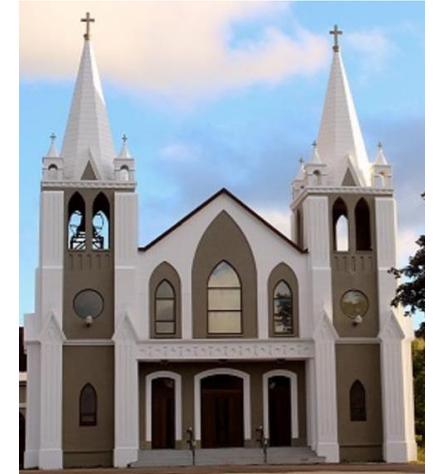
Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

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

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

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Aug 5,2018)

Regular Collection	1,464.50
Building Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	26.00
Garden Party Proceeds	10.00
In Memorium	10.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Aug 13	No Mass
Tues, Aug 14	Late Brian Canning
Wed, Aug 15	Special Intention
Thur, Aug 16	Dorothy & Jim Quigley and Family
Fri, Aug 17	Late Edna Dwyer
Sat, Aug 18	Late Columbine Healey
Sun, Aug 19	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 18	
Dennis Bruce Lynette Taylor	Marie Byrne Joan Penney John Carroll
August 19	
Don Gallant Sherry Lynn Brake	Anna House Barbara Neville Patsy Payne
Communion to the Sick	
Joan Penney	

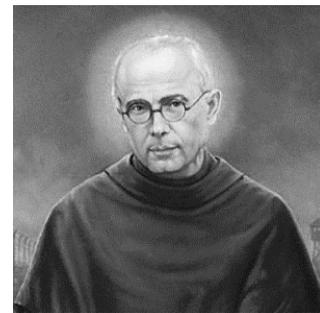
WELCOME: Sacred Heart Parish warmly welcomes anyone who may be visiting our Parish this weekend. Whether you are visiting us just by chance or returning home, you're always a part of our family.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm at the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Grace Josephine Sweetapple, child of Thomas Sweetapple and Noelle Kenny, who celebrated her Baptism on Sunday, August 5.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mary's Kitchen is now on Summer hours of noon to 1:00 pm for the months of July and August. Here's to good Summer weather!

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE: The feast



day of Saint Maximilian Kolbe is August 14. Born Raymund Kolbe, he changed his name to Maximilian Maria when he became a priest. Early in

his priesthood, he operated a religious publishing press and founded monasteries in Japan and India. Poor health forced him to return to Poland and, when World War II began, he provided shelter to those fleeing the Nazis. In 1941, Father Kolbe was arrested by the Nazis and was sent to Auschwitz. While he was there, the Nazis decided to starve some prisoners to death as a warning against escapes. Father Kolbe offered to take the place of a man with a family. He was the last of the group to remain alive, and the guards finally killed him by giving him a lethal injection. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: "This is enough, O Lord! Take my life." Talk about a bad day! Haven't we all been through this at some point in our stewardship journey, whether in the parish ministry work we are trying to do, at home with our family or in our profession - we get worn out and worn down. Elijah's plea — melodramatic to be sure — is a form of the stewardship pillar of prayer, for prayer is simply lifting mind and heart to God. And God responds, sending restorative food and drink. Rejuvenated, Elijah is able to walk for 40 days until he arrives at the destination God had in mind for him all along! Contrast this with the Gospel reading. The people, hearing Jesus' message, do not understand. But rather than take their complaint to Him as Elijah did, they begin to complain amongst themselves about him — that's murmuring, and it is counterproductive. Feeling worn down at times is actually part of the stewardship journey. It means we are giving our all to the life God is calling us to live. But it is also a sign to us that we need to find new strength.

How? Ask the Lord! He will meet your physical needs. Even more, He will send you His own Son, the Bread from Heaven, to strengthen you with the Eucharist and the living Word of the Scriptures.

A stewardship way of life takes all the strength we have to give. The beauty of this way of life is that we have a God who delights in giving us every bit of strength we need to live it!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a hospital bed and mattress to give away, if you are in need of this item, please call 638-9010.



HUMOUR: A little girl climbed up onto her grandfather's lap and asked, "Grandpa, did God make me?"

"Yes, he did sweetheart" the grandfather replied.

"Did he make you, too?" she asked.

"Yes, he did."

"Well," the little girl said, looking at his wrinkles and thinning hair, "he sure is doing a better job nowadays!"

BAPTISM SEMINAR: There will be a baptism seminar on **Wednesday, September 12th, at 7:00 pm**, at the Cathedral. This is meant for parents and godparents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with the understanding that there must be a well-founded hope that the child be reared in the practice of the faith. We also offer a walkthrough of the liturgy and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings at 6 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the Town of Humber Arm South.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: With **Father Pyritho Marcellin - Sept 28-Oct 8 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Cost of \$2065 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.