

The parables of the king's wedding feast and the wedding garment.

Matthew 22: 1-14

The dry cleaners' "coat"

In these increasingly irritating and angry times, a customer finds a place of peace and serenity in, of all places, her dry-cleaners. She writes:

"[They are open] for drop-off and pick-up six days a week, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The same couple has run it for decades; they seem to work all 66 hours, through a maze of moving hangers and mechanical escalators up to cleaner heaven. Somehow, whether it is 7:01 a.m. or 5:59 p.m., humid or icy outside, they sustain a cheerful serenity with each other. A customer enters rushed or ill-spirited (many of us are both), dragging a heavy soiled coat behind, yet leaves a few minutes later feeling lightened of more than fiberfill. When one or the other proprietor wishes me a pleasant day, I believe it. I believe because I am already having it.

"Something in their calm air makes me want to pull up a chair and linger. It's not the décor: a few orchids scattered around, watered perhaps with the organic solvent advertised on a poster. It's not the bowl of lollypops or Munchkins on Saturday morning for those who pop in with kneepads and parents before soccer practice. These are material trappings. They can't fool anyone out of irritability into serenity . . .

"[It's] profoundly simple. Irritability is effortless: the natural, default state of now. Happiness is not. You should plan for it . . . you must make [time] for it. At the dry cleaner, with its ever-present, serenely compatible couple, this seems so little to ask, for so much to receive."

["Want a happy marriage? Plan for it" by Elissa Ely, The Boston Globe, August 3, 2017.]

These cleaners possess a special "coat" of their own: a "coat" of welcome, of joy, of generosity that is a sign to all that the wedding banquet of God has begun here and now. God's grace is the thread with which we can sew together the pieces of "fabric" of our lives in order to create a coat of joy and optimism, of kindness and generosity, of gratitude and respect, making our lives a proper garment for God's wedding feast - a feast that begins in our own homes and workplaces, at our own tables and benches.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ



Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: No Masses

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.

October 15, 2017

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS (October 7 & 8)

Regular Collection	1592.95
Parish Dues	25.00
Parish Insurance	10.00
Building Fund	160.00
Votive Candles	62.00
Word Among Us Sales	5.00
In Memoria - Jim Park	25.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Wedding Stipends	100.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 16-20	No Mass
Oct 21	Captain Anthony Connolly
Oct 21	Captain John Roy Hackett
Oct 21	John McCarthy
Oct 22	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
October 21	
Joan Penney Basil English	Amelia Dicks Tony Griffin Don Gallant
October 22	
John Noseworthy Amelia Dicks	Joanne Hackett Joan Penney Joanne Connolly
Communion to the Sick – Tony Griffin	

MASS STIPENDS / INTENTIONS

We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses for our departed family members and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Pick call the parish office to schedule masses.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the families of Gary Beales, James (Jim) Park, and Andrew Pike.

NUPTIAL CONGRATULATIONS to Megan Carey & Matthew Noseworthy and Alysia Beales & Mark Brown who recently celebrated the sacrament of matrimony. May God continue to bless them.

PRIEST'S RETREAT

Bishop Hundt and the priests of the Diocese will be on spiritual retreat from **Monday, October 16th to Friday, October 20th**. Please join in praying for God's blessings upon them in their annual journey of spiritual renewal. There will be **no weekday masses**.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

The regularly scheduled Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction takes place this **Sunday, October 20th**. Exposition begins at 2pm, during adoration the Rosary will be recited and time will be left for silent prayer. Benediction takes place at 3pm.

BIBLE STUDY The group will meet in the Church archive room on **Monday, October 16 at 7pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word'

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY Our Ladies Group will be reciting the rosary **each Tuesday in October at 630pm**. All are encouraged to participate.

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting takes place on **November 6th at 7pm**

FALL SALE Our Ladies Group is planning our annual Fall Sale! We are in need of donations of handmade goods, crafts, etc.

FALL CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE

Our Fall Concert will be held on Sunday, November 5th at Sacred Heart Elementary

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2017 and are attending a

Post-Secondary institution in September.

Application deadline: October 31, 2017.

Information at www.kofcni.org.

HUMOUR: GOT CONTACTS

A policeman stops a lady and asks for her license. He says "Lady, it says here that you should be wearing glasses." The woman answered "well I have contacts." The policeman replied "I don't care who you know! You're getting a ticket!"

ALL HALLOWS FISH FRY

All Hallows will be holding their annual Fish Fry on Friday, October 20th at 5:30pm in the church basement. Admittance is by ticket only at a cost of \$15. Includes pan fried cod, vegetables, desert, tea and coffee. For tickets call All Hallows office at 634-7384 or Bill Peddle 639-9900.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Number of home visits – 15 Adults served - 25 Children – 4 Volunteer hours 63
Cost \$711.88

Mary's Kitchen: Adults served 148

Volunteer hours by Society 60

Cost \$498.40

Next meeting is October 18th, at 7pm in the Cathedral Basement.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador currently requires a Financial Administrator. This full time position is located in Corner Brook and reports directly to the Bishop. For more information please go to the Diocesan website at rcchurch.com

WORLD FOOD DAY is celebrated each year on October 16 to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. The theme of this year's World Food Day is "Change the future

of migration. Invest in food security and rural development." Events organized in over 150 countries will raise awareness about hunger and the need to ensure that everyone has access to safe and nutritious food.

Traditionally a Papal message is delivered during the World Food Day ceremony; this year, however, for the first time, Pope Francis will attend in person and will call on the international community to change the future of migration. For more information, visit www.rcchurch.com

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October, which this year is October 22. The theme this year is Mission at the heart of the Christian faith. On this day we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. We would encourage you to be as generous as possible in the special collection taken up in support of the Church's missionary work.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

FOUNDATION is accepting applications for its initial Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information about CWLF, the Leadership Program and to complete an application form visit www//cwlfcanada.ca. You can also contact Rita Janes, Chair, CWLF by phone(709 723860) or by email(ritacjanes@gmail.com).
Two things: