

REFLECTION for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them... To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.'

Deep within each of us is a yearning for us to experience the faith expressed above. However our human weaknesses and failings lead us to doubt in our ability to do so.

Do you believe that only a saint could truthfully say these words and mean them? Do you believe you are incapable of living life to such an apparent extreme?

Well, if you said yes, welcome to Job's world, and welcome to the world of most Christians. Living life here on earth brings with it much sorrow, suffering, pain, and sadness. However, as Job came to realize, the joy, good times, love, and mercy we experience far outweighs the former when we stop to think rationally and divinely. For the Gospel reminds us that Jesus goes about making all true believers holy and whole.

Please go back and read the above scripture passage again. Let the words of each sentence slowly seep into your soul, ponder their meaning, and ask yourself these few questions: Is this the way I feel about my baptismal call as a Catholic? Is this really how I am living my life? Is the effort in trying to live my life like that just too much? Am I incapable of responding to God in such a way?

No, we need divine help if we hope to accomplish/achieve our holiness and our salvation. That is why we need prayer, why we need the Eucharist, we need Jesus in our lives.

Fr. Don

Sympathy The parish offers sincere sympathy to all members of the Hearn family on the death of Joan Hearn. God bless you .

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard
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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses this Week:
Monday ---Friday
No Masses.

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:
Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

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| Collection | \$1,750.00 |
| Building Fund | 25.00 |
| In memory of Fr. Buckle | 120.00 |
| Joan Barriault | 980.00 |
| Roy Reid | 130.00 |
| Joan Hearn | 190.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 130.00 |
| Bingo | 1,080.00 |
| Envelopes | \$25.00 |

DO YOU WANT TO BE ACTIVE?

The readings of the last few weeks have challenged us to become involved in the work of the church. A disciple of Jesus does more than sit and watch. So, I am asking you to consider volunteering your time and talent to help out. Please give some prayerful thought to how you might help out. *A lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, altar server, choir, Ladies or Mens Group-- choose one or more.*

Then over the next few weeks call the parish Office 785-5025 and give us your name. We will contact you and welcome you to our parish team. There is a place for everyone.

World Day of the Sick

Each year on February 11, the Church observes World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This day of prayer was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1992 to be celebrated annually on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. World Day of the Sick has three themes. First, it reminds the entire Church to pray for those who are sick. Second, it invites all Christians to reflect on and respond to human suffering and pain. Third, it recognizes and honours all those who work in health care and serve as caregivers. For more about this day or to read the message from Pope Francis for this day, go

to www.rcchurch.com

PALM FOR ASHES

The beginning of Lent will be upon us soon. Last year's palms are used in the preparing of ashes for Ash Wednesday. To help us in this, could you please bring some palm from home to be burned to make the needed ashes. Please give the palm to John Carroll. Thank you.

Week-day Masses are cancelled for this week.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Lent is fast approaching. The parish has ordered 50 copies of the Lenten edition of **THE WORD AMONG US**. This contains the daily Mass readings and a short meditation on them. These will be available in a few weeks at the back of the church. For those into using the internet, you can access this material by visiting the website wau.org, or see the link on our parish website.

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER

The Ladies Group is organizing this event- **Tuesday Feb. 17. There will be a Mass at 5pm at the church followed by a pancake supper at the rectory.** There is no charge. Please sign up on the sheets provided at the back of the church as we need to know how much food to prepare. Please attend and make this a successful parish celebration in anticipation of Lent. It can be our Mardi Gras!!

CONFIRMATION 2015

Registration forms are now available at the back of the church. **Preparation classes**

begin in three weeks.

In our Diocese, children are eligible for this sacrament when in Grade 7. So, any child born in 2002 or 2003 should register this year and receive confirmation. Time to register is getting short so if you know of a young adult who has not been confirmed and is older, please encourage them to register this year. All Catholics should receive all sacraments as soon as they are able.

Daily Devotions

Are you aware that on our parish website you can find the daily Mass readings and meditations/reflections on those readings? In a section called PRAY WITH US, there are links to Our Daily Bread and Living Faith daily devotionals.

Thank You to those who gave donations for our Feb. bingo: Donna Eldridge, Donna Gallant, Mary Gallant, Lori Gardner, Alvina George, Maureen George, Sheila George, Thomas George, Isabel Gillis, Margaret Gillis, Annie Griffin, Brenda Griffin, Tony Griffin, Julia Hackett-Myles, John Hancock, Patsy Hall, Barbara Hayes, Col Healey, Diane Hearn, Kay Keough, Joan Hutchings, Kay Hynes, Helen Jones, Pat Jones, Clara Joyce, Judy Joyce, Patrick Joyce, Hedy Dalton, Kenny, Florence King, Mike Leonard, Edith Leonard, Gail Leggo, Lori-Lynn Lyver, Ann McHugh, Madonna Mathews, Kathleen McDonald, Edmund McGrath, Shirley McGrath, Linda Mclsaac, Donna Mitchell, Chris Moore, Eileen Moore, Theresa Murphy, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Linda Randell, Rita Pye, Bill Peddle, Madonna

Elford, Liz Parsons, Bernadette Pike, and Margie Pennell.

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

is sponsoring an essay writing contest. All students from Grade 7 to 12 are eligible to make entries. First prize - \$200.00; Second prize - \$100.00; Third prize - \$50.00. This year's essay topic is: "WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK POPE FRANCIS IS HAVING ON THE CHURCH TODAY." Essays should be approximately 500 words in length and are to be submitted by March 31, 2015.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP meets on Thursday at 7:30 at the Cathedral. All are welcome.