

REFLECTION for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

'Lord, will only a few be saved?' Many are those, perhaps some among our own congregation, who truly believe that they will be *'in that number when the saints go marching in.'* Don't get overconfident.

Jesus warns us today to be aware of the old trickster. The Devil delights in deceiving us, making us feel so comfortable and contented in our faith. He nudges us, whispers in our ears, telling us how good, righteous, and holy we are. Take it easy, we're done enough, we've been generous, loving, and merciful enough. He convinces us that we have our tickets to heaven punched. He disarms us through our false sense of self-worth, pride, and ego.

That's how he wants us to be; so full of ourselves. It is then that he does his best work. He can lead us hoodwinked into hell. Remember a few weeks ago, the rich man with an overabundance of crops who listened to the voices telling him to eat, drink, be merry. Lord, save us from that fate.

Society seems to be buying what he is selling. If it sounds good, feels good, and is available, then we can and should have it. God, eternal salvation, right and wrong, morality, and faithfulness to one's core beliefs, all these serve only to impede our *'right to do our own thing.'* We have created our own gods and we know the way, and we surely don't need to follow God's Way. It is so restrictive and challenging.

We are wayfaring strangers, passing through this life, struggling to find favor with our God; and not really sure how to do that. The restless that St. Augustine speaks about is alive and well in every human heart.

Hopefully we all have enough faith to know that heaven is our homeland. To reach this final destination requires some input on our part. There will be days when we win and days when we lose.; days when we will be among the first and days when we will be among the last. Lord, classify all of us in the *'I'm-just-not-that-confident'* group when it comes to certainty as to our ultimate destination. Please show us the Way.

Yes, the door to heaven is narrow; and even then we have to knock to seek admission. The doorkeeper is our judge. It takes discipline and faithfulness to stay the course and succeed in being a true follower of Jesus all the way along life's journey to heaven. May it be said of us that we did our best to attain our goal. Pray the judge is merciful and pray the door opens.

Thank God for Jesus, our perfect example of how to live in faith; thank God for the Holy Spirit, our advocate and guide and indwelling divinity, both prompt us to seek holiness. Both desire our salvation and understands our fickleness. Today Jesus answers the question without giving an exact number as to how many will be saved. But he does tell us that salvation is no walk-in-the park. We have to be prepared to sacrifice, to stumble, and to doubt. But never forget-God is with us every step of the WAY to salvation.

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am

Masses in Week Days:
Tues, Wed, Thurs 7:00pm
Fri 10:00am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month,
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

August 21, 2016

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS	Aug 13, 14
Collection	\$1,671.00
Building Fund	65.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Votive Candles	73.75
Bibles	50.00
Donations (Windows)	7,000.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 22	No Mass
Aug 23	Bernadette & Anthony George
Aug 24	Brian Griffin/ Mary Lou Gallant
Aug 25	Ignatius Power
Aug 26	Marion Chaytor
Aug 27	Brian Griffin
Aug 28	Parish Community

MINISTERS (Aug 27,28)

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Lynette Taylor	Joe Byrne, Art Hall
Linda Tarbett	Frank Lewis

Wayne Dicks	Hedy Kenny, D. Eldridge
Amelia Dicks	Doreen Jones
* Gerard Brake- Communion Minister to the Sick	

LADIES GROUP MEETING

This meeting will be held on Tuesday Aug, 23 at 7 pm in the parish house. All ladies interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend. Come and join in the fun and the ministry.

BINGO

Our first game for the year will be held on Sunday, Sept 11, .at 2pm. in the school cafeteria. The list of donors will be posted soon. If you are not currently on our list & would like to be added, please call the office. Donors are called three times a year for a merchandise prize [or cash] valued at \$10.00.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We remind you that Elections will take place in September to fill three positions. Please give serious thought to joining Parish Council to do your part in keeping Sacred Heart a vibrant and healthy parish. We have placed nomination forms at the back for this purpose. Please return them to the Parish Office.

REPLACING WINDOWS- YOU CAN STILL HELP

Our church windows, all 26 of them, need replacing. We have contracted with Premier Siding and Windows to do this work. We are asking that families consider donating the cost of one window (\$1000). A plaque will be put on the window indicating in whose memory the donation was given. If you wish to participate in this venture, please contact Fr. Don or the parish office.

FAMILY CATECHESIS- IT IS NEW

In September, a new sacramental preparation program will be offered and will be done at home. This is NEW and It will be Challenging for parents; we want to be of assistance. Please discuss this with your children. We have ordering texts and Julia Myles is ready to be of assistance to you. Spread the word about this everyone.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Will be continuing to operate throughout the Summer months but will be changing its time starting Friday, July 15th, to 12 noon till 1:30 PM. Mary's Kitchen offers a free meal to anyone in need of food or some company. It is located in the basement of Most Holy Redeemer Cathedral.

QUEENSHIP OF BLEESSED VIRIN MARY

This Memorial is celebrated on Aug 22. Pius XII, by his encyclical letter of October 11, 1954, instituted this feast giving sanction to a devotion by the faithful throughout the world to the sovereignty of Mary as Mother of heaven and earth. With the certainty of faith, we know that Jesus Christ is king of heaven and earth. The Pope said "*More than all the angels and all the saints has God overwhelming endowed Mary with the fullness of the heavenly gifts that abound in the divine treasury; and she, preserving herself ever immaculately clean from the slightest taint of sin, attained a fullness of innocence and holiness so great as to be unthinkable apart from God Himself, a fullness that no one other than God will ever possess.*"

ST. BARTHOLOMEW- Aug 24

This Apostles feast day is this Wednesday. He was also known as Nathanael. Like many of the apostles little is known about him. He was born at Cana and was introduced to Jesus by Philip. Tradition tells us that he went east, maybe as far as India, to preach the Gospels. Here is an interesting miracle attributed to him. *During World War II, the Fascist regime looked for ways to finance their activities. The order was given to take the silver statue of St Bartholomew and melt it down. The statue was weighed, and it was found to be only a few grams. It was returned to its place in the Cathedral of Lipari. In reality, the statue is made from many kilograms of silver, and so it is considered a miracle that it was not melted down.*

ST. MONICA- Aug 27

Are your children not attending church and are they lax in their faith? If so, this is your saint. She never gave up on her son and because of this she is considered a role-model for mothers.

She prayed for years that he would return to the Christian faith and finally her prayers were answered. Here is a prayer of intercession we can pray to her:

Exemplary Mother of the great St. Augustine, you persevered in prayer for your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen

SUMMER STUDENT

Matthew finishes his work with us in two more weeks. He is now doing work to digitalize our archive material collected last year and digitalizing all our sacramental records. We still need pictures of several priests. How about pictures of events associated with the Sacred Heart Social Club, the Msgr. Stoyles K of C, the re-opening of the church after the two fires, or any other past parish event.

FIRST AID COURSES:

These are being offered at the Cathedral on August 24th / 25th / 29th / 30th. Courses offered are Basic CPR Level C, Emergency First Aid (one-day course) and Standard First Aid (two- day course). Each first aid participant will receive a manual, a participant kit and a 3- year certification card. To register for a course or for any further information please call Janette at 660-0488 or email at janettefoote@gmail.com

MERCY PRAYER

LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF THE LIVING GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.