

The parable of the vineyard owner's son and the wicked tenants.

Matthew 21: 33-43

Making contact

In her book **The Honor Was Mine**, psychotherapist Elizabeth Heaney writes about her work with returning service men and women from the war in Afghanistan.

The therapist was asked to be part of an initiative started by the military to bring professional therapists onto bases for informal, confidential counseling. A soldier's only recourse for mental health services had been military medical centers, where waits were long, treatment was iffy and just the request to meet with a counselor would go on the soldier's record.

But the culture of the military was an overwhelming obstacle for the civilian therapist. Talking about problems was not something "real" soldiers did. After accomplishing nothing the first days of her assignment at a southern army base, Heaney realized she had to change her approach. She walked outside her office to the concrete stoop where soldiers spent break time talking in the shade of an old elm tree. Six soldiers were there shooting the breeze. The conversation stopped as soon as Heaney approached. "Can I help you, ma'am?" one soldier asked.

"Oh no," Elizabeth said with forced casualness. "Just getting some fresh air. What are you guys up to? Shouldn't you be hard at work or somewhere?"

They laughed, and a round of good-natured griping about work ensued. Soon they were talking about life on the base. Heaney asked a few questions but mostly listened.

She returned to the stoop every day. She also struck up conversations in the mess hall, in hallways, at breaks. Soldiers slowly began to open up, first only hinting at the burdens they carried. But soon they began coming to her office to tell their stories: One specialist told of recovering the body of a close friend who'd been killed in a roadside enemy attack. "I thought I'd lost my mind," he confided. A sergeant admitted his inability to talk to his girlfriend about the children caught in the war he couldn't help. A lieutenant revealed her struggle to understand why a soldier in her unit - accomplished and decorated - committed suicide after returning from deployment. Did she underestimate the pressures of her service? Was she next?

The stories kept coming: depression, grief, anxiety, divorce, night terrors. The civilian therapist had gained their trust.

Elizabeth Heaney worked on military bases for three years before returning to private practice. About a third of her current clients are active-duty military or veterans. "I wouldn't have talked to you if you hadn't worked on bases," one vet told her. "Why?" she asked.

"You understand. Other therapists act like they understand but don't. You and I can talk on a whole other level."

Stones rejected: A civilian therapist works hard to establish trust by listening and being present to help men and women in uniform cope with the horrors of war. Like the tenants in today's parable, we are too quick to reject whatever scares us or threatens us, whatever we don't understand, whatever challenges us and the safe little worlds we have created for ourselves. May we have the courage and wisdom to look beyond the "stones" of our fears and welcome Christ (in whatever guise he may appear) into this vineyard of ours, aware that he calls us to the demanding conversion of the Gospel but determined to sow and reap the blessings of God's reign.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, 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.

October 8, 2017

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Sep 30/Oct 1)

Regular Collection	\$ 1790.75
Building Fund	\$ 150.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 10.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 40.00
Bingo Proceeds	\$ 631.40
Votive Candles	\$ 38.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 150.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$ 50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 9	No Mass
Oct 10	Special Intentions of the Dicks Family
Oct 10	Edward Buckle
Oct 11	
Oct 12	
Oct 13	
Oct 14	
Oct 15	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
October 14	
Janet Jackson Victoria Murphy	Wayne Dicks Eileen Moore Frank Lewis
October 15	
Debbie Allen Edna Dwyer	Joe Byrne Marie Byrne Doreen Jones
Communion to the Sick – Joe & Marie Byrne	

MASS STIPENDS / INTENTIONS

We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses for our departed family members and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Pick call the parish office to schedule masses.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting takes place on **November 6th at 7:00 pm**

BIBLE STUDY The group will meet in the Church archive room on **Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word'

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY Our Ladies Group will be reciting the rosary **each Tuesday in October at 630pm**. All are encouraged to participate.

FALL SALE Our Ladies Group is planning our annual Fall Sale! We are in need of donations of handmade goods, crafts, etc.

BELVEDERE ORPHANAGE FUND Provides assistance for orphans and half orphans who are in need. To obtain further information or to make application, contact Fr. Jim.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS Available to students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2017 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. **Application deadline: October 31, 2017.** Information at www.kofcnl.org.

HUMOUR: TURKEY HUNTERS' TALE
Tommy and Billy were discussing their latest turkey shoot. Tommy says emphatically, 'I am never going to take my wife Laura shooting with me ever again, Billy!' 'That bad, eh?' enquires Billy smiling. 'Yeah, Laura did everything wrong, got nothing right. She chattered too much, constantly disturbed the undergrowth, loaded the wrong gauge shot in the gun, used the wrong luring whistles and worst of all,' bellows Tommy, 'she shot more turkeys than me!'

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador currently requires a Financial Administrator. This full time position is located in Corner Brook and reports directly to the Bishop. For more information please go to the Diocesan website at <http://rcchurch.com/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Poor Box Collection for September was \$325.35 from Sacred Heart Parish. We thank you for your generous support in our efforts to help the poor. We are losing our present furniture storage area and are looking for another storage facility to relocate our present holdings. If anyone knows of premises that could be used to store our furniture and household goods, please contact us at 638-9010.

There will be a training session for present members, and anyone interested in joining, in the basement of the Cathedral on Tuesday, October 10th, at 3 PM.

FOODBANK THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Last year, we collected \$17,765 in food and financial donations to feed families on our area. We are very grateful for your efforts in helping to restock our food supplies to help families throughout the year. In 2016, we were able to respond to 1,627 food requests. You can donate non-perishable food items to your child's school food drive, at your church, at any local fundraiser, or in the food collection bin located in the major grocery stores.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year, *World Mission Sunday* will take place on October 22. On that day, we celebrate who we are as Christians: missionary disciples. It's a time of prayer. We are also invited to look beyond our local Church in Canada and assist through financial gifts, the missionary work needed in the young dioceses in many developing countries. An example of this work is providing health care centres, building schools, and empowering lay pastoral workers, construction of convents and presbyteries. Please pray for the missions and show generosity on *World Mission Sunday*.

THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best-known and most popular forms of prayer that we have as Catholics. The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. There are four sets of "Mysteries of the Rosary" (Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious), therefore containing a total of twenty mysteries. Each set of mysteries are said on specific days of the week. As we recite the Rosary, we are meant to meditate upon these mysteries. Over the centuries, the Rosary has grown into a timeless family prayer, one that has been prayed by billions of souls in countless languages around the world. At literally every moment of the day, in almost every corner of the earth, Catholic faithful pray the rosary. If you aren't sure of how to say the Rosary, you can visit the web site *Come, Pray the Rosary*, an online video Rosary for participation in worldwide or individual prayer.

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