

REFLECTION for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don.

Wouldn't it be grand if we could get a sneak-peek into heaven and hell; to have a look around just to see who is where? Undoubtedly we would be surprised by who actually was spending eternity in each place. Those we felt for sure were saints turn out to be sinners and our perceived sinners are actually saints. Who am I to judge, strikes home.

We would probably be amazed that this certain person was in heaven; sure he/she never darkened the church doors, would not socialize with us, and from our perspective he/she seemed destined for hell. And my God, this place we're looking into now cannot be hell? Look there is this other person; gee, we thought he/she was heaven bound for sure. He/she never missed Sunday worship and was a pillar of the church. It goes to show 'you never can tell.'

It is human nature to build our little world with its rights and wrongs; to assume that the way we do things is the right way. We fit neatly into this little world and expect others to fit neatly into it. As long as they do things our way and accept our ways we judge them worthy of our respect and acceptance. Those who reject our way, or God forbid, do things a different way, well, we reject them. Their way is wrong; we know and follow the right way.

In today's Gospel, Jesus points out to the Pharisees and to us if the shoe fits that this is how they/we are living their/our lives and this is how they/we are judging others. Becoming aware of this, Jesus accuses them/us of superficiality. *"This people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*

The divine Jesus can see right through those who profess to be living the truth but when examined more closely are actually living a lie; living in such a way as to deceive themselves and then unfortunately to deceive others.

How can we avoid this; how can we avoid living as Pharisees? This writer feels unworthy to preach to others; especially so given the context of today's Gospel. However a life-time of experience and of searching for Jesus has endowed me with some wisdom. So, sinner that I am I share what I perceive Jesus proclaims to be the WAY.

Perhaps the key sentences in the Gospel are these: *'the things that come out of a person are what defile them. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come.'* So let us try our best to form our interior heart and soul into that of a true follower of Jesus. We must model His life, His Way. Help is available; just ask, just look around.

Go deep and tap those inner resources that Jesus has given us, loose the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The courage and conviction to become a true child of God are ours to nurture. The Second Reading tells us to be meek, to be compassionate, and to be doers of the Word. We have to go pray; humble ourselves, call on God's mercy and guidance, and submit to the one Higher Power. Loving our neighbor is a good external starting place.

AND GOD HELP US.

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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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 2 pm Lohnes
am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of September,
at 2 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.

August 30, 2015
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Aug 22, 23

Collection	\$1478.00
Donation [Cemetery]	300.00
Building Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	82.00
Mass requests	100.00
Garden Party	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 31	No Mass
Sept 1	No Mass
Sept 2	Chris Murphy
Sept 3	Theresa Tompkins
Sept 4 (Lohnes)	Souls In Purgatory
Sept 5	Phonse Noseworthy
Sept 5 +	Dale Brake
Sept 6	Parish Community

SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

All Mass Intentions for the month of September are posted on the board at the back of the church. Remember to put your Mass requests in your weekly envelope.

PARISH REGISTRATION

This will be the last week we ask for the return of completed registration forms. **ALL** parish members are asked to fill in a form and return it ASAP. Fill in enough so that we can register your family. It will help us enumerate our parish community.

LADIES GROUP MEETING

A meeting will be held on Monday, August 31 at 7 P.M. All members are encouraged to attend as there is much business to be discussed. Anyone interested in joining our group is very welcome to attend. Many

hands make light work—please lend us yours.

COME and SEE, PLEASE PARTICIPATE

September is upon us, we are beginning our **COME and SEE** Campaign. We are inviting those who have stopped coming to church to come and see. We miss them and want them to be part of our Parish family. We want them to join us for worship. Please support us by reaching out to persons you know and invite them to come with you during our Campaign. Bring them with you. We have some special activities planned for the month. Watch for them and invite others.

Start now. Please read the message that follows. It describes a vibrant parish.

WHAT IS A VIBRANT PARISH?

Parishes are called to be missionary to those around them. This is the new evangelization. In order for this outward mission to be successful, the faithful must first be nourished and strengthened inwardly through the life of their parishes. This message is being emphasized in the Gospels during today and the last weeks. The commitment to mission is something the Lord requires not only of individuals, but also of families and of the whole parish community. It is no longer solely the pastor's work and rightly so. This mission is a communal process comprised of three types of activities: Missionary: directed toward non-believers and those who have distanced themselves from the faith/church. Catechetical: directed toward those who have embraced the Gospel and those who

need to complete or strengthen their initiation/faith.

Pastoral: directed toward the Christian faithful growing in their faith and in their involvement in the heart of the Christian community/parish life.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination forms are now available at the back of the church. Three (3) new members will be elected to Parish Council in September. Please consider either nominating yourself or someone else to fill this vital role in the life of the Parish.

CATECHIST WORKSHOP

The Diocese is offering training for catechists. On **Saturday Sept 12**, facilitators will come to the Pepsi Center in Corner Brook to train those interested. All you need to do is express interest in attending and you are heartily welcomed.

MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

In the next month or so we will be updating our schedule of Lectors and Eucharistic ministers for the fall season. If you would like to volunteer for either of these ministries, let us know. If you were doing these in the past and have stopped, we would heartily welcome you back. If you have never done these ministries, we would love to add your name to our lists. We can provide training if needed. And it will be spiritually enriching for you.

MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

Irene O'Brien has been preparing the schedule for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for us for the last few years. She

and Peter are moving to St. John's to be nearer their children. We thank her for her service and wish her all the best. Now we are looking for a volunteer to prepare our schedules in the future. The next schedule is needed for late September. If you are willing to help us, please let Fr. Don know.

DAY of PRAYER for the CARE of CREATION

Pope Francis has instituted a World Day of Prayer to be celebrated annually on September 1st. This follows the publication of the Pope's encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*. In the environmental encyclical the Pope says "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

POPE'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS

-For an increase in opportunities for education and employment for our youth.
-For catechists to give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

ST.GREGORY THE GREAT FEAST-SEPT. 3

Born in 540AD, Pope St. Gregory is called Great because he greatly influenced Christian worship. He introduced Gregorian chant which is still sung today. In the revision of the Mass, he worked effectively by 'removing many things, changing a few, and adding some.' For example he insisted that the Lord's Prayer be said after the consecration but before the breaking of the Sacred Host. So that's why we now say it where we do in the Mass.