

***When [Peter] saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"***  
**Matthew 14: 22-33**

**"Why do you doubt?"**

A nurse returned from a month-long stint serving a volunteer in a mobile clinic in Haiti. Once back home, she asked to meet with her parish's pastoral council. She talked excitedly about her trip and passionately about the needs of the Haitian people. She showed pictures of the people she met and served - including a small church where the clinic set up shop. "Do you think we could adopt that church?" she proposed. Everyone thought it would be a wonderful thing to do - but the parish's budget was already tight, numbers were down, and what did any of them know about Haiti? But three members of the council offered to work with her to see what they could do. And before long, the little Haitian mission became their sister parish, bringing a new sense of meaning and fulfillment to both communities. *Why did you doubt?*

He arrives at the hospital, having driven three hours from school. He takes the elevator to her floor and arrives at her room. He stops just short of the doorway. He can't bring himself to go in. What if he says something dumb - or he freezes up altogether and says nothing? What if she's tired, what if she's in pain, what if she doesn't recognize him? What if he can't hold it together? He paces for several minutes trying to work up the courage to go into her room. A nurse walks by. "Are you Clara's grandson? She's going to be delighted to see you!" And before he realizes it he is swept into her room by the nurse. His grandmother appears to be asleep. "Grandma?" he whispers. She turns her head and, seeing him, her face lights up. And they talk and laugh for the next hour. *Why did you doubt?*

School starts in a few weeks - and she's not ready for this. No, she's not a student. She's a teacher. This is her first year with her own class, something's she worked hard for for six years. She spends hours and hours making lesson plans, going to workshops, reading and re-reading the year's material. She doesn't sleep the night before. On the first morning, the bell rings and her third-graders come scurrying into her classroom. She settles everyone in, then takes a deep breath. "Good morning, everyone. I'm Miss Harrington. Welcome to the third grade!" And the 20 smiling faces looking up at her assures her that it will be a great year. And it is. *Why did you doubt?*

***What happens to the parish council, to the grandson, to the new teacher, what happens to Peter in today's Gospel, happens to all of us at one time or another: We panic. We don't trust ourselves to know what the right thing is or our ability to do it. But, somehow, God reaches out and catches us - if we're willing to put aside our fears and try to do as Jesus would do, trusting in God's grace to realize that good. Today's Gospel challenges us to trust our understanding of discipleship and our ability to live our baptisms. Christ, in turn, promises to make his presence known to us, to hold us up and support us as we make our way through life's most turbulent waters and "walk on water" for the good of the kingdom of God. Christ's "song" of mending the broken strings of our world.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ**



## Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Mon, Wed, 9:00 am to 1:00 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:** Wed, Thurs at 7:00 pm, Fri at 10 am

**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:** Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

**August 13, 2017**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS** (August 5/6)

Regular Collection	\$ 1520.080
Building Fund	\$ 105.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Aug 14	No Mass
Aug 15	No Mass
Aug 16	Nora Griffin
Aug 17	Allan Manning
Aug 18	Francis Griffin
Aug 19	George Musseau
Aug 19 +	Byron Brown
Aug 20	Mass for the Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>August 19</b>	
Art Hall	Joanne Connolly, John Carroll
Edna Dwyer	Frank Lewis
<b>August 20</b>	
Calvin Gillis	Anna House, Donna Eldridge
Debra Allen	Hedy Kenny
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	
Joe/Marie Byrne	

**NEW MINISTRIES SCHEDULE AVAILABLE**

Because our present schedule ends in a few weeks, we have prepared one for the rest of August and September. This will allow Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to be in place until the transition of priests is complete and Parish Council and its Committees start up again.

**ROSARY**

The praying of the Rosary for the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month will continue Sunday, August 13, 7 pm in the Church.

**STEWARDSHIP**

In today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew, we hear the remarkable story of Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee. St. Peter reflects his faith in the Lord when he says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus says simply, "Come." We do not know if Peter stepped into the water or jumped and it does not matter. His faith and trust in the Lord allows Peter, too, to begin to walk on the water. Clearly when Peter's focus is on Christ, he is able to accomplish this.

However, when Peter loses his focus and begins to observe and think about the storm raging around him, he begins to sink. To Peter's credit he knows exactly to Whom to turn in that situation. "Lord, save me." We may often find ourselves in similar circumstances. Peter knew exactly Who to call out to at the moment of crisis. We may do the same.

God truly loves us; we are His children. Listen to the Word of the Lord in Psalm 91: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

St. Francis de Sales wrote, "Either God will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace then; put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."

**NEW CARPET**

A great deal of gratitude is given to those who have made the re-carpeting of the Church a reality. Generous donors, hard workers and volunteers who moved and replaced items in the church made for a refreshed worship space. Thanks

**CLEANING OF CHURCH**

Everyone is invited to gather at the Church on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am for a cleaning of the Church. Bring along buckets and cloths and lend a helping hand.

**BIBLE STUDY**

The group will continue to meet in the Church archive room on **Monday evening, August 14 at 7 pm**. We welcome newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word.'

**HUMOUR: *It's in the Bible* ....**

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

**OUR CHURCH HISTORY PHOTOS**

We have prepared all the photos you have provided over the past few years. We are looking for some showing CWL activities for the years it thrived in our parish. We need some for Scouts and Guides, and any others showing parish events through the years.

**TABERNACLE ART WORK FOR SALE**

We have three of the medium prints left. These sell for \$45.00. To order, please sign the sheets which are available at the back.

**CEMETERY RECORD FOR UNKNOWN**

We have many unmarked gravesites. This summer we are asking families with loved ones buried in unmarked graves at Mt. Cecilia to submit their names. We plan to erect a large memorial plaque displaying these names. Given the circumstances, it is the best option for memorializing them available to us. Please support this effort.

**ATLANTIC CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE**

Did you know the Diocese of Antigonish is hosting the Atlantic Catechetical Conference in October 2017?

The Atlantic Catechetical Association (ACA) conference provides opportunity to collaborate with other catechetical leaders in the region through focus sessions which target specific themes that are relevant as we catechize in 2017.

**EXCERPTS FROM "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?" BY MARGARET BICK: *Enlightened by Christ-***

At Baptism, we are presented with a lit candle, a reminder that we are enlightened - filled by Christ, with the Light of Christ. "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light." When Jesus healed the blind man in the waters of the pool at Siloam, he said, "I am the light of the world." After giving his disciples the beatitudes Jesus told them, "You are the light of the world." We are called to be light.