

August 19, 2018 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

John 6: 51-58

“Something to Talk About . . .”

As two people newly in love, they talked and talked. They talked about their childhoods, about school, about their jobs. They talked about their favorite foods, their favorite movies, their favorite songs. Before long, they were talking about their dreams, their fears, their happiest times, their most embarrassing moments. They talked about the places they would like to visit and the goals they would like to realize. And they talked about one another: what they admired about each other, what made the other such a joy to be with, how they were falling in love.

Then they talked about their wedding. They talked about their new house. They talked about furnishings and landscaping and cars. They talked about money.

And they talked about kids.

Seven years into their marriage, they stopped talking. After a day of work, of getting the kids to school and the doctor's and their games, of putting dinner on the table, of the machinations of getting to sleep and ready for the next day, they would sit side by side in bed with their laptops. They were not sleeping, they were not talking. They were so close physically and yet so far apart.

They still talked, but a different kind of talk. They talked about their children: what they wanted for lunch, who would pick them up, the plans for the weekend. They talked about bills and laundry and meals.

They realized that they were too tired to really "talk."

So, they decided to ship the kids to the grandparents for a weekend, lock their phones in the glove compartment, and return to the kind of place where they first really talked: on a mountain in the woods. They hiked and breathed. They listened to the beautiful silence of nature. They stopped to watch the birds glide through the sunset.

And before long they were talking again. They told each other stories they had forgotten to tell each other, funny exchanges at work. They bantered and flirted. And they reminisced, too, about their early days, an entirely new kind of talking that comes from having known someone for a long time.

Now several times a year they leave the children for a day or weekend and go off and hike. And talk. And fall in love again.

[Suggested by the essay "How the 'Dining Dead' Got Talking Again" by Molly Pascal, *The New York Times*, June 24, 2016.]

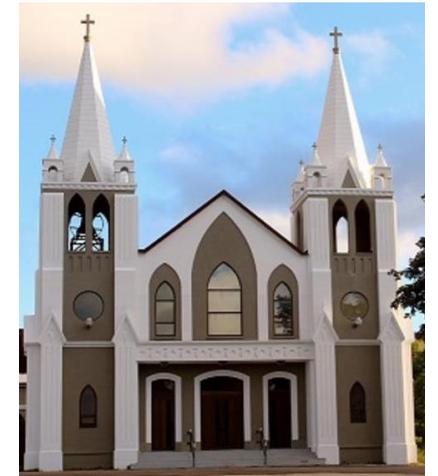
This couple, like so many married couples, get so caught up with demands of parenthood and career that even simple conversation becomes a rarity. But, when the "bread" that is Jesus' compassion and the "wine" that is his generosity sustains us, we constantly rediscover the presence of God in our midst in the love of family and friends - love that keeps us "talking," often in ways more powerful and affecting than mere words. Jesus' words about his "flesh" and blood as "real food" challenge us to consider what sustains us as human beings, as loving parents and sons and daughters and brothers and sisters, as children of God, as brothers and sisters of all with whom we share this good earth. To possess the life of God is to be open to and make possible moments of grace: moments when we become especially aware of the great love of God in our lives. God's grace is manifested in so many ways: in prayer and sacrament, especially the Eucharist; in the many gifts of creation, from the food that sustains us to the light of the sun that warms us; in the kindness and love of those who are the very love of God in our lives; in acts of generosity and forgiveness, though small and unheralded, that embrace us in God's peace.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ
Parish Information



Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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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.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Aug 12,2018)

Regular Collection	1,387.00
Building Fund	45.00
Votive Candles	35.00
Garden Party Proceeds	10.00
In Memorium (Marie Samms)	245.00
Mass Stipends	55.00
Baptism Fee	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Aug 20	No Mass
Tues, Aug 21	Late Peter O'Quinn
Wed, Aug 22	Late Veronica Pike
Thur, Aug 23	Late Edna Dwyer
Fri, Aug 24	Late Michael & Ada George
Sat, Aug 25	Late Joe Gallant and Family
Sun, Aug 26	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 25	
John Carroll Linda Tarbett	Art Hall Donna Mitchell Joe Byrne
August 26	
Donna Eldridge Debbie Allen	Elizabeth Carew Calvin Gillis Doreen Jones
Communion to the Sick	
Eileen Moore	

WELCOME: Sacred Heart Parish warmly welcomes anyone who may be visiting our Parish this weekend. Whether you are visiting us just by chance or returning home, you're always a part of our family.

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm at the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Lila Bridget Preston, child of Gary Preston and Danielle Troy, who celebrated her Baptism on Sunday, August 12.

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

SAINT BERNARD: August 20 is the feast day of Saint Bernard. As a young man, Bernard studied theology and Holy Scripture and later decided to join the Cistercian Order. He was responsible for founding many monasteries, among them the famous Abbey of Clairvaux. He also, composed a number of works and he undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Saint Bernard is a Doctor of the Church because of his writings and sermons which greatly influenced Europe during the 12th century.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018: The 2018 World Meeting of Families will take place August 21-26 in Dublin, Ireland, with the theme "Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Pope Francis will attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday 25th August and will celebrate an open-air Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: Our regular Exposition and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday, August 19 beginning at 2pm and ending at 3pm. Come spend time in pray with us.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Jesus said to the crowd, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life...." We can hardly blame the crowd for their shock at this statement — eating the Flesh and drinking the Blood of our Lord should cause us a bit of a shock. Yet how easy it is to show up at Mass Sunday after Sunday, receiving the Eucharist as simply part of a weekly routine. If we really spent time contemplating the gift our Lord is offering us in this sacrament, we would be awestruck at the love and power in this gift. Through it, our Lord is giving us the very best He has to give — Himself. Not even the greatest theological scholar or the holiest of saints can fully understand this mystery. Thankfully we don't need to be a saint or a scholar to receive this gift. But we should do our best to receive the Eucharist with gratitude. And we can look to today's readings to glean two fundamental principles for becoming better Christian stewards. The Eucharist is the foundation for a stewardship way of life. Through His gift of the Eucharist, God fills us with His love and strength. This love and strength empower us to live as generous stewards — to be faithful to the ministries we serve in, joyful in material giving, and offer our very best to our families and secular work. The Eucharist is the ultimate *inspiration* for a stewardship way of life. When we contemplate this gift of God, we will want to make a joyful return to Him. Mass will become anything but routine and we will live each day as His passionate disciples.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Parishioners are reminded that next weekend, August 25/26, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taking up its Poor Box Collection. Please support generously their very worthwhile work.

HUMOUR: A woman is talking to a friend on the phone and says, "It's been raining for days now and my husband seems very depressed by it." Her friend is concerned and asks how she knows he's depressed and what should she do about it. The woman replies "he keeps standing at the window, staring. Well, if he keeps it up, I'm going to have to let him in."

BAPTISM SEMINAR: There will be a baptism seminar on **Wednesday, September 12th, at 7:00 pm**, at the Cathedral. This is meant for parents and godparents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with the understanding that there must be a well-founded hope that the child be reared in the practice of the faith. We also offer a walkthrough of the liturgy and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.

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. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the Town of Humber Arm South.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: With **Father Pyritho Marcelin - Sept 28-Oct 8 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** Cost of \$2065 (+\$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.