

March 11, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus said to Nicodemus: " . . . whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

John 2: 13-25

"Seeing yourself in better light"

She has never seen herself as beautiful or pretty. When she thumbs through fashion magazines in waiting rooms, she feels like some alien being. She cannot look at pictures of herself; she recoils from what she sees as her crooked nose, her acne scars and scabs, her short stature and skinny figure.

But that's not what he sees. He was immediately captivated by her smile, a smile that lit up her entire face. The sound of her laugh and the kindness in her voice brought him a sense of peace and reassurance he had never experienced in another woman before. And the first time they kissed, she trembled and cried with embarrassment. But, as their relationship continued, she began to think that maybe she wasn't so ugly after all.

From the moment they met, he knew he was way out of her league. He worked hard - but his prospects were not what a woman of her background and education would find very promising. He found himself struggling to keep up with her. He had nothing to offer someone "like her."

But that's not what she saw. She was taken by his sense of humor and humility, his generosity of spirit, his ability to listen patiently and support unconditionally. His easy way with his family and friends, particularly his younger siblings, was a delight to watch. His integrity and common sense were so unlike the other guys she had known. Oh, she knew how much he had to offer - and she felt like the luckiest woman in the world when he worked up the courage to propose.

In his late-night conversation with the Pharisee Nicodemus, Jesus presents a very different picture of God - and of ourselves. Jesus reveals to Nicodemus a God of life and restoration, a God who seeks not our punishment or humiliation but our healing and reconciliation with him and with one another. The God Jesus reveals is not the God of condemnation and destruction but the God of forgiveness, mercy and compassion. And that should help us re-imagine ourselves: that, created in God's love, we are more than the superficialities of appearance and assets, of wit and social graces. In the light of his Christ, we come to realize the good in ourselves that we often do not see; in that light, we find joy and reason to be grateful for the good that others bring to our lives. As Jesus explains to Nicodemus, God has created us as an extension of himself: from the moment of our creation, his life and love are part of our very being. In our embracing of his Spirit of justice and mercy, in our work to re-make our world in his dream of compassion and peace, the love in which we were created transforms our lives and the lives of those we love and who love us into the very light and love of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:00-5:00 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: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am

First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS (March 4, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,766.70
Parish Dues	65.00
Parish Insurance	5.00
Building Fund	100.00
Envelope Cost	5.00
Lenten Folders	100.00
Votive Candles	45.00
Bingo	1195.30
Mass Stipends	150.00
In Memorium	300.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Easter Flowers	40.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 13	Late Jim Hayes
Mar 14	Edna Power
Mar 15	Special Intention
Mar 16	Late Basil Donahue
Mar 17	Jack Neville/Mary Alexander
Mar 18	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 10	
Dennis Bruce Lynette Taylor	Joan Penney Donna Mitchell Eileen Moore
March 11	
Don Gallant Sherry Lynn Brake	Elizabeth Carew Donna Eldridge Calvin Gillis
Communion to the Sick – Gerard Brake	

WINTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather. This does not apply to funerals.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our Condolences to the family of Edna Dwyer. May she rest in peace.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting the persons name with a donation in the Sunday collection or drop by the Parish Office.

LENTEN FOLDERS: Folders are now available at the main entrance to the Church.

MASS OF CHRISM: The annual Mass of Chrism takes place at our cathedral on Wednesday, March 21st beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a gathering of people, pastoral ministers and priests from all our parishes as they celebrate the blessing of the holy oils to be used throughout the diocese in the coming year. A great chance to re-unite with former pastors and people from western Newfoundland and all Labrador. Please make every attempt to be there.

MARY’S KITCHEN: Sacred Heart Parish will be running Mary's Kitchen throughout April. We need volunteers to assist with the kitchen and to provide baked goods. You can help with this worthy cause throughout the month or even on one Friday please contact Veronica Stone (639-7216) or Madonna English (634-5141).

BINGO: Many thanks to those who already generously donate prizes for our monthly bingo. If your name is not on our list, we would certainly welcome your donations as well. If you wish to have your name added to the list, or just wish to make a donation, please call the parish office during business hours.

SHARE LENT 2018: During the liturgical season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to especially commit themselves to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving. One particular charity to which Canadian Catholics are called to give alms is the Share Lent collection which is taken up on the Fifth Sunday of Lent in support of the work of Development and Peace. The theme of the Share Lent campaign this year is Together for Peace. This annual campaign is the main fundraising event for Development and Peace and provides an excellent opportunity to participate in a work of charity and alms-giving. The special collection will take place this year at the weekend Masses of March 17-18. Please be as generous as you can!



4YOUTH: Lent is more than half over – 22 days of the 40 are done. Many people may feel that time is passing too quickly, and they haven’t really made a good Lent. Well, the fourth Sunday of Lent, which we celebrate this week, is called Laetare Sunday. The word “laetare” means “rejoice” in Latin and the entrance antiphon today begins “Rejoice, O Jerusalem!” Today, the strictness of Lent is lessened a little bit. The purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent may be replaced by rose ones. Flowers, which we normally do not see in church during Lent, may be placed on the altar. The point of Laetare Sunday is to encourage us to continue our spiritual preparations for Easter (or to start them, it’s not too late!). It’s not easy to follow the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving for forty days. Laetare Sunday is meant to encourage us to stay strong!!

LENTEN HUMOUR: A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his neighbors came out of the house and go straight to the mailbox. They opened it, looked inside, slammed it shut, and stormed back into their house. A little later they came out of her house again, went to the mailbox, again opened it, and slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house they went. As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here they came again. They marched to the mailbox, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by their actions, the man asked her, "Is something wrong?" To which they replied, "There certainly is! Our stupid computer keeps saying “you’ve got mail!”"

BINGO THANKS: Thank you to the following people who generously donated to our last Bingo: Glenda Neilson, Barbara Neville, Jennifer Noseworthy, Brian Park, Mary Park, Jim Park, Patricia Payne, Veronica Payne, Jack Pennell, Joan Penney, Bernadette Pike, Kim Preston, Agetha Poole, Jen Quigley, Gerry Quigley, Carol Reid, Karen Roache, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Marie Samms, Ann Marie Seaward, Carol Snow, Mona Specker, Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Diane Wells, Rita Woodman, Peggy Young, Donna Eldridge, Ann Vincent, Regina Brake, Bill Peddle, Christine Jewer, Rosemary Snooks, Margie McCarthy, Edie Leonard, Vince Lewis and Col Healy.

ASKED TO ANNOUNCE: Apr 27-May 7: Pilgrimage to **Medjugorje**. Cost of \$2035 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and professional local guide. Accompanying priest yet to be determined. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.