

# Sacred Heart Parish

## REFLECTION for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

As Catholics most of us grow up believing, because that is what we are taught, that the Kingdom of God is to be found after death in heaven. Well, thank God for the further unfolding, revelation, and living of the Good News. And now guess what! We do not have to wait till we die.

Today's reading points out to us the truth that the Kingdom of God can/does exist in the here and now. If we would only allow Jesus into our lives and allow His '*seeds of faith*' within us to bear fruit, then we dare imagine the anticipated feelings of bliss/peace/love. I believe we would joyfully go '*skippedy-hopping with added bounce in our steps*' as we are carried along life's Way by our confidence in God's presence.

We need to pray for this transformation to take place within us. Recall the Lord's Prayer with its challenging yet hope-filled words: *Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

Like the seed dropped on the ground in our first reading, like the tiny mustard seed planted in our Gospel, we can, with God's help, be transformed to live our lives in the Kingdom right now. If we are sick, we can show others that sickness cannot kill our spirit or hope and we can build up the faith of others with the living out of our faith/state of life in joy, peace, and love. If we are lonely and feel abandoned, we can turn to God, who dwells within us, and so never really be alone. If the whole world, including our church, seems to be 'going to hell in a handbasket', we can rest assured that God is in control and all things will work out for His glory.

Are we ready for more startling Good News? From today's readings, it appears that those who are most 'heavily burdened' are those to whom God shows preferential treatment. Yes, Jesus lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and gives drink to the thirsty. In all His dealings with us, our God is an awesome God. Because He lives, life is worth living; life is a song.

This song has it right: '*Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side, Keep on the sunny side of life. It will help us every day, it will brighten all the way, If we keep on the sunny side of life.*'

## 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 in Week Days:  
Wed 7 pm  
Thurs, 10 am, Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
This Month, it will be  
Wednesday June 17 at 7 pm

Reconciliation  
Wed after Mass,  
or by request

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

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

**June 14, 2015**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Collection---	June 7	\$1,195.50
Building Fund		90.00
Votive Candles		39.00
Mass Stipends		30.00
Garden Party		30.00
Cemetery Fund		20.00
Bingo		905.98

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

June 15	No Mass
June 16	No Mass
June 17	Bernadette & Anthony George
June 18	Mary Snooks/Mary Jo Roche
June 19	Thelma McCarthy
June 20	Wm. Myles, Thomas, Edith, James, Hackett
June 20+	Columbus Hall
June 21	Parish Community

### **SUMMER HOURS**

During the summer the office will be open in the morning & closed in the afternoon. Morning hours will begin on Tues. June 30<sup>th</sup>, and continues until after Labor Day weekend. Afternoon hours will resume on Tue., Sept. 8th.

### **HEALING MASS**

In an effort to draw more people to experience the glory and power of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will celebrate a Healing Mass on **Wednesday June 17 beginning at 7pm**. The planned format is to celebrate the Mass and then have a time of prayer and praise for communal and private healing in the

presence of the Blessed Sacrament. *One hour- a Holy Hour- is the anticipated time.*

### **ADVANCE NOTICE: CEMETERY MASSES**

Mount Cecilia	Tues	July 28, 7pm
Mount Patricia	Wed	July 29, 7 pm
Town-site	Thurs	July 30, 7pm

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE**

The Canadian Catholic Bishops are asking that we support them in their effort to have the federal government take time to fully study/debate the implementation of the law which comes into effect on Feb. 5, 2016 and makes assisted suicide legal. Postcards are available at the back. We encourage you to take one and send it to our MP asking him to lobby for more study/debate on this vital issue.

### **DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING**

Our Parish's Report has been completed and will be submitted to the Committee. We thank all those who came out to the meetings and shared their thoughts and ideas. We now await the next step in the planning process which will be announced by Advent. [A copy of our Report with the Statistics will be available on our website- if you would like to read it.](#)

### **FINANCIAL REPORT 2014**

It was presented at our Annual Parish Meeting last week but is now available for viewing on the parish website.

### **BANNS of MARRIAGE**

**Vicki Louise Jesso** and **Christopher William Griffin**

### **SINCERE SYMPATHY**

The Parish offers condolences to **Joseph Jr, Kevin Whycott**, and their families on the death of father and brother, **Joseph Peter**.

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Donna Eldridge, Don Gallant, and Gen Quigley** have completed their terms on Council. We wish to gratefully thank them for their service over the past several years. Please keep in mind that we now have 3 vacancies on Council and will elect 3 new members in September. Give some thought to offering yourself for election. Parish Council is vital in maintaining the health and vibrancy of our parish.

### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

\_\_One of the revelations arising from our pastoral planning meetings is that we do not really know how many, and who, are our parishioners. It has been many years since a parish registration was completed. We only know that we received from 188 parish envelopes last year.

So, at our last Council meeting it was decided that we would carry out a registration over the next few months. A form for this has been placed at the back. You will be offered one over the next while. Please consider filling one out and help us register our parish community.

### **PARISH POT LUCK**

The Ladies Group will be hosting a pot luck lunch this **Sunday, June 14** following 11 am Mass, in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to come together as a strong parish community. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite food dish.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

On Sunday July 19, we, Sacred Heart Parish, will host an evening of Gospel Music and Praise at Margaret Bowater Park uptown. Our Folk Choir will take the lead in the music ministry. Please mark the date and come to support us and join in the praise to God for His many gifts to all of us.

**THANKS** to the following for your donation to our last bingo; Donna Eldridge, Mike Basha, Kay & Bob Musseau, Glenda Neilson, Jean Noseworthy, Barbara O'Blenis, Irene O'Brien, Valerie O'Brien, Valerie O'Connor, Jim Jr., Brian, & Mary Park, Patricia Payne, Margie Pennell, Joan Penney, Joan Hutchings, Christine Jewer, Mary Jo Perett, Bernadette Pike, Caroline Power, Agatha Poole, Rita Pye, Gen Quigley, Gerry Quigley, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Marie Samms, Mona Specker, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Clarence Woodman, Lynette Taylor, Veronica Stone, Kim Preston, & Eileen Williams. Special thanks to the men who helped run the game & clean up. It was greatly appreciated. Enjoy the summer break!!