

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we are presented with the parable of the Master sending labourers into his vineyard to work. To him it did not matter when the worker began, it mattered only that the work was done. Many hands make light work.

We too are called daily, indeed hourly, to work in the vineyard that is our Parish. There are some who have been doing this work for many years, some for several years, and there are some who just recently began to help do this work. And there are some who have not yet felt, or heard, the call to come help in the harvest of this vineyard.

No one can argue that these are not troubled and trying times for our Church both world-wide and locally. It's so easy to throw up our hands and walk away.

But the work of the harvest must go onward. It's why we are called Christian.

Jesus redeemed us, Jesus left us an example of how to live and how to love, and Jesus commissioned us to spread the good news of salvation. All who answer the call will receive their reward. The fact that it is never too late to start is a gift from God. Your Parish needs you, salvation is a labour of love that requires 'all hands on deck.'

Please pray for our Parish, its leaders, and accept this reflection as an invitation to join in accomplishing the 'work' needed for the salvation of all of our brothers and sisters who comprise this community we proudly call Sacred Heart Parish.

Fr. Don

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:  
Mon. & Wed- 7:00 p.m.  
Tue. Thur. & Fri. at 9am.

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Third Sunday of each Month  
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation  
Any time by  
request

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

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

**SEPTEMBER 21st, 2014**

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### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Last week 's Collection	\$1,658.00
Building Fund	\$ 90.00
Donation in memory of Edward and Geraldine Bennett	\$3,000.00

### **TICKETS--MEN'S GROUP**

Our men's group is selling tickets on a cash prize of \$1,000.00 which will be drawn for on Dec.7--just in time for your Christmas shopping! To get your tickets, please see Ed Dobbin or John Carroll. If you are able to take some to sell it would be appreciated. As always, thank you for your support.

### **THANK YOU**

To all those who gave a donation of fruit towards the Canadian Cancer Relay For Life event held last Saturday. It was a success and your help was appreciated.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Have returned to the regular schedule- Monday to Friday 1pm. to 4pm.

### **FIRST FALL MEETING**

All members of the Parish Ladies Group are asked to meet at the Parish House on Monday, Sept.22, following 7 pm Mass. New members are welcome

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

"What's in it for me?" That may be a question we pose often. It is certainly part of our societal lexicon. Whatever may be proposed to us, by governments, advertisements, friends, and even our Church, our parish, we may well respond with something similar to that question, which put another way, can be phrased "What do I get out of this?" That is surely a challenge when it comes to stewardship because the good steward's motivation is supposed to be higher, done out of love, not lived because some reward is in the offing. Of course, there is a reward, and that is the point of today's Gospel, a parable that frequently produces consternation. How can it be fair to pay those who began working late in the day the same as those who began working at the beginning of the day? The Lord makes it clear what He means, however, with the closing statement, "The last will be first, and the first will be last." The point is simply that the reward for living correctly, for loving and practicing stewardship, is eternal life with the Lord. We tend to think in terms of hours. God thinks in greater terms, and it is He to Whom we need to respond.

### **MASS REQUESTS**

Just a reminder that Father Don will be celebrating weekday Mass and will be taking Mass requests. You may have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a loved one, for someone who is ill, or for your own special intentions. Our Mass stipends are \$10.

### **WE NEED CATECHISTS**

Our Parish desperately needs help in the teaching of the faith to our young people. To this end the Diocese is having a workshop next Saturday, Sept. 27 beginning at 9 am at the Pepsi Center. If you are interested you can attend to learn what is expected of you as a catechist. Fr. Don would love to hear from you.

### **LADIES GROUP NOTICES:**

A belated thank you to Madonna English and Dorothy Brake for your bingo donations. Veronica would like to remind anyone who still has tickets out on the wooden chest to return them asap. The draw will take place at our bingo on Oct. 5th.

I would like to extend my apologies to the men's group for overlapping on their time frame for selling tickets.

### **COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA:**

Why is there such a collection? Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, has described this Collection as "an opportunity for all the faithful in our country to give a hand to helping the Gospel!" The annual Collection allows each diocese to meet its financial obligations to the regional episcopal assemblies and to the national episcopal Conference.

This collection is taken next Sunday. There is an envelope in your box for this.

### **PADRE PIO**

Tuesday is the feast day of this popular saint. He was canonized in 2002. Associations have been formed all over the world; they have a special devotion that they celebrate in his honor. He lived with the stigmata for over fifty years.