

REFLECTION for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Speak Lord I'm listening, plant your word down deep in me.

Speak Lord I'm listening, please show me the way.

I recall many years ago when a group from our parish, including me, went to an Atlantic Liturgical Conference in St. John's. We heard the words of this hymn and when we came back home we began a practice that lasted for several months. Why it stopped I cannot recall.

Anyhow, we used to sing the refrain above at every Mass just before the Liturgy of the Word began. It was our way of saying to the Lord that we too were 'listening.'

Today's readings reminded me of that.

Samuel heard the voice of God calling him, and after discerning it was of divine origin he said, 'Speak Lord, I'm listening.'

Again in the gospel reading we hear that when John said, 'Behold the Lamb of God,' Andrew and the other disciple left John and followed the Lord. They too had quickly discerned that Jesus was the Messiah and wanted to go with Him and to listen to Him. Indeed in his overwhelming joy, Andrew ran and fetched his brother Simon; he had to come listen to the Lord as well.

The message of this week is that God is calling each of us. He is calling us by name. We have only to listen intently, hear the call, and set out on the path of discipleship- we must follow Jesus.

We have to be willing to journey with Him, to pray with Him, to face testing with Him at our sides, and always we must persevere. Sure we will stumble, sure we will want to turn back, sure we will feel unworthy and unwilling -the work of saving souls, especially our own, is not a cake-walk.

Undoubtedly, left to our own devices, we would fail; but with God on our side we can move mountains-we have God's word on that.

Fr. Don

A PARISH HISTORY: has now been completed by Mr. Tom Collier and is in the possession of the Parish. It contains a well documented history, with photos, of our Parish up to the 1960's.

We are still looking for photos and/or stories from the 1960's through until today.

Do you have photos of the Re-opening of the Church after the 1979 fire, the Sacred Heart Bowling League, the Sacred Heart Social Club, the Sacred Heart Charismatic Prayer Group, the Sacred Heart Softball and Broomball Teams, First Sacrament Classes, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, or any other special Parish event?

Please have look, we would love to have some of these in our desire to record our proud history.

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:

Mon., Tue. & Wed 7:00 p.m.

Thur. & Fri. 10am.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Third Sunday of each Month

2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:

Six month notice is required.

A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Celebrated at Weekend Mass

after preparation session.

January 18, 2015

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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection Jan. 10 & 11	\$1,765.00
Building Fund	50.00
Dues	65.00
In memory of Gerald McHugh	235.00
In memory of John Leonard	50.00

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Ladies Group \$4253.94 was donated to the Parish from the sale of the 2015 Scenic Calendars. Special thanks go to Margie Pennell for her dedication to the project. As well, on behalf of Joan Penney who spearheaded the project, we thank all those who purchased and promoted the sale of the calendars. Without the help of everybody this success would not have been possible. Thank you very much.

EXPOSITION and HOLY HOUR

This Sunday, Jan 18 at 2pm, we will celebrate Jesus and His mother Mary, through a Holy Hour of adoration. It begins with **Exposition** at 2pm, with the **Rosary** and **Benediction** taking place after a time of silent **Adoration** and prayer.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The **Ladies Group** meets this Monday following 7pm Mass.
The **Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Wednesday following the 7pm Mass.
Both meetings are in the rectory.

SICK VISITING

Our visiting is going well. Because of the restrictions on visiting at the Hospital, we have been unable to provide this ministry there. However, **FYI**: Fr. Terry Boland is

now RC Chaplain at the Hospital and is visiting our sick on a regular basis. Do you know someone who is sick at home and shut-in and would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit from our Eucharistic ministers? If so, then let us know. You can contact the Office or Fr. Don at home.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Jan 18-25 has been designated as a time to pray for unity among all Christian denominations. The Bay of Islands Ministerial Association has a PRAYER SERVICE planned to celebrate this week. It will take place this **Tuesday evening in All Hallows Church at 7pm**. Please try to attend it to show your desire and support for Christian Unity. A lunch will be served afterwards in the church basement.

2015 SYNOD QUESTIONNAIRE

The second phase of the **Synod on the Family** is to take place in Rome this October. Do you want to have your voice heard? The CCCB has prepared a list of questions which they want all Catholics to read with a view to seeking the input of all the faithful. They can be found on the parish website (www.sacredheartrcparish.ca) Anyone who wishes to comment on the questions may do so by posting on our website. If you have not got access to the website and want the questions, let us know and we could make them available.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Jan 19 Mon	Theresa Tompkins
Jan 20 Tue 10am	Theresa Tompkins

Jan 21 Wed	John McCarthy
Jan 22 Thu	John Leonard
Jan 23 Fri	Theresa Tompkins
Jan 24 Sat	John Leonard/Gerald McHugh
Jan 25 Sun	Parish Community

NOTE

WEEKDAY MASS: **Mon, Wed, at 7pm;**
and **Tues, Thur, Fri, at 10am.**

PYX

A pyx is a sacred container in which the Holy Communion is carried when brought from Church to the sick and shut-in. We have purchased 20 or more of these. Yet we now find ourselves short on them. If you used one in the past and have it at home and no longer need it, please return it. There have been times recently when no pyx was available for our Eucharistic Ministers who now perform this valuable ministry to our sick brothers and sisters.

CONFIRMATION 2015

Registration forms are now available at the back of the church. Preparation classes will soon begin. In our Diocese, children are eligible for this sacrament when in Grade 7. So, any child born in 2002 or 2003 should register this year and receive confirmation. But if you know of a young adult who has not been confirmed and is older, please encourage them to register this year. All Catholics should receive all sacraments as soon as they are able.

Daily Devotions

Is one of your Resolutions to try to pray more? We may have help for you.

Are you aware that on our parish website you can find the daily Mass readings and meditations/reflections on those readings? In a section called **PRAY WITH US**, there are links to **Our Daily Bread** and **Living Faith** daily devotionals. Please have a look and give it a try.

CELEBRATING THE WORD.

It consists of prayers, reflections, and questions to enlighten/inform you on the message of the Mass readings for the coming week. It was made available last week for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. At the back each week you will find this material for the week ahead. Please consider giving it a try. It is also available (*in paperless form*) by following a link on our parish website.

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