

**REFLECTION for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Fr. Don.

Today let me pose this question: Do we still believe in the power of Jesus to perform miracles?

Long ago Bartimaeus believed Jesus could miraculously cure him of his blindness. Twice he asks Jesus, *'Son of David, have mercy on me.'* Jesus responds by saying, *'Go your faith has made you well.'* A miracle takes place in the presence of all those present in this biblical scene. The beggar regains his sight. **Amazing!**

I have received a miracle healing from Jesus. Like the beggar, I cried out *'Jesus have mercy on me and heal me.'* I hoped for the desired healing but lingering doubt filled my mind at the time. Those who loved me (thank God there were many) prayed for a miracle and they had little doubt that healing would be given me. **Amazing!**

Now looking back at that moment in my life, that doubt within me bothers me. I should have known better. Proper formation was done; I believed in the power of Jesus to heal and restore. My mere humanity and my human weakness were exposed. *(For those unfamiliar with this feeling, it is called Catholic guilt.)* Is it a good thing or bad thing that today's young people seem to show no signs of it? **Ah, my youth!**

In my youth there was a friend of mine who was the seventh son of a seventh son. There was a belief/tradition that such a person could perform miracles. To us he was like Jesus. When in his presence we expected great things to happen. We put his abilities to the test. We would get him to kill worms by placing them in his palms and asking him to focus on the worm. We would watch the worm shrivel-up and die. Then the boy would bring the worm back to life. A miracle was witnessed. Our child-like faith held no doubt. **Amazing!**

In school the sisters would teach us about the miracles of Jesus in scripture- the water into wine, the curing of the ten lepers, the raising from the dead of Lazarus, the loaves and the fishes, and countless others. These stories, our daily family prayers, our regular attendance at Mass, and all the other training we had left us with no doubt that the miracles of Jesus were real, frequent, and available to us in our day. **Amazing, my faith back then!**

Yes, miracles are possible today if we only believe. Our faith can open the fount of the Lord's life-saving waters. These life-giving waters can pour over us and heal us- heal us physically and spiritually. **Amazing!**

In need of a miracle, come to the Lord. The psalm says: *'the Lord has done great things for them, the Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.'* **Amazing!**

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard  
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## Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses in Week Days:  
Wed. cancelled this week  
Thurs & Fri. cancelled this week

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Third Sunday of the Month  
at 2 pm

Reconciliation  
Wed after Mass,  
or by request

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

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

**October 25, 2015**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Oct 17 & 18

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Collection                | \$1,499.50 |
| Building Fund             | 50.00      |
| Votive Candles [ 2 wks. ] | 121.50     |
| Mass requests             | 80.00      |
| Garden Party              | 40.00      |
| World Missions            | 290.00     |
| St. Vincent de Paul       | 70.00      |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

No Weekday Masses

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| Sat Oct 31 | All Souls        |
| Sun Nov 1  | Parish Community |

## MT. PATRICIA FALL CLEAN UP:

October is clean up month for Mt. Patricia Cemetery. For safety reasons and to prevent winter weather damage to items of value, you are asked to remove your items, including flowers before Oct. 31st. Fall clean up will be held on Sat. Oct. 31, at 11 am. Volunteers are welcome.

## MARK THESE DATES

\***Friday Oct. 30 at 7:30 pm** for our Variety Concert in Sacred Heart Auditorium.

\* **Saturday & Sunday, Nov 7 & 8**, for our Fall Sale, Cabbage roll dinner, & Bingo.

\* **Wednesday Nov 11 at 7 pm** for our annual Mass of Remembrance in the church.

\* **Wednesday Nov 18 at 7 pm** for our Mass for Healing.

## SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

We are beginning our sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Forms are

available at the back of the church. Please, please, parents and grandparents of little children, take a form and encourage participation in this most essential of parish activities. It is the call/duty of all of us to introduce children to the mysteries and joys of the sacraments. We cannot shirk our duty as Christians.

## HOLIDAYS FOR PRIEST

Fr. Don will be away until Tuesday Nov 3. During that time Fr. Gash will be filling in during the **weekends**. Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday Nov 4.

## VARIETY CONCERT

A concert will be held on Friday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart School Auditorium. Doors open at 7 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Canteen service & ticket sales will be available. Performers include; The Griffins, Allen's Rd. Trio, Gerard Deveaux, Jerome Dicks, Ed White, Wayne Jones, Jack Joyce, Sr. Donna Kelley, Gerry Rowsell, & Deacon Andrew White.

## MENS' GROUP TICKET SALE

The men's group have only a few tickets left. If anyone has tickets out, either sold or unsold, please return them to Ed Dobbin as soon as possible.

MEETING; The men's group will be holding a meeting on Wed. Nov. 4th. following evening Mass. All members are asked to attend

## FALL FAIR UP-DATE

Saturday Nov. 7:

1 pm. ---sale of baked goods, preserves, crafts & other home-made items.

DONATIONS for the sale tables should be brought in to the school cafeteria before noon on Sat. Nov. 7 if possible, or as directed by Mary Gallant-785-5176, or Patsy Hall-785-2556.

4 pm. Take -out dinners [ \$10.00 ]

5:30 pm. Eat-in dinner at school cafeteria. Those bringing in ready to serve donations of cabbage rolls/ carrot cakes/carrots /potatoes can do so any time before 3pm. We are still looking for donations of cabbage rolls. If you can help in any way, please call Theresa at 785-2244 or Veronica-639-7216 or the office .

Sign up Sheets are available at the back of the church for those who plan to attend. We would like to see a lot more names on these sheets. Please pass the word on to friends or neighbours who might like to purchase a dinner. Delivery can be arranged for those unable to attend.

Sunday Nov. 8: at 2 pm. BINGO! The list of donors is now posted on the bulletin boards.

## OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartrcparish.ca is our address. Why not have a look. We are trying to keep it informative and interesting. On it you can read the latest Sunday bulletin, the minutes of our latest Parish Council meeting and Liturgy Committee meeting. You can link to excellent prayer sites.

## MASS of REMEMBRANCE

On Wednesday evening Nov 11 at 7 pm we will gather to remember our loved ones who have died and gone before us: -those who have died in the past year.

Family members will light a candle.

- those who were veterans. All can pin a poppy on a Cross placed near the altar.

- all those who have died. Names can be placed in a basket near the entrance and it will be carried in procession and placed on the altar during Mass.

**NOTE:** If you had a loved one die elsewhere during the last year let us now. JOIN US.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to come together for prayer and discussion to learn what Pope Francis has to say on the care of our common home and to discover what we can each do to answer his call "...to cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation..."

Where: All Hallows Church

When: Each Monday, November 2 – December 14

What: Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* – *On Care for Our Common Home*.

**Please register with your parish so that we can order copies of the encyclical and an accompanying study guide for each person.**

## INVITATION

St. Mary's Anglican Church has invited us to attend a celebration [ on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 7 pm. ] of the 150th. anniversary of their ministry in the Bay of Islands.

A more detailed invitation is posted on our bulletin boards.