

September 30, 2018 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off."

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

“Lesson plans”

Her father was a professor of organic chemistry. She remembers the summers when she would accompany him to class where he taught graduate research students. She watched how he coached his students:

"He reviewed the results of experiments with them, then leaned back, folded his hands behind his head, and asked them what they thought. They tentatively offered a possible step, and he encouraged them to try their ideas. I didn't know yet that I was absorbing his teaching style, a unique mix of structure and freedom that taught students to think for themselves."

She pursued a career in music, and, like her dad, she found her joy in teaching: the more her students lit up mastering a passage of Mozart, the more she'd light up, too.

She began teaching at a local college. Barely older than most of her students, she was unprepared for lecturing to large classes on music theory and history. Intimidated, she tried to play the part of the scholarly professor - even pulling her hair into a bun, wearing glasses with severe black frames, and a carrying a sleek black satchel. But it wasn't working. Her students were bored. The more she pushed, asserted rules and expressed her impatience, the more they lagged. They arrived late and started fidgeting well before her lectures ended.

Finally, she went to her dad for help. He told her that she needed to find her own way. But then she thought back to his summer research students - and that led her to change her style. Out were the lectures and the professorial demeanor; instead, she writes, "I began to assign group projects. Instead of lecturing, I rotated between clusters of students. I offered questions and then got out of their way. Slowly, my lecture hall began to fill with laughter and discussion. Students arrived on time and stayed late. For the next decade, I continued to refine my application of Dad's philosophy . . . I'm beginning to understand his lesson: acquire deep knowledge in your field, then create a structure that allows students to discover it for themselves.

[From "Lesson Plans" by Gita Brown, **The Boston Globe Magazine**, June 15, 2018.]

To succeed in realizing something good often requires us to "cut off" our need to be in control, "to pluck out" our ego and demand for recognition, of insisting that our way is the only way. This teacher learns that from her father: that to follow Christ begins with seeking the good of others before our own need for success and satisfaction. That, Jesus says, will come. Despite his rather harsh images of "cutting off" and "plucking out," Jesus calls us to realize that discipleship means letting nothing - nothing! - detach or derail us in our search for the things of God, not allowing the pursuit of wealth, security, or status to distract from realizing the "mighty" things we can do if prompted by the spirit 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: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-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 (Sept 23, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,720.25
Building Fund	15.00
Votive Candles	42.00
In Memorium	100.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	265.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Oct 1	No Mass
Tues, Oct 2	Late Edward Callahan
Wed, Oct 3	Special Intention
Thur, Oct 4	Special Intention
Fri, Oct 5	Special Intention
Sat, Oct 6	Late Barbara Smith
Sun, Oct 7	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 6	
Art Hall Gen Quigley	Joan Penney Eileen Moore Donna Mitchell
October 7	
Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks	Margaret Dalley Hedy Kenny Donna Eldridge
Communion to the Sick	
Barbara Neville	

BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 pm in the Church meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

OCTOBER ROSARY: The Sacred Heart Ladies group will lead the praying of the rosary for the Tuesday's of October. This will take place in the church at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays (prior to evening mass).

READERS AND COMMUNION

MINISTER SCHEDULES: New schedules for October through to January have been prepared and are available in the church and online. Please be sure to access your schedules. As well, the Liturgical "**Workbook for Lectors**" is now available in the church. Your name has been tagged unto the book. Please be sure to take your copy.

MASS INTENTIONS: We currently have very few mass intentions on our books. This is a good time to schedule masses to remember departed family and friends. As well, there is always a need to have masses for those who are sick. Pick call the parish office to schedule masses.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Due to scheduling conflicts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has asked Sacred Heart Parish to take responsibility for **NOVEMBER INSTEAD OF OCTOBER**. Veronica Stone will be contacting those who have already signed up to help but we are still in need of others. Please consider offering your help to providing for Mary's Kitchen for the month of November.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION: Very important meeting to take place on Thursday, October 4th following the evening mass. Please make every attempt to attend.

OCTOBER PARISH BINGO: Please note that our next parish bingo will be held on **Oct. 14, NOT Oct. 7**. We wouldn't want to interfere with anyone's Thanksgiving dinner! The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. It includes those with last names beginning with G-M. Please support this important fundraiser.

4YOUTH: October 1 is the feast day of St. Therese de Lisieux, who is also known as the "Little Flower". St. Therese knew that, due to her young age and very poor health (she died at the age of 24), she would not be able to do really great things for God. So, she decided to spend her life scattering flowers. What are St. Therese's little flowers? They are little sacrifices that nobody would really notice, except God, who notices everything we do. So, when we smile at someone we really don't like too much or help out someone in our family when we'd rather be chatting online with our friends, we are scattering flowers as St. Therese did. We can pray to St. Therese for her help in living out this simple and beautiful approach to spirituality. By the way, did you know that St. Therese is one of our Diocese's patron saints?

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi and marks the end of the five-week period known as the Time for Creation. St. Francis of Assisi was born into a wealthy family and, as a young man, enjoyed a life of luxury and good times.



He served as a soldier for Assisi but was captured by his opponents and held for ransom as a prisoner of war for more than a year. After his return to Assisi, he heard God's call and went on to live a devout life which made of him one of Catholicism's most venerated saints. In his final years, after spending most of his adult life in poverty, he experienced blindness and much suffering. It was during this time that he wrote his beautiful Canticle of the Sun. Francis is considered the founder of all Franciscan orders and is the patron saint of ecologists and merchants. Pope Francis I chose his papal name in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING

MEETING: A small number of parishioners gathered at our meeting of September 24. While the numbers were small the discussions and suggestions were high quality. Thank you to those who offered their opinions and support.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Registration Forms for Sacramental Preparation are now available on the tables in back of the church. Please return all completed forms to Julia Hackett Myles.

HUMOUR: Q: If you were forced to go through one of the following doors, which door do you go through with 100 % certainty you'd stay alive: a door with a man with a gun behind it, a door with a tiger who hasn't eaten in 7 years behind it, or a door with an electrical chair behind it?

A: The one with the tiger behind it, because if it hasn't eaten in 7 years it's dead.

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace resumes this weekend in Humber Arm South. The draw takes place on **Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm** at the Humber Arm South community hall. The jackpot is now above \$5,700 and rising each week. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the town of Humber Arm South.

ACCOUNTING CLERK: The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador currently requires an Accounting Clerk. This part-time position is located in Corner Brook and reports directly to the Financial Administrator. For more information please go to the Diocesan website at <http://rcchurch.com/>