

REFLECTION for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

Are we Christians? Do we believe in the power of Jesus to be Savior and Redeemer of the whole world? And are we convinced and convicted, are we ready to 'shout it from the rooftops'? There can be a cost!

I know a man who was 'saved.' He became what he called a born-again Christian. His life was troubled but he had turned his life over to Jesus and was now so happy and joy-filled that he just had to share the 'Good News' with his friends and co-workers.

He believed that all should know that Jesus was the answer to all of life's problems. What shock and disappointment he felt when everyone teased and taunted him for being a 'holy-hopper.' They ridiculed him for believing in such foolishness. They wanted him to perform miracles right there and then in their presence; and they laughed him to the point of tears on his part. He began to question his own new found faith and became hesitant to share it. FYI, that man lives right here in Corner Brook.

Well he was not the first believer nor will he be the last believer to experience such a trial.

Today's readings present us with glimpses into the lives of the prophet Ezekiel, St. Paul, and even Jesus himself. In each case they find that their effort at spreading the Good News meets with resistance and non-acceptance and opens them up to personal attacks. But in each case they persevere and go on professing their message and witnessing to their faith.

God tells Ezekiel: 'Whether they hear or refuse to hear, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.' God tells St. Paul: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' Jesus perseveres, well, because He is Jesus, He is God. All three men (this being one of Jesus' truly human moments of humiliation) go forward proclaiming the faith that sustains them and compels them to share it.

What is the message for us in this week's readings? I believe it is that we have to have the courage and conviction to openly profess our faith, for faith is meant to be shared. It is a Christian responsibility to do so despite the hurdles that are put in our way. And we have to realize that there are prophets in our midst. We have to be open to hear/accept others who come before us proclaiming their story of faith and challenging us to follow them in their fidelity to Jesus. Then it will be- ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS.

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses in Week Days:
Wed 7 pm
Thurs, Fri 10 am

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.

July 5, 2015
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

June 27, 28

Collection	1565.00
Building Fund	40.00
Candles	150.00
Stipends	20.00
Mass requests	40.00
Ladies Group	2294.20

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

July 6	No Mass
July 7	No Mass
July 8	Thelma McCarthy
July 9	David Jones
July 10	Rosaline Bourgeois
July 11	Thelma McCarthy
July 12	Parish Community

ADVANCE NOTICE: CEMETERY MASSES

Mount Cecilia	Tues	July 28, 7pm
Mount Patricia	Wed	July 29, 7 pm
Town-site	Thurs	July 30, 7pm

SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the **office** will be open in the morning & closed in the afternoon. Morning hours will continue until after Labor Day. Afternoon hours will resume on Sept. 8th.

THANK YOU

The Parish extends gratitude to the Ladies Group for the donation of the monies raised from their Spring ticket draw. Please know that your dedication to and support for the Parish is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.

A PARISH REGISTRATION

25 have been returned. So this is a gentle reminder of our Parish Registration. Please fill it out and return it. If you do not want to fill some parts in or answer some of the questions, that's OK. Fill in enough so that we can register your family. It will help us enumerate our parish community.

Additionally, if you know a family who you believe would like to register with our Parish, please take a form and give it to them to complete.

MUSICAL CONCERT OF PRAISE

These concerts are sponsored by the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association. Various churches offer them on a weekly basis throughout the summer. **Our folk choir and ministers will present an evening of music and praise at 7 pm on Sunday July 12.** The services are held outside at the *Sir Richard Squires Building*. In the event of rain the service will be here at our church. Please come out to enjoy our wonderful choir.

QUALIPU CELEBRATION

On Sunday July 26 members of the Qualipu First Nation Band will join us for the celebration of our 11 am Mass. Together we will praise and glorify the Lord and his ancestry; for this date is also the Feast Day of St. Anne, mother of Mary and their patron saint. A reception and lunch will follow in the United Church basement across the street.

SUNDAY CHOIR

Sr. Donna Kelly will not be available to play the organ throughout the summer. So there may be times when we have no one to play music on Sundays. But we will sing hymns for *where there is a will there is a way*.

WELCOME VISITORS

This is the time of year when many people come home or come to visit friends and/or relatives. So, we extend a sincere hello to anyone visiting us and joining in our Eucharistic celebrations. Good to see you and God bless you.

ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE

Our diocese has begun an awareness campaign to bring attention to this vital issue. Over the summer, there will be posted on the Diocesan webpage links to four articles that feature debate on assisted suicide and its possible consequences. They will be put on the site at two week intervals. We encourage people to read them. The website is www.rcchurch.com

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This notice will serve as a reminder that three (3) new members will be elected to Parish Council in September. Please consider either nominating yourself or someone else to fill this vital role in the life of the Parish.

CEMETERY MASS CLEAN-UP

We have cut the grass and done a general clean-up of the Cemetery. Now we would like to encourage any families with loved ones buried in our Mount Cecilia Cemetery to make an effort to clean-up the individual grave-sites over the next few weeks in advance of our Cemetery Mass on Tuesday July 28 at 7 pm. Thank you

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Intentions for the month of July are now posted on the board at the back of the church. We have only a few intentions requested for August. Again we encourage you to put Mass requests in with your Sunday offering. We will schedule the Mass either ASAP or on the date you request.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY

"Pray as you can, not as you cannot," and so different people will pray differently. But somewhere in all this we should tell God what hurts and grieves us in plain and unvarnished words, and place these things in God's hands and ask for healing, guidance, and strength. We might not have all the explanations to give to God, but we can trust God to hear us and to understand, to love and accept us.

(from a homily I once heard)

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me.**

(from St.Patrick)

