

February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch . . .”

Luke 5: 1-11

“Rediscovering my daughter through Instagram”

Loving a 15-year-old daughter can be heart-wrenching. The little girl you spent a decade and a half nurturing and feeding and picking up after and dropping off and helping with homework and braiding hair and supervising play dates and fighting battles and holding hands to cross the street suddenly shuts you out of her life. She’s busy with school and clubs and projects, and when she has free time she would rather be out with friends. You hear snippets of her life ringing from her upstairs room, conversations and laughter, favorite songs occasionally played in the car from her iPhone. You feel you are losing her.

Paulina was as remote as a 15-year-old could be from her mother. Not only did she worry for Paulina as most parents do, but Paulina’s mom missed being part of her life. Then one day, Paulina’s mom ran into Maddie, a friend of her older son who was away at college. After chatting about school, Maddie asked, “How’s Paulina?”

“Good, I think,” she said, mentioning that Paulina was taking a photography class taught by professionals.

“She loves photography. Hates her math teacher.”

Then Maddie, eyes wide, asked, “Have you seen her Instagram feed?”

Mom started to panic. All she could think of were other parents she had spoken to whose daughters’ feeds were filled with revealing photos. Oh God, she thought. Here it comes.

“No,” I said. “Why?”

“It’s amazing,” Maddie said. “She’s a great photographer. She has over a thousand followers.”

Paulina’s mom was stunned. A thousand followers?! That night, she worked up the nerve to ask Paulina if she could follow her on Instagram. Miraculously, her daughter said yes, shrugging as she walked up the stairs to her room. Mom grabbed her phone, and suddenly, there it was: Paulina’s life. In black-and-white and full color. Beautifully framed photos of her friends, of their Brooklyn neighborhood. Paulina had a wonderful eye for finding the unique in the simple, the wondrous in the everyday.

Paulina’s mother writes: “[Through her photography] I was able to be with Paulina out in the world again, to see what she sees, to virtually stand beside her and witness the people and places she moves through, in nearly real time. Not in a parent-policing role, but in a wonderful-world sort of way.

“ . . . there was the photo she posted of herself as a little girl among autumn leaves, wearing a checkered skirt, pink leotard and green high-tops.

“Wish I was still a little kid, the caption read.

“So I wasn’t the only one,” her mom says.

[From “Rediscovering My Daughter Through Instagram” by Helene Stapinski, The New York Times, December 9, 2018.]

Love compels us to venture out on the “seas” of the new and different, to leave the safe harbor of our own perspective to cast our nets into the “deep water” of another’s world. Paulina’s mom carefully and sensitively ventures out into that “deep water” of social media and re-connects with her daughter. Jesus challenges us to put aside our own fears and anxieties to dare to lower our nets into the “deep water” of patience and understanding, the treacherous sea of reconciliation and selfless generosity. It often demands risking our own security and comfort and putting aside our discouragement and exhaustion; it can require us to keep “fishing” despite the criticism and doubts of the many who have returned to shore. Confident of God’s grace and wisdom, we can set out in our own small boats and cast our fishing nets — despite the long night already passed — to bring in the “catch” of God’s forgiveness and peace.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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

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

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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.

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(February 2-3, 2019)

Regular Collection	1,777.35
Building Fund	160.00
Votive Candles	52.25
Bingo Proceeds	1,028.95
Sunday Missals	10.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 11	No Mass
Tues, Feb 12	Late Ted English
Wed, Feb 13	No Mass
Thur, Feb 14	Late Vince Cave
Fri, Feb 15	Late Fr. Don Leonard
Sat, Feb 16	No Intention
Sun, Feb 17	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 16	
Joan Penney Carol Reid	John Carroll Joe Byrne Donna Mitchell
February 17	
Calvin Gillis Patsy Payne	Elizabeth Carew Don Gallant Doreen Jones
Communion to the Sick	
John Carroll	

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2018: Tax Receipts for 2018 are now available in the back of the Church and the Parish Office. Please note there were some receipts that needed correcting, these receipts will be put out at a later date.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT: Ash Wednesday is approaching! Lent begins on March 6th. Lent is a time of preparation, change of heart and prayer.

PARISH BINGO: Our next parish bingo will be held on **March 3rd, 2019**. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. It includes those with last names beginning with N-Z. Please support this important fundraiser.

PARISH BINGO LIST: We are in the process of revising our Bingo donation list. If anyone would like their name added to this list, please contact the parish office or Joan at 785-7465

4YOUTH: February 11 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. On that date in 1858, as fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous was gathering wood, she saw a vision of a very beautiful lady dressed in blue and white, holding a gold rosary. This lady appeared to Bernadette eighteen times in all. She told Bernadette to pray for sinners, to do penance and to have a chapel built on that site. One day, the lady told Bernadette to dig in the mud at a certain spot and, as she did, a spring of clear water began to flow. This spring is now the famous spring of Lourdes which millions of pilgrims visit annually and where thousands of miraculous healings have occurred. You can watch the story of Our Lady of Lourdes in a video entitled Fr. Barron visits Lourdes: Mary the Immaculate Conception on You Tube.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: February 11th - The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. Service to the sick and suffering is a special concern for all of us. We recognize the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and spiritual care given to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. A special sacramental anointing will be offered at the regular 9:30 am Mass on this day. Anyone suffering from mental, spiritual or physical illness is welcomed to come and receive this ministry of the church.

BINGO THANKS: It is only with the support of parishioners that our Parish Bingos can be the success that they are. This is fundraising that is vital to our ongoing operations as a Parish. Thank you to Don Gallant, Mary Gallant, Alvina George, Maureen George, Sheila George, Thomas George, Isabel Gillis, Margaret Gillis, Linda Green, Annie Griffin, Jackie Griffin, Brenda Griffin, Tony Griffin, Julia Hackett-Myles, John Hancock, Patsy Hall, Diane Hearn, Anna House, Joan Hutchings, Kay Hynes, John Hayes, Doreen Jones, Helen Jones, Pat Jones, Clara Joyce, Edward Joyce, Judy Joyce, Hedy Kenny, Florence King, Mike Leonard, Edith Leonard, Gail Leggo, Vince Lewis, Elaine Lynch, Lori Lynn Lyver, Margie McCarthy, Edmund McGrath, Shirley McGrath, Ann McHugh, Marie Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Victoria Murphy, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Vivian Donahue, Debbie Caines, Dennis Blackwood, Bill Peddle, Veronica Stone, and Pat Joyce.

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is still ongoing in Humber Arm South. The draw takes place on **Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm** at the Humber Arm South community hall. The jackpot is now above \$30,000 and rising each week, there are 11 cards left. register.

SHARING THE REFUGEES' JOURNEY:

Anyone interested in learning more about the situation faced by the 68 million people in the world forced out of their homes is invited to attend one of the following meetings: **Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 pm.** at the Cathedral residence and **Thursday Feb. 14 at 10:30 am.**, at the same venue. Sponsored by Development and Peace, the meetings are part of the response to the call by Pope Francis to "share the journey" and express our concern for those families torn from their homes and forced to seek a new place to live. A guest speaker will highlight what Church members and organizations can do to make lives better for migrants and refugees. All are welcome!

ADVANCE NOTICE: PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR: Couples planning to marry this year are advised of a special seminar being held Friday, March 8th starting at 7:00 pm and continues on Saturday March 9th at 9:00 am. **This takes place at the Cathedral basement in Corner Brook.** Topics covered include: the sacramentality of marriage, communication, financial considerations, relaxation and meditation as well as an overview of challenges to the goals and objectives of the Sacrament. This promises to be a pleasant experience as you prepare spiritually to celebrate your marriage. The registration fee is \$50.00. Kindly call our office at 634-5161 to register.

