

REFLECTION for the Feast of All Souls [Saturday]

Fr. Don.

The following is Pope Francis’s homily for All Souls Day

As we gather here and think about our future, we think of all those who have departed, preceded us in life and are in the Lord.

The vision of Heaven we just have heard described in the First Reading is very beautiful: the Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, and love in its fullness. All of this awaits us. Those who have gone before us, and who have died in the Lord, are there. They proclaim that they have been saved not through their own works, though good works they surely did, but that they have been saved by the Lord:

‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.’ It is He who saves us, it is He who at the end of our lives takes us by the hand like a father, precisely to that Heaven where our ancestors are. One of the elders asks: *‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?’* Who are these righteous ones, these saints who are in Heaven? The reply is: *‘These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’*

We can enter heaven only thanks to the blood of the Lamb, thanks to the blood of Christ. Christ’s own blood has justified us, which has opened for us the gates of heaven. And if today we remember our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in life and are in Heaven, it is because they have been washed in the blood of Christ. This is our hope: the hope of Christ's blood! It is a hope that does not disappoint. If we walk with the Lord in life, he will never disappoint us!

In the Second Reading, we heard what the Apostle John said to his disciples: *‘See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason the world does not know us... We are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.’*

To see God, to be like God: this is our hope. And today, on All Saints’ Day and the first day that we commemorate the faithful departed, we need to think a little about this hope: this hope that accompanies us in life. The first Christians depicted hope with an anchor, as though life were an anchor cast on Heaven’s shores and all of us journeying to that shore, clinging to the anchor’s rope. This is a beautiful image of hope: to have our hearts anchored there, where our beloved predecessors are, where the Saints are, where Jesus is, where God is. This is the hope that does not disappoint; today and tomorrow are days of hope.

Hope is a little like leaven that expands our souls. There are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul goes forward and looks ahead to what awaits us. Today is a day of hope. Our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God and we shall also be there, through the pure grace of the Lord, if we walk along the way of Jesus. Do we look with that joy at being welcomed by the Lord?

This is a Christian thought that gives us hope. Today is a day of joy; however it is serene and tranquil joy, a peaceful joy. Let us think about the passing away of so many of our brothers and sisters who have preceded us, let us think about the evening of our life, when it will come. And let us think about our hearts and ask ourselves: *‘Where is my heart anchored?’*

Sacred Heart Parish

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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 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month
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.

**Nov 1, 2015
Feast of All Saints**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Oct 24,25

Collection	\$1,423.00
Building Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	59.00
Pastoral Dues	100.00
Garden Party	5.00
World Missions	55.00

A total of \$744.00 was given to St. Vincent de Paul on behalf of our parishioners.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 2 , & 3	No Mass
Nov 4	William Halloran
Nov 5	Valda Young
NOV 6 (2pm Lohnes)	
Nov 7	Michael & Ada George, and Reanie & Lawrence George
Nov 8	Parish Community

MARK THESE DATES

* **Saturday & Sunday, Nov 7 & 8**, for our Fall Sale, Cabbage roll dinner, & Bingo.

* **Wednesday Nov 11 at 7 pm** for our annual Mass of Remembrance.

* **Wednesday Nov 18 at 7 pm** for our Mass for Healing.

* **Wednesday, Nov. 4 men's group meeting** after evening Mass at the parish house.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

We are beginning our sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Forms are available at the back of the church. *Please, please*, parents and grandparents of little children, take a form and encourage participation in this most essential of parish activities. It is the call/duty of all of us to

introduce children to the mysteries and joys of the sacraments. We cannot shirk our duty as Christians.

Nov 1st. is the Feast of All Saints, a day dedicated to all of the saints of the Church, both those known and unknown. How is a person usually declared a saint? First of all, a bishop promotes the cause of someone for sainthood. Then, the Congregation for the Cause of Saints at the Vatican evaluates the candidate's life. If approved, the Pope proclaims the person as Venerable, which means that the person is a role model of Catholic virtues. When it can be shown that a miracle has occurred through the intercession of this person, he or she is beatified and called Blessed. When a second miracle can be attributed to this person, he or she is canonized or called a saint. This process does not make a person a saint but recognizes that he or she was a saint by the way they lived their lives.

FALL FAIR UP-DATE

This Saturday Nov. 7:

1 pm. ---sale of baked goods, preserves, crafts & other home-made items.

TO DONATE baked goods, please call Mary Gallant at 785-5176, for crafts, call Patsy Hall at 785-2556.

Cabbage Roll Dinner

Dinners are \$10.00 per plate for adults & \$5.00 per plate for children. Take -out dinners will be available at **4 pm.**

Eat-in dinner, at the school cafeteria, will start immediately following evening Mass. Dinner includes ; cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, carrots , carrot cake , & tea or coffee. Please make an effort to join us for this fund raiser/social event.

Sign up Sheets , at the back of the church, will be removed after Sunday Mass. If you

forgot to add your name, please call the office before Thursday. If you know of anyone who can't attend because of medical reasons & would like to have a dinner delivered please call the office -785-5025 during office hours.

Sunday Nov. 8: at 2 pm. BINGO The list of donors is posted at the back of the church.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartrcparish.ca is our address. Why not have a look. On it you can read the latest Sunday bulletin, the minutes of our latest Parish Council meeting and Liturgy Committee meeting. You can link to excellent prayer sites.

MASS of REMEMBRANCE

On Wednesday evening Nov. 11 at 7 pm. we will gather to remember our loved ones who have died and gone before us:

-those who have died in the past year. Family members will light a candle.

- those who were veterans. All can pin a poppy on a Cross placed near the altar.
- all those who have died. Names can be placed in a basket near the entrance and it will be carried in procession and placed on the altar during Mass.

NOTE: *If you had a loved one die elsewhere during the last year let us now.* JOIN US.

Special Collection in Response to the Refugee Crisis

On September 8, 2015 the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) published an Open Letter to Canadian Catholics on *Responding as Catholics to the Refugee Crisis*. In this

letter he invited us to reflect on how we can help with this tragic, overwhelming and complex problem. One of his suggestions was to financially donate to one of the Canadian Catholic aid and development agencies which are involved in assisting Syrian and other refugees and displaced people.

With the above in mind our parish will take up a **special collection after Communion at all the Masses next weekend** (November 7th – 8th) which, through the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P), will be used to aid Refugees. (The Government of Canada has pledged a matching contribution of all funds raised before December 31st, 2015 by eligible charities, D&P being one of these eligible charities.) Further information about the refugee crisis and the assistance being offered through D&P can be found at: <www.dev.org>.

Those wishing their donation to be included on their parish year end charitable donation receipt are asked to place the donation in an envelope on which they have written the words "For Refugee Crisis" as well as their parish envelope number.

Thank you for your generous support for the victims of this terrible crisis.

" Thank you Lord, for all the saints who pray for me and help me every day. I praise and glorify you, Lord, for preparing me a place with them, where I can worship you for all eternity."