

**REFLECTION for the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Fr. Don.

Today's gospel reading is rather apocalyptic in style; apocalyptic material is often associated with the 'end of times'. During November we are called to remember- remember the past, our deceased family and friends, our veterans, and perhaps our early life. But as we draw nearer to the end of month, and the end of the church year, we are also called to remember our future- Jesus promises us an *eternity in heaven* and warns us of the existence of an *eternity in hell*.

The choice is ours and we should never forget this. What we do today counts towards where we will spend our eternity. Like the virgins invited to the wedding feast, our lamps need to be trimmed in readiness to go out joyfully prepared to meet the Bride-groom, our Lord and our Master. Lord, help us in our preparation; change what needs changing and keep us doing right.

In one of his songs, Johnny Cash saw the end of the world as something that catches all human beings off guard. In the song, 'When the Man Comes Around' (the 'Man' here being Jesus), he sings: *Hear the trumpets, hear the pipers, One hundred million angels singing; Multitudes are marching to a big kettledrum. Voices calling and voices crying, Some are born and some are dying. It's Alpha and Omega's kingdom come.*

The images portrayed in this song work for me; try to listen to the complete song if you can. Regardless, make it a goal to spend time this week finding some image or mental picture to focus on the end- times. Here's one that may be troublesome but unfortunately vividly true.

The Syrian refugees see nothing but death, destruction, and persecution in their homeland. Bombings, shootings, slaughter, and aerial attacks are commonplace. It is their apocalypse-the end times coming all too close and too real. Yes, shamefully, all this is taking place in the Holy Lands, the very places Jesus walked and talked, preaching and calling for conversion of heart.

These terrified souls leave in desperation, and wander, hoping to find something better; even if it means death. In the ordeal inflicted on these poor souls I can hear these words being made all too real: *Voices calling and voices crying, some are born and some are dying.*

My God, how can some deny/doubt the coming of the Apocalypse? Ask these people if they believe there is such an event as the end of their world!

Sorry to be so graphic. But the topic calls us to attention, alertness, and reality. There are other un-pretty, but striking, examples that could be used: a family facing a terminal diagnosis of a loved one, or a person suffering from depression, or a person desperate for meaningful employment, or facing the sudden death of a loved one. Lord, spare us these trials; be merciful.

Next week we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Thank you Jesus! Here are some consoling words from another song, All My Tears: *When I go don't cry for me, in my Father's arms I'll be. The wounds this world left on my soul will all be healed and I'll be whole. Sun and moon will be replaced with the light of Jesus' face and I will not be ashamed for my Savior knows my name.*

# Sacred Heart Parish

A stewardship parish in love with Jesus

## Parish Information

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## Liturgical Celebrations

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

### Reconciliation

Wed after Mass,  
or by request

### Masses in Week Days:

Wed 7 pm  
Thurs 10 am, Fri 10 am

### Marriages:

Six month notice is required.  
A year's notice is recommended.

### Holy Hour of Adoration:

This Sunday, Nov 15, at 2 pm

### Baptisms:

Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

**November 15, 2015**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Nov 7,8

Collection	\$1,659.85
Building Fund	25.00
Mass requests	70.00
Fall Sale & Bingo	\$5,172.15
Refugee Crisis	\$1,001.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 16	No Mass
Nov 17	No Mass
Nov 18	John/ Marie Leonard
Nov 19	Deceased of Roche/ Tompkins Family
Nov 20	In Thanksgiving
Nov 21	Aden Clarke
Nov 22	Parish Community

## HOLY HOUR

Please try to attend our benediction, Eucharistic Adoration, and Rosary- commonly referred to as a **Hour Holy- this Sunday afternoon at 2 pm in the church.**

## HEALING MASS

**Wednesday evening at 7 pm** we will gather at the church for a Mass of healing. If you, or some loved one, has a physical, mental, or spiritual ailment, and want to be healed, please come join us. There will be time set aside for communal and individual prayer for healing. COME, receive God's healing.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Instruction has begun for our Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. We have 3 children in each class. We also have 3 candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation. These classes will begin after Christmas.

Are there more children out there who should be attending? Probably so. Please take the time to contact any family who have eligible children and may not have heard that we are offering these classes. Invite them, you would be evangelizing.

## MENS GROUP

Just a reminder that the Appreciation Night/Christmas Social is scheduled for **Friday Nov. 29 at 7 pm** in the priest's house. All men in the parish are invited to attend.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Dru and Candace (Cunning) Kennedy** were married at our church this past Monday. We wish them an abundance of God's graces and blessings in the coming years.

**ALSO** congratulations to **Liam and Anya Hayes, children of Christopher and Jasmine Hayes** who were baptised at our church last weekend. They are grand-children of Derm and Barbara Hayes. May God bless the children and shower them with an abundance of *'the good things of God.'*

## SUNDAY MISSALS NOW AVAILABLE

The new missals for 2016, which actually begins in two weeks, are available at the back of the church. They cost \$5. Please take one; they contain the Sunday readings and can be a good tool to use to do a little praying at home.

## PRAIRIE MESSENGER

**This is a weekly Catholic newspaper** printed in Saskatchewan. It is one of only two such publications in Canada. It contains local, national, and international news of

interest to all Roman Catholics. We have subscribed for 25 copies weekly for the next year. They will start appearing at the back of the church in a few weeks. We are offering them because some people have asked for such a paper with the latest church news.

## MISSION STATEMENT

If you look closely at our Bulletin this week you will notice something different on the front page. Below our Name you read- **A stewardship parish in love with Jesus.** This statement has been accepted by Parish Council as one sentence that defines who we are as Sacred Heart Parish. It will appear on all our correspondence from now on.

As well, Parish Council has accepted a Mission Vision Statement that reads:

**Sacred Heart Parish is a sacramental, inclusive church, unified through prayer, faith-sharing, and action.**

**We respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ by using our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.**

**We strive to become one in our love and service to God by meeting the needs of the parish and the neighbouring community, with special sensitivity to the poor.**

This Vision Statement will appear on our website and be posted on the wall at the back of the church.

FYI, during the Pastoral Planning Process it was recommended that each Parish in the Diocese develop these statements. We did the work and now have accepted these as the Statements for our Parish. Read them several times and meditate on what they are really saying about us.

**THANK YOU** To the following people for your Nov. 7 **bingo** donations: Evelyn Beales, Debbie Caines, Josephine Greene, Christine Jewer, Hedy Kenny, Eileen Moore, Theresa Murphy, Bob/Kay Musseau, Darlene/Jennifer Noseworthy, Barbara O'Blenis, Valerie O'Brien, Valerie O'Connor, Brian/Mary/ Jim Jr. Park, Patricia Payne, Joan Penney, Bernadette Pike, Gen Quigley, Gerry Quigley, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Annette Rowsell, Marie Samms, Ann Marie Seaward, Carol Snow, Brian Sparkes, Mona Specker, Veronica Stone, Maxine Staples, Lynette Taylor, Diane Wells, Eileen Williams, & Peggy Young.

If you gave a donation & your name does not appear here, please call the parish office & let us know.

**Fall Sale Report** more info. will be available next week.

## Shepherd's Fund Appeal

The annual Shepherd's Fund collection will be taken up next weekend. if you are not able to make a donation at this time, envelopes will continue to be available and donations will be accepted at any time. The Board of the Shepherds' Fund Foundation extends sincere appreciation for your kind support.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church\_& in your donation boxes.

## Ladies Group:

Fun Night is this Sat.-Nov. 14 at 5:30 pm. Meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 16 at 7 pm. Both take place at the parish house.