

LESSONS FROM THE DYING

A hospice nurse writes about the valuable lessons she has learned from her care of the dying:

"Although I struggle, like every other human being, with the daily challenges of overwork, impatience, fear, anger, and disappointment, I know that it is always my choice instead to choose happiness, forgiveness, compassion, and joy, to live each day as if it were my last, and to be grateful for every day that I have.

"Working with the dying has brought light into my own life, illuminating the shadowy corners of negativity that I alone have the choice to relinquish or to transform into something more positive. Even though the work I do is with the dying, it has also been work within myself, and I thank God every day for both of those opportunities.

"So, in the end, what is it that the dying teach others around them? They teach how to love and how to allow ourselves to be loved; how to forgive and how to ask for forgiveness; how to find our joy and how to spread that joy around to others. They also teach us how to spend valuable time connecting our earthly self with our spiritual self so that these two separate but vital aspects of our being aren't strangers when they meet as the time of our own death draws near.

"And so it is perhaps meant to be that, with every person's dying, another person is learning to live well.

"Although I can't know for certain, I suspect from what I have witnessed that, possibly, the very best part of living might actually be the dying."

*[From **Peaceful Passages: A Hospice Nurse's Stories of Dying Well** by Janet Wehr.]*

The parable of the ten bridesmaids reflects what this dedicated hospice nurse has learned from those entrusted to her care: that we have only so many opportunities to become part of Jesus' work of mercy and reconciliation; that we have only so much oil in our lamps to illuminate the love of God in our lives. There is so much we want to accomplish in our lives - but the many demands on our time to make a living derail us from making a life, a life that is centered in the love of family and friends, in an awareness of God's loving presence in our midst, in a yearning to contribute to the greater good of all. Christ warns us not to fall into the trap of the five "foolish" bridesmaids who squander their time before the Bridegroom's arrival, but to embrace the wisdom of the five "wise" bridesmaids, trimming our "lamps" with the "oil" of compassion, generosity and forgiveness in the precious time we have until Christ's coming.

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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: No Weekday Mass Next Week

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.

November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (November 4 & 5)

Regular Collection	1867.00
Building Fund	160.00
Votive Candles	73.00
Sunday Missal Sales	130.00
Parish Insurance	10.00
Mass Stipends	140.00
Variety Concert	1730.00
World Mission Sunday	35.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 13	No Mass
Nov 14	No Mass
Nov 15	No Mass
Nov 16	No Mass
Nov 17	No Mass
Nov 18	Genevieve Wheeler
Nov 19	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
November 18	
Edna Dwyer Carol Reid	Joanne Connolly John Carroll Joe Byrne
November 19	
Wayne Dicks Amelia Dicks	Patsy Payne Calvin Gillis Hedy Kenny
Communion to the Sick – Joe & Marie Byrne	

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATION

There will be no weekday masses next week due to the absence of Father Jim. We thank you for your understanding.

SHEPHERDS' FUND

This annual collection will be taken on November 25th. you will see these special collection envelopes in your envelope box, there are extras at the rear of the church.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting takes place on **December 4th at 7pm**

BIBLE STUDY

The group will meet in the Church archive room on **Monday, November 13 at 7pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word'

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.

HUMOUR: A HEALTHY LIFE

Grandpa John was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared. "Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open night air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime. "Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

NEXT BINGO DECEMBER 3

The prizes for our December game will be ham AND turkey. We will NOT be calling anyone to ask for donations for this game, however, we are relying on the generosity of those who are able, to make a financial donation to help cover the cost of the prizes. Thank you for your support.

For further info you may contact Veronica at 639-7216, or Pat 785-7461.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday, November 13th.

VARIETY CONCERT A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who came out to support our concert last weekend and to those who volunteered to entertain us all. This was our largest turn out to date with over 220 people in attendance! In total we raised \$1730 for our church!

BINGO THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated to the October Bingo: Glenda Neilson, Barbara Neville, Barbara O'Blenis, Valerie O'Brien, Valerie O'Connor, Brian Park, Mary Park, Jim Park, Patricia Payne, Jack Pennell, Margie Pennell, Joan Penney, Mary J Perrett, Kim Preston, Agatha Poole, Rita Pye, Gerry Quigley, Linda Randell, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Ann Marie Seaward, Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Derm Travers, Peggy Young, Heddy & Dalton Kenny, Anna House, & Dennis Blackwood.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The regular general meeting of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place at 7 PM, Wednesday, November 15th, in the basement of the Priest House at the Cathedral. New members are welcome. We will be discussing the upcoming Christmas hamper planning, as well as challenges facing the Society especially during the month of December.

With regard to **Christmas hampers, registration will take place Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, the 15th to 18th of November, in the entrance of the Cathedral, between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM.** People seeking a hamper will be required to show their MCP card for identification purposes.

4YOUTH

Catholic Social Teaching is a central element of our faith, being rooted in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor as well as in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Catholic Social Teaching helps us understand who we are and how we are called to live in community with one another. The Church's social doctrines touch upon seven core themes: life and dignity of the human person; call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities; option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and care for God's creation. There's a good video on You Tube called The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching that explains each theme. Why not think about what you can do to live each of these themes as you watch the video?

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA WORKSHOP

On Wednesday November 15th, *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada* hold a workshop about our Fall Education and Action Campaign, *Women at the Heart of Peace*. Topics up for discussion include the vital role that women play in peacemaking and peacekeeping processes around the world, and what WE can do here in the Corner Brook & Labrador Diocese to make sure that women all over the world have fair and meaningful access to peace processes. You will also have the chance to learn about the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church and how some of *Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's* partners are applying them in Columbia, Syria, and Afghanistan! All are welcome to this FREE workshop! **The Details:** November 15th, 7-8:30pm @ Holy Redeemer Parish