

**July 22, 2018 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while . . . "**

**Jesus was moved with pity for the vast crowd, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.**

Mark 6: 30-34 (53-56)

**“The Unseen Casualties”**

Ten at Santa Fe. Thirteen at Columbine. Twenty-six at Sandy Hook. Seventeen at Parkland. We know the numbers of those who were killed. But there is collateral damage to the uniquely American crisis of school shootings. Since the Columbine shootings in 1999, more than 187,000 students attending almost 200 elementary or high schools have experienced a shooting on campus during school hours.

And many of these students are never the same.

Every day, threats send classrooms into lockdowns that terrify students - even when they turn out to be false alarms. Thousands of schools conduct active-shooter drills in which kids as young as four learn to hide in darkened closets and bathrooms from imagined murderers. Feeling safe in school is no longer presumed.

Samantha Haviland understands such fear. At 16, she survived the carnage at Columbine. Now 35, she is the director of counseling at Denver's public-school system and has spent her entire professional life treating traumatized kids. Yet she herself has never fully escaped the effects of what happened to her on that morning in Littleton, Colorado. The nightmares have lingered for years. There are the panic attacks. Even now, the image of children walking out of schools with their hands up is too much for her to bear.

Karson Robinson was six when a teenager opened fire on the playground of his elementary school in Townville, South Carolina, two years ago. Karson had leaped a fence and ran at the first sound of gunfire. But his buddy Jacob Hall didn't make it; he was shot and killed. That's when the guilt took hold. Maybe, Karson thought, if he hadn't fled he could have saved Jacob, the smallest child in their class. At home, Karson began to explode in anger. Other times, he insisted that everyone hated him.

Last October, before a doctor finally diagnosed the boy with PTSD, Karson had a party for his eighth birthday, and at the end, they released balloons in the sky for Jacob. It was more than a year after the shootings. Afterward, Karson walked off by himself. His mother followed, asking what was wrong.

"I should have waited for Jacob," Karson said.

[From "The unseen casualties of school shootings" by John Woodrow Cox & Steven Rich, The Washington Post, Mar 25, 2018.]

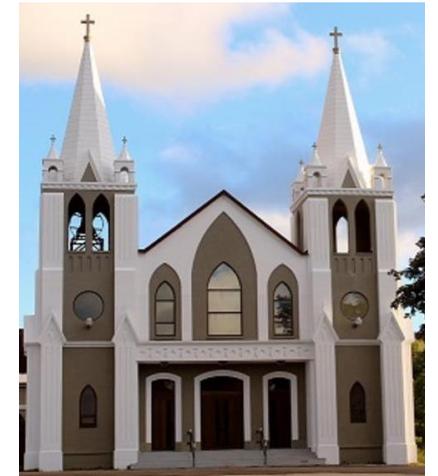
**These survivors of school violence are among the "shepherdless" that Jesus' heart breaks for. There are so many broken and lost victims of violence in our midst who carry their guilt and fear alone; there are also those suffering the effects of abandonment, abuse, addiction and illness whose trauma isolates them from the rest of us. As disciples of Christ, may we take up his work of compassion and reconciliation, intentionally reaching out to and walking with those who have faced the dark hopelessness of their lives alone for too long.**

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Robyn C. Gallant

**(NEW) Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

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

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm  
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am  
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS** (July 15, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,327.20
Parish Dues	20.00
Parish Insurance	20.00
Building Fund	20.00
Cemetery Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	38.00
Garden Party Proceeds	160.00
In Memorium	240.00
Mass Stipends	20.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, July 23	No Mass
Tues, July 24	Cemetery Mass, Mt. Patricia
Wed, July 25	Late Columbine Healey
Thur, July 26	The Tompkins & Roche Family
Fri, July 27	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Sat, July 28	Deceased Members of the Elkins Family
Sun, July 29	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>July 28</b>	
Art Hall Carol Reid	Gerard Brake Joe Byrne Marie Byrne
<b>July 29</b>	
Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks	Patsy Payne Anna House Barbara Neville
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	
Joe Byrne and Marie Byrne	

**BIBLE STUDY:** We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm at the parish house. Everyone is welcome.

**MARY’S KITCHEN:** Mary's Kitchen is now on Summer hours of Noon to 1:00 pm for July and August. Here's to good Summer weather!

**MASS CANCELLED:** The mass on Tuesday, July 24 is cancelled due to the cemetery mass taking place at Mt. Patricia.

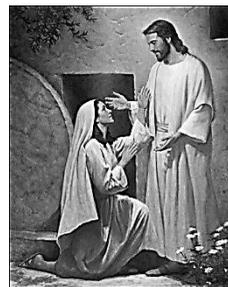
**MT PATRICIA/TOWNSITE CEMETERY MASSES:** Mt. Patricia - July 24 at 7:00 pm, Townsite - July 25 at 7:00 pm

In the event of rain, Mass will be held at the Cathedral.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The Poor Box collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place the last weekend of the month, July 28<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a hospital bed and mattress to give away, if you are in need of this item, please call 638-9010.

**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE:** July 22 is the feast day of Saint Mary Magdalene. We are told in both Mark's and Luke's Gospels that Jesus cast out seven demons from her, by which we know that she had severe physical and/or emotional



illnesses. She became one of the women who travelled with Jesus. A woman of courage, she remained at the foot of the cross after most of Jesus' male followers had run away. Early Easter morning, Mary went to anoint Jesus' body with spices and discovered the empty tomb. It was to Mary that Jesus first appeared after His resurrection and He sent her to tell the Good News to the others. For this reason, she is called "the apostle to the apostles".

**STEWARTSHIP REFLECTION:**

Most are familiar with the scriptural quote from Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want." This passage serves as the Responsorial Psalm on this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time because it supports the other readings with two key ideas: that we must place our trust in the Lord, and that we inherit life from our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

At the time St. Paul was writing his Letter to the Ephesians (our Second Reading), Paul was under house arrest in Rome and awaiting trial. He was allegedly accused by the Jews of taking a Gentile into a temple. Therefore, part of Paul's statement, "For he (Christ) is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims," is saying essentially the Lordship of Jesus is greater than any difference you may feel you have with others — that Jesus is our Savior and our Shepherd.

In the Gospel Reading from Mark, the idea of shepherding lies at the heart. "When he (Jesus) disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." In other words, He began to feed them with the Word of God. That is what we do during this part of our Mass; we hear Holy Scripture. These are the Words of the Lord. He is our shepherd. We are His sheep.

As always, Jesus teaches us a valuable lesson about stewardship through today's readings. To the Lord, the needs of others were more important than His own. When we share our time, our talents, and our treasure, we are not only following our Good Shepherd, we are also living His Gospel call to shepherd others by giving of ourselves.

**HUMOUR:** Miniature Golf - It was at a miniature golf course on a brutally hot day when I saw a father with 3 kids. "Who's winning?" I asked cheerfully. "I am" said one "no, I am" said another. "No," the father said, "their mother is!"

**CHASE THE ACE:** Chase the Ace is started in Humber Arm South again. Draws will take place Sunday evenings at 6 pm at the Humber Arm South community hall.

**FEAST OF ST. ANNE/QUAIPU MASS:** We are hosting this special celebration with a 7:00 pm Mass on Thursday, July 26. The Qalipu First Nation Band will take a prominent part in the Mass. Please join us and the Band to honour good St. Anne.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** With Father Pyriho Marcellin - Sept 28-Oct 8 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Cost of \$2065 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.

**WILL AND ESTATE PLANNING SESSION:** Come and enjoy a presentation on Wills and Estate Planning by Jill K. Brown, Partner of King, Penny and Brown, Barristers & Solicitors on Thursday July 26, 2018. This workshop will take place in the lower hall of the First United Church, 19 Park Street, Corner Brook from 2:30 pm – 3:30pm. This is a free information session being offered by the First United Church/Parkview Apartments Inc. as part of the senior's program. Everyone welcome!