

July 8, 2018 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

Mark 6: 1-6

“The Decision to Hope”

God knows, these days there are reasons enough for cynicism. Many of us feel let down by the institutions we thought we could trust. We have been betrayed, disappointed and outraged too many times to simply hope.

Jim Wallis is a theologian and founder of Sojourners, a Christian-based social justice advocacy group. He writes in his best-selling book *God's Politics* that the obstacle of faith is the fundamental choice between cynicism and hope.

"First, let's be fair to the cynics. Cynicism is the place of retreat for the smart, critical, dissenting, and formerly idealistic people who are now trying to protect themselves. They are not naive. They tend to see things as they are, they know what is wrong, and they are generally opposed to what they see . . . They know what is going on, and at one point, they might even have tried for a time to change it. But they didn't succeed; things got worse, and they got weary. Their activism, and the commitments and hopes that implied, made them feel vulnerable. So, they retreated to cynicism as the refuge from commitment . . .

"Cynicism does protect you in many ways. It protects you from seeming foolish to believe that things could and will change. It protects you from disappointment. It protects you from insecurity because now you are free to pursue your own security instead of sacrificing it for a social engagement that won't work anyway. Ultimately, cynicism protects you from commitment. If things are not really going to change, why try so hard to make a difference? Why become and stay so involved? Why take the risks, make the sacrifices, open yourself to the vulnerabilities?

"Perhaps the only people who view the world realistically are the cynics and the saints. Everybody else may be living in some kind of denial about what is really going on and how things really are. And the only difference between the cynics and the saints is the presence, power, and possibility of hope . . .

"More than just a moral issue, hope is a spiritual and even religious choice. Hope is not a feeling; it is a decision. And the decision for hope is based on what you believe at the deepest levels - what your most basic convictions are about the world and what the future holds - all based on your faith. You choose hope, not as a naive wish, but as a choice, with your eyes wide open to the reality of the world - just like the cynics who have not made the decision for hope."

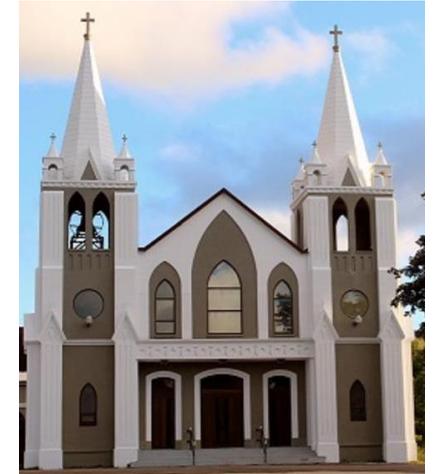
In today's Gospel, Jesus' hearers cannot believe that such "wisdom" can exist in their midst, that the justice and peace Jesus envisions are simply not possible. They are isolated by their cynicism; hope is beyond their reach, and so they reject Jesus with scorn and ridicule. Jesus calls us - dares us - to embrace "prophetic" hope: to change our perspective, our belief systems, and ourselves in order to realize the possibilities we have for creating God's kingdom of peace and compassion for all his sons and daughters in this time and place of ours.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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

Reconciliation: By request

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

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (July 1, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,329.65
Parish Insurance	10.00
Building Fund	100.00
Cemetery Fund	330.00
Votive Candles	39.10
Garden Party Proceeds	105.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Special Donation	100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

July 9	No Mass
July 10	No intention - Cemetery Mass
July 11	Late Joseph AuCoin
July 12	Late Jack and Joan Hearn
July 13	Late Col Healey
July 14	Intention of Annie Griffin
July 15	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

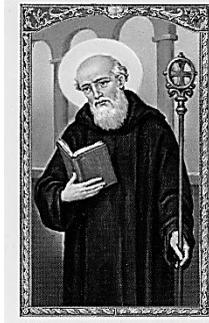
July 14	
Lynette Taylor John Carroll	Donna Mitchell John Carroll Art Hall
July 15	
Sherry Lynn Brake Donna Eldridge	Hedy Kenny Doreen Jones Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick	
Joan Penney	

THANK YOU: A special thank you to Mercedes Well and her Family for their recent donation to our parish.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

NOTICE OF CHANGE: Weekday Mass Schedule - Beginning with July 2, weekday masses will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays **AND** Thursdays, Wednesdays at 10:00 am, and Fridays at 10:00 am, except First Fridays mass will be 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

SAINT BENEDICT: July 11 is the feast day of Saint Benedict. When Benedict went to Rome as a young man to finish his education, he was shocked by the sinful pleasures in which his fellow students engaged. Benedict decided that he preferred to live



alone in silence and prayer. However, many people moved to be near him because they wanted him to teach them how to become holy. Benedict knew that a group of people living together would function better with a plan, so he created a plan which is known as the Rule of Saint Benedict. This plan, which includes a balance of prayer, study, work, and rest, was unique at that time in history and was adopted by most religious communities founded during the Middle Ages. For this reason, Benedict is often considered the founder of monasticism. He is the patron saint of students and of Europe.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mary's Kitchen is now on Summer hours of Noon to 1:00 pm for July and August. Here's to good Summer weather!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Vincent de Paul Society is in great need of used furniture. In particular, we are looking for: mattresses, box springs and frames of all sizes; kitchen tables and chairs; dressers/bureaus; sofas. Please call 638-9010.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP: On Monday, July 9th beginning at 9:00 am we will be having our cemetery clean up at Mt. Cecilia. We need as many people as possible to help with the clean up to make the cemetery presentable for the upcoming cemetery mass. Many thanks in advance.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The SSVP Poor Box collection last week was Holy Redeemer \$753.30; All Hallow's \$289.03; Sacred Heart \$323.85; for a total of \$1366.18. Thanks to all.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE FOOD DRIVE

NOTE OF THANKS: Thank you to our donors, sponsors, and volunteers! Thank you for re-stocking the food bank outlet shelves. We received 23,424 pounds of food and over \$800 in financial donations. The food has been sorted, boxed, and transported to our food bank. Because of your contribution, we are able to continue to help feed families through the summer months. The food bank has responded to 915 food requests from January to June this year. Our food bank outlet is now helping approximately 153 families each month. On their behalf, thank you again.

MT CECILIA CEMETERY MASS:

Mt. Cecilia - July 10th at 7:00 pm
In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart Church.

MT PATRICIA/TOWNSITE

CEMETERY MASSES:

Mt. Patricia - July 24th at 7:00 pm,
Townsite - July 25th at 7:00 pm

In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Cathedral.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

CEMETERY MASS:

Old Cemetery - July 17th at 7:00 pm

In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

COUNTDOWN TO CELEBRATE: Have you registered yet? Don't miss out this exciting Catholic faith-filled weekend.

Inspiring talks from international speakers, children's age appropriate streams, Mass, worship, and a variety of workshops. Fun and faith for everyone. To be held at All Hallows Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary School on Humber Road in Corner Brook, July 14th and 15th. Call Amelia at 709-388-1048.

Website: www.celebratenl.ca. Facebook: Celebrate Conference NL. Let this weekend be the highpoint of your summer activities!

HUMOUR: A woman was taking an afternoon nap. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings at 6 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall.