

***[Jesus] was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.***

***Matthew 17: 1-9***

"The music you have left . . ."

The late Itzhak Perlman was one of the great virtuoso violinists of the 20th century. Stricken with polio as a child, he wore large braces on both legs and maneuvered with the aid of two crutches.

Seeing him take the stage was an inspiring sight: painfully and slowly, but majestically and confidently, he would make his way to his chair. Then he would carefully lower himself into his chair, place his crutches on the floor, unfasten the braces on his legs, and tuck one foot back and extend the other foot forward; he would then bend down and pick up his violin, arrange it under his chin, and then nod to the conductor. It was a ritual that his audiences had come to respect and admire.

At a concert at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall in November 1995, the audience saw what a master musician Perlman was. After playing just the first few bars of the opening piece, one of the strings on his violin broke. Everyone in the hall could hear it snap - it sounded like a blast of gunfire. Both musicians and audience members expected the concert to stop and wait for Perlman to put his braces back on, take up his crutches and make his way backstage to restring the instrument or find a replacement. But Perlman didn't. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again and Perlman picked up the piece from the point where he had left off.

Itzhak Perlman then proceeded to do the impossible: he played a symphonic work with just three strings. Audience and orchestra watched and listened in amazement as Perlman modulated, transposed and re-composed the piece in his head. At one point, it sounded like he was "de-tuning" the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before.

When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room - and then a thunderous ovation roared from every corner of the great hall.

Perlman smiled, wiped the sweat from his brow, raised his bow to quiet the audience; then he said - not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone: "You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."

[Jack Riemer.]

***What the audience witnessed that evening at Avery Fisher Hall was musicianship that was more than skill. Itzhak Perlman possessed within his soul and mind - as well as with his hands - the artistry to create with what he had. In the Vision we have come to call Jesus' "transfiguration," Peter, James and John realize the divine "music" within Jesus that will enable him to teach, to heal, and to take up the cross for humankind's redemption. Today's feast of the Transfiguration calls us to realize that sense of divinity, that "music of the holy" that exists within each one of us, and resolve to use that grace - no matter what form it may take - to take up the transfigured Christ's "song" of mending the broken strings of our world.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ**



## Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
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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:** Wed, Thurs at 7:00 pm, Fri at 10 am

**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.

**August 6, 2017**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS** (July 29, 30)

Regular Collection	\$ 1573.85
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Votive Candles	\$ 78.00
Garden Party Donations	\$ 70.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Aug 7	No Mass
Aug 8	No Mass
Aug 9	Fletcher & Sarah Joyce and Family
Aug 10	John Mendes
Aug 10+	Edward Buckle
Aug 11	Nora Griffin
Aug 12	Byron Brown
Aug 12+	Brian Canning

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>August 12</b>	
Victoria Murphy	Joan Penney, Eileen Moore
Lynette Taylor	John Carroll
<b>August 13</b>	
Matthew English	Donna Mitchell, Hedy Kenny
Basil English	Elizabeth Carew
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	
Joan Penney	

**NEW MINISTRIES SCHEDULE AVAILABLE**

Because our present schedule ends in a few weeks, we have prepared one for the rest of August and September. This will allow Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to be in place until the transition of priests is complete and Parish Council and its Committees start up again.

**Hello** – My name is Rev. James Robertson and I usually have been called Fr. Jim. I am not new to the parish (I have filled in here before) and I am not new to the community (I am from Humber Road), yet I am new to the position of Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Curling and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Benoit’s Cove. This is a position that I gladly accepted and it brings me close to Home. I have been a priest for 28 years and have spent much time on the Northern Peninsula and have most recently served in St. Stephen’s Parish, Stephenville. I expect that we will work well together. I hope you’ll be patient with me and remind me, from time to time, to be patient with others. Together, we will work for the good of our Church, our Parish and each other. Thank you for welcoming me.

**FR. JOHN BOSCO** - We offer our prayerful condolences to the parish of Our Lady of Grace, Bird Cove, and to the priests of the Diocese on the recent passing of their Pastor and Brother. His remains have been returned to his home in India and we pray for his family and his religious community as they welcome him home.

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**TABERNACLE ART WORK FOR SALE**

We have three of the medium prints left. These sell for \$45.00. To order one, please sign the sheets which are available at the back.

**ROSARY** – The praying of the Rosary for the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month will continue Sunday, August 13, 7 pm in the Church.

**STEWARDSHIP** - The Book of Daniel, from which our First Reading is drawn, was written some two centuries before the birth of Christ. This is only significant in that many of the prophets (Daniel is considered one of the major prophets) lived as many as six centuries before Christ. However, regardless the timeline, we need to be moved by and appreciative of the prophecies we find in the Old Testament. In the passage in today’s reading it states, “The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship.”

Today, of course, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and this reading very much parallels what is portrayed in the Transfiguration. The interesting point within this reading from Daniel, however, is that it refers to the “Son of Man,” which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself.

We have referenced this fact previously. In fact, the term “Son of Man” occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.)

The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.

**OUR CHURCH HISTORY PHOTOS** - We have prepared all the photos you have provided over the past few years. We are looking for some showing CWL activities for the 10 years it thrived in our parish. As well, we need some for Scouts and Guides, and any others showing parish events through the years.

**CEMETERY RECORD FOR UNKNOWN**

We have many unmarked gravesites. This summer we are asking families with loved ones buried in unmarked graves at Mt. Cecilia to submit their names. We plan to erect a large memorial plaque displaying these names. Given the circumstances, it is the best option for memorializing them available to us. Please support this effort.

**HUMOUR:** The temporary Sunday School teacher was struggling to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn’t quite remember it. Finally, she went to the pastor’s study and asked for help.

The pastor came into the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers, he paused and stared blankly for a moment. Finally, he looked serenely heavenward and his lips moved silently. Then he looked back at the lock, and quickly turned to the final number, and opened the lock. The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe at your faith, pastor," she said. "You looked to the heavens and the numbers were revealed to you."

"It's really nothing," he answered. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

**JESUS PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner