

**"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
Matthew 16: 21-27**

The acclaimed new film **Dunkirk** is director Christopher Nolan's story of one of the most inspiring events in British history.

In May and June 1940, the first months of World War II, British and French forces were no match for the German war machine. The continent had fallen. Germany had penned in 400,000 Allied soldiers at Dunkirk, a village on the coast of France. Against all odds, a flotilla of 700 small privately-owned British fishing boats, tugs, ferries and pleasure craft raced across the English Channel to assist military vessels to evacuate the troops - what became known as the "Little Ships of Dunkirk."

The film centers around three characters. Tommy is a young British soldier whose unit has been wiped out in the retreat. Tommy has dodged death and destruction to get to Dunkirk. Determined to get home, Tommy is always thinking several steps ahead - but Tommy doesn't hesitate to come to the aid of a mate in trouble, to stop to pick up the litter of a dying soldier, to keep a sense of compassion and decency despite the fear and horror around him.

Mr. Dawson is the owner of a small yacht, the *Moonstone*. When the call comes, he and his son Peter do not hesitate to strip their boat of its amenities and stock up with life jackets, food and medical supplies and set sail for Dunkirk. They are accompanied by Peter's friend George, who hops aboard at the last minute to help. Dawson possesses typical British propriety and reserve, but his sense of duty and love of country are rooted in the core of his being. For Dawson, there is no question of taking on this dangerous mission. Dawson has clearly instilled those same values in his son. In one of the film's most touching moments, Dawson conveys to Peter, with a mere glance, that telling a lie for a wounded soldier's peace of mind can be the right thing to do.

One of the most heroic faces in the film we barely see: that of Farrier, an RAF pilot who, with two other pilots, patrols the beaches of Dunkirk, fighting off German bombers. Although Farrier's aviator helmet is clamped across his face, we can see in his eyes his determination and commitment to protect his comrades on the beach below. His Spitfire aircraft has a busted fuel gauge, but rather than turn back, Farrier figures how much fuel he has left based on the time he is in the air, and makes chalk marks on the dashboard to keep track. Farrier stays in the air protecting the troops stranded on the beach from German gunfire until he is out of fuel and literally glides to a beach landing. His final act of selflessness is remarkable - but nothing less than what we've come to expect from this brave RAF pilot we've gotten to know behind the layers of leather.

Dunkirk recounts a singular moment in history: regular people who acted with determined compassion, without hesitation, joining forces at great personal risk, to form an invincible whole.

At Dunkirk, both soldiers and citizens set aside their fears, their despair, their hopelessness to take up the cross: the cross of selflessness, the cross of compassion, the cross of generosity. The cross that Jesus asks his followers to take up is not a cross that cedes to crucifixion but a cross that is the means to resurrection. If we are true to Jesus' call to discipleship, we will find ourselves embracing values that contradict what society prizes; we will manage to move beyond our fears and doubts to take the first lonely and difficult steps toward reconciliation and peace; we will find within ourselves the selflessness to put aside our own needs and wants for what is best for family and community. In embracing Jesus' spirit of humble servanthood and compassion, we take up his cross, not out of a sense of self-loathing or pessimism, but out of a sense of conviction and hope that the demands of the cross will result in the life and love of the Easter promise; we will see our own small and hidden contributions as part of a much greater whole that becomes the foundation of the Kingdom of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



Parish Information

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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 ***NEW***

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: Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

September 3, 2017

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (August 26/27)

Regular Collection	\$ 1715.65
Building Fund	\$ 30.00
Votive Candles	\$ 46.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 30.00
St Vincent de Paul Donations	\$ 20.00
Parish Dues	\$ 100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 4	No Mass
Sept 5	The Tracey Family
Sept 6	
Sept 7	Molly Brake
Sept 8	Francis Griffin
Sept 9	Roy Reid
Sept 10	Mass for the Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
September 9	
Matthew English	Joanne Hackett Joanne Connolly
Victoria Murphy	Barbara Neville
September 10	
Don Gallant	Elizabeth Carew Brian Sparkes
Janet Jackson	Patsy Payne
Communion to the Sick	
Eileen Moore	

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.

LADIES GROUP There will be a Ladies Group meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm in the church.

PARISH COUNCIL

We will be holding the first council meeting of the season on **Monday, September 11th at 7pm** in the church. **We are now accepting nominations for future members.** Please give serious thought to joining Parish Council to do your part in keeping Sacred Heart a vibrant and healthy parish. Forms are available at the rear of the church. Elections will be held on the 4th weekend in September.

BINGO

Our first Bingo of the season will be held on **September 10th at 2pm** in the school cafeteria. We are asking for prize donations from parishioners whose last name begins with A, B, C, & D. We thank you for your support.

MARY'S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To all parishioners, male and female: Our parish has been asked to provide 4 deserts [cake or cookies] for each Friday in Sept. They also need 4-5 people to help serve meals. If you are able to help with this worthy cause, please call Veronica at 639-7216. Thank You.

MARY'S KITCHEN HOURS HAVE CHANGED

Effective September 1st, the hours of operation will be from 4 PM to 5:30 PM each Friday. Mary's Kitchen, is operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, with the cooperation and help of volunteers from other Catholic organizations. During the month of September, the Kitchen will be hosted by the CWL of Sacred Heart Parish. A free hot meal is offered to everyone who attends. Located in the basement of Most Holy Redeemer Cathedral, Mt. Bernard Ave. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

The group will continue to meet in the Church archive room on **Monday evening, September 3 at 7 pm.** We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word.'

ROSARY - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The Ladies Group invite you to join them in the recitation of the Rosary at **6:30 pm on Wednesday September 13** in our church.

LABOUR DAY

Labour Day in Canada is celebrated on the first Monday of September. Traditionally, Labour Day was an occasion to campaign for and celebrate workers' rights during parades and picnics organized by trade unions. While these still play a role in Labour Day for some Canadians, for most people the day now marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of normal activities in home, parish and school. Let's remember on this holiday weekend to pray for all workers, that they enjoy respect, safety and a fair salary for their labour. And let's not forget to include all those who are looking for work in our prayers this weekend.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans is quite short, but as is ever the case with Holy Scripture it contains a central message which is quite important to us. One of the ongoing challenges of being Catholic and Christian in today's society is that society, cultural norms, sometimes seem to work against our efforts to live as followers and disciples of Christ.

Paul sums up that struggle succinctly as he says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age,

but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Paul offers two suggestions in terms of combating the temptation to conform and agree.

First, he calls for a "renewal" of our minds. Often in today's society the standard opinion is that it is feelings, how we feel, that are most important. Living in that way ignores the mind approach. Second, if we do try to sort things out intellectually we can only be successful in God's eyes if we seek truth. The question we must pose to ourselves and to which we need to seek a conclusion is not "How do I feel?" or even "What do I think?" The important question for us is "What is true and what does God's Word say?"

The philosopher and author C. S. Lewis defined truth simply when he wrote: "No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that '...in the beginning God made heaven and earth'."

HUMOUR

A principal is making his rounds of the school when he hears a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushes in and spots one boy, taller than the others, who seems to be making the most noise. He seizes the young man, drags him to the hall, and tells him to wait there until he is excused. Returning to the classroom, the principal restores order and lectures the class for half an hour about the importance of good behaviour.

'Now,' he says, 'are there any questions?' One girl stands up timidly and asks, 'Please sir,' she asks, 'may we have our teacher back?'