

REFLECTION for Sixth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Don

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples plainly: *'You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.'*

Those words also apply to us. We are called to be God's chosen people. We are called glorify God and live a life of love. To live love is to give it freely and unconditionally to friend and foe. To abide in Jesus is to love when we don't feel like loving- to see everyone as a brother or sister. This is our vocation. We all have that vocation.

As part of a royal priesthood we are all royalty in the Church, all deserving of the same honour. And we are all God's people, all on our way to becoming like Jesus, to becoming holy. Let us humbly put the emphasis on **all**- everyone is our neighbor and friend, just as we are Jesus' friend. Love, expressed as Jesus commands, shows no partiality. We are all here not to be served but to serve. Jesus says, *'love one another as I have loved you.'*

Like Peter in today's first reading, today's priests can be the instruments of great miracles too. They bring the grace of God in the conferring of sacraments and they join the People of God to be the Body of Christ in a special way at the Eucharistic celebration- Mass. But an ordained priest is a member of the pilgrim Church (the royal priesthood) like anyone else. He hasn't arrived but like everyone else he is still on his way. Being ordained doesn't make holiness easier, any more than becoming a teacher, a mill worker, or a student, makes it any easier to become like Christ. Like life itself, it is the spirit in which we approach what we do that makes us holy.

And here is some really Good News. All Christ's followers are priests. Christ is the High Priest from whom we all receive our priesthood. It is the task of all of us to be the sacrament of Christ in the world. A sacrament, as we were taught in school, is a sign that actually is what it signifies. Christians are the Body of Christ and if we truly believe that, then we become Christ in the world; saving humanity one soul at a time, beginning with ourselves. PRAISE GOD!!

REMEMBER OUR SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEPAL NEXT WEEK.

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 each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

May 10, 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection---	May 2,3--	\$1914.15
Building Fund---		\$120.00
Mass Stipends ---		\$ 70.00
Votive Candles---		\$25.00
BINGO --		\$1015.00
Ecclesiastical Students--		\$225.00
Pastoral Services---		\$75.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

May 11	No Mass
May 12	No Mass
May 13	Thanksgiving/ Catherine McGrath
May 14	Tompkins/Roche Family
May 15	Mary Russell/Liz Parsons
May 16	Theresa Tompkins
May 17	Parish Community

NOTE *Our Mass times: Wed at 7 pm, Thurs, Fri at 10 am*

NO MASS

Starting this week the priest will be taking Monday and Tuesday off. Unless there is a special reason there will be no parish Mass. He's old, sickly, and needs a rest!!

MOTHERS DAY

Be good to your mother, you only get one.

May God bless all mothers on this their special day. We give thanks for all mothers through all times. O, the genius of women!!

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING MEETINGS

Pastoral planning presentation/ discussion meetings will be held Wednesdays following 7 pm Mass on these dates:

Wed. May 13- for Parish Council, Finance and Responsible Ministries Committees
Wed. May 20- for Ladies and Men's Groups.

NOTE: If anyone else (not a member of these groups) wishes to participate in the meetings, we are asking that you sign the sheet available at the back of the Church. Your input will be most welcome. If interest is high, we will schedule more meetings.

Here are the questions we are being asked to answer:

Would you describe your parish as a vibrant healthy parish? EXPLAIN

Do you see major challenges to the continued existence of your parish? EXPLAIN

ROSARY

The Ladies' Group invite all parishioners to join them in praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening in May at 6:30 pm. just before evening Mass.

LADIES GROUP TICKETS

The tickets on a hand-made wooden chest are available after weekend Masses in the [readers] room at the back of the church. Please take some to buy or sell. If you have tickets that are sold, please return them soon. Thanks Everyone.

RECRUITING NEW MINISTERS

A recruitment drive to add new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministers, to our lists has begun. Why don't you think

about volunteering? Let someone know if you are interested. We will provide training and have a formal installation ceremony.

Steubenville Atlantic 2015

This is for youth aged 14-18 and will be held again this year at **Dalhousie University in Halifax on the weekend of July 3-5.** For details please visit the Diocesan website at rcchurch.com and click on Youth (under Services). **The deadline for registrations is Monday, May 25th.** Our parish is really hopeful that some of our youth will want to attend. We are offering some financial aid. BROCHURES with more information are available, contact Fr. Don.

YARD SALE

The Men's Group are planning their annual yard sale **for Saturday May 30.** When you are doing your Spring clean-up, please keep this in mind. They are asking for any items you might wish to donate to their sale. Contact information will follow.

NEW LIFE RETREAT

As a follow-up to the presentation at last weekend's Masses, we remind you of this **Retreat** and encourage your participation. It takes place every Thursday evening beginning at 7:15 pm from May 14-June 18 at the Cathedral.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 26-28th

Newfoundland Catholic Renewal will be hosting a retreat at Mint Brook Camp, near

Gambo on the topic: Pray Lifting Up Holy Hands: The Prayer of Intercession. The guest speaker is Cyril John, who is an international speaker and the Vice-Chair of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services. All meals, snacks, and accommodations are provided on site-Friday suppertime to Sunday lunchtime.

The cost will be \$120 – everything included. Rev. Anthony Daniels, Bishop of Grand-Falls will be celebrating the Sunday Mass. Registration forms are now available.

Catholic Women's League of Canada

The Newfoundland and Labrador CWL is hosting its Annual Convention, June 12 and 13th in St. John's. The Keynote Speaker is Sr. Elizabeth Davis, RSM, who will speak on the Provincial Focus Topic: **Seniors- We Value Their Presence and Wisdom.** For more information, contact Rita Janes at ritajanes@nf.sympatico.ca

HOLY HOUR WITH ROSARY/ BENEDICTION

Attendance at last month's service was good. We hope more will attend in this month of May dedicated to Mary. It is next Sunday afternoon, **May 17** beginning at 2:15 pm in the Church. This Hour will be 40-45 minutes.