

October 13, 2019 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Ordinary Time

*One of the lepers, realizing that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.* Luke 17: 11-19

The warmth of 100 candles

To mark her grandmother's 100th birthday, Deborah and her family decided to throw a party. Her grandmother had outlived her husband and siblings and friends, so Deborah worried that the turnout would be too small — but a warm flock of people came from Philadelphia, Omaha and Los Angeles to celebrate their grandmother. An uncle toted "Happy Birthday" cookies from his bakery in Texas through two airports; a student from Gram's junior high English class 60 years ago came.

Guests arrived all morning. At one point, the doorbell rang and Deborah opened the door to a couple, perhaps in their sixties. He carried a bouquet of red roses, she cradled a beautiful gift box. "Do you recognize us?" he asked.

It took a moment, but Deborah recognized them. And it brought tears to her eyes.

Boris and Ethel emigrated from Russia to Brooklyn in the 1980s and the couple were her grandmother's tenants for 11 years. She charged them an astonishingly small amount to live in her downstairs apartment. Natural teacher that Gram was, she helped them with English and acclimating to life in America, while they helped with shopping, errands and home repairs. They remained friends and Boris and Ethel called Gram every so often. They had happened to call a few weeks before, and Gram invited her to the party. They wanted to come but were dealing with elderly parents of their own.

But Boris and Ethel showed up, driving eight hours to salute their former landlady and friend.

Deborah could not stop crying for the rest of the party.

Deborah Milstein writes of the party for her grandmother, beloved by so many:

"That a couple would travel such a distance, toting roses and a Russian shawl, to visit a former landlady — of all minor associations — struck me: later in life, how mundane a relationship is so valuable. When company is scarce, when our contemporaries are gone, we will be blessed by the kindnesses we've shown.

"While we can, we gather. They all matter: friends, acquaintances, colleagues, students, tenants. When we can no longer meet new people, all the bonds we've formed count. We need company on the journey, to help blow out the candles when there are so many on our cake."

***A simple birthday party becomes an occasion for expressing gratitude for a life centered in generosity and kindness. Gratitude is a practice — a way of approaching life — that is grounded in the conviction that God has breathed his life into us for no other reason than love so deep we cannot begin to fathom it, and that the only fitting response we can make to such inexplicable and unmerited love is to stand humbly before God in quiet, humble gratitude. We may not realize it or appreciate them at the time, but we have been blessed by many individuals whose presence in our life has contributed to making us who we are — and, though we seldom think of ourselves as the answer to anyone's prayer, we have been a blessing to others in small and hidden ways. Like the Samaritan leper who gives thanks for the miracle that has taken place in his life, we, too, can be transformed by such joyful gratitude once we realize God's loving presence in every human heart.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

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<b><u>Weekend Masses:</u></b>	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
<b><u>Reconciliation:</u></b>	By request
<b><u>Mass During the Week:</u></b>	No daily mass until October 29, due to priest retreat.
<b><u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u></b>	Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.
<b><u>Marriages:</u></b>	Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
<b><u>Baptisms:</u></b>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<b><u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u></b>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

Office Closed Monday, October 14 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

October 6, 2019

Regular Collection	\$1713.45
Building Fund	150.00
Votive Candles	62.00
Sunday Missals	75.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00
Bingo Proceeds	1020.60
Memoriam (Annetta Hackett)	50.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues, 7 p.m.	NO MASS
Wed, 10 a.m.	NO MASS
Thur, 7 p.m.	NO MASS
Fri, 10 a.m.	NO MASS
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Martha and Dolph Robertson
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

October 19	
Joan Penney Carol Reid	John Carroll Margaret Dalley Joe Byrne
October 20	
Calvin Gillis Patricia Payne	Wayne Dicks Amelia Dicks Doreen Jones
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Tony Griffin	

**ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT:** Archbishop Hundt and the priests of the Diocese will be on spiritual retreat from Monday, October 14th to Friday, October 25th. Please join in praying for God’s blessings upon them in their annual journey of spiritual renewal. There will be no daily masses during this time.

**APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW DIOCESAN**

**BISHOP:** Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Reverend Bart van Roijen, a priest of the Diocese of Nelson, British Columbia, the Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador. Bishop-elect Bart van Roijen was born in Diemen, The Netherlands, on August 4, 1965. With his family, he immigrated to Canada in the Spring of 1973. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Nelson on April 25th, 1997 and has served in pastoral ministry in a number of the parishes of that diocese. His episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and of the Immaculate Conception in Corner Brook on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All are welcome to attend and join in this celebration. Please pray for God’s blessings upon Bishop van Roijen and upon his ministry as the Successor of the Apostles in this diocese.

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER FOR**

**THE BISHOP-ELECT:** On Sunday October 13th at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Peter Hundt will preside at a special Mass of Thanksgiving and prayer for the newly appointed Ordinary of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador, Bishop-elect Bart van Roijen. All are welcome to attend this special celebration.

**THE ROSARY:** The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. for the month of October. Come join us in Prayer.

**MASS REQUESTS:** This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:**

Congratulations to the Children who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, October 9: Garrett Andrews, Morgan Compagnion, Emily Cormier, Cole Griffin, Alex Grant, Luke Grant, Ryan Jackson, Jordan Murley, and Brianna Rice. May they and their families always give thanks for the gift of Reconciliation.



**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2020:** Forms for registration for Sacramental Preparation are now available at the back of the church.

**SIGN UP SHEETS – LADIES GROUP:** There are several sheets at the back of the church we would like to bring to your attention.

**DINNERS** Please let us know if you plan to attend as we need to prepare enough food. **DONATIONS** If you can provide any of the items listed, pls leave your name & phone no & someone will get back to you. For more info you may call Veronica at 639- 7216.

**MARY’S KITCHEN** Our Parish is responsible for NOVEMBER. We are in need of volunteers for desserts and serving.

**CABBAGE ROLL DINNER:** The Ladies Group will be hosting a dinner on Saturday, November 2 at Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Dinner will include cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, carrots, tea/coffee and dessert. Take out will begin at 5 p.m. Eat in dinner will start following Mass about 5:30 p.m. The cost per plate is \$10.00. We encourage all parishioners to attend as this is one of our major fundraisers and a great time to socialize with friends.

**HUMOR:**

Bob says to his buddy Jim, “You won’t believe it but I just fell off a 50-foot ladder!” Jim says, “Wow, are you ok?” Bob says, “Oh no, I’m fine, I only fell off the first step.”

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** Next Sunday is world Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church’s mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and train seminarians and religious Brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and some of our Canadian dioceses.

**THE POOR BOX COLLECTION:** September amounts: \$902.75 from Holy Redeemer; \$568.25 from Sacred Heart; \$382.00 from All Hallows’s; and \$101.15 from St. Brendan's. The total was \$1954.15. Thank you so much for your generosity. We are still in need of beds, dressers, tables and chairs, etc. A meeting of the Society will take place October 16 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Cathedral.

**OKTOBERFEST MERCHANDISE BINGO:** All Hallows will be holding a merchandise bingo in their church basement on Sunday, October 13 at 2 p.m. Excellent prizes and canteen services available. We hope to see you there.