

REFLECTION for the Fourth Sunday in Lent.

Have you ever wished or dreamed that you could sit down to talk with Jesus face to face? What would you like to ask Him, what would you like to Him to say to you, or would your awe leave you speechless in the presence of the Saviour? If only we were so lucky to experience this. Well that is what happened to Nicodemus in today's Gospel reading. He had listened to Jesus preaching and wanted to know how he could obtain all the good that Jesus was promising.

Nicodemus was amazed at Jesus' answer; for Jesus told him that what He was offering was free. It was a gift from God. All anyone has to do is be open to the receiving of the abundance of graces flowing from faith in the truth of the crucifixion and amazing grace inherent in the Resurrected Lord.

Yes, the shocking truth was that Jesus had to be lifted up onto the cross and suffer and die. "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son." (Remember elsewhere in scripture when Peter said that Jesus' death must never happen. Jesus replied, "Get behind me Satan," and remember last weekend's reading where it is stated that "the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing".)

Yes, the truth will set us free. By the grace and the love of God, Jesus lived, died, and rose again, to save us and to make us children of the light. We have to stay in the light and avoid the darkness that sin brings to us.

It all sounds too simple, too easy, and too unbelievably free. Surely there must be more to do. In our human experiences, no one gets much for free; it has to be earned after much effort and perseverance. It's just the way of the world, the way it should be.

This week-end, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is Latin for the English word rejoice. Let us rejoice in the unconditional love God shows for us, let us rejoice that God has found/saved us, and let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Fr. Don

Sacred Heart Parish

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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses this Week:
Monday-Friday
7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Mon & Wed after Mass

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

March 15, 2015
The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$1,372.00
Building Fund	160.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
Votive Candles	43.00
Certificates	10.00
In Memory of Betty Dobbin	585.00

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Bishop O'Reilly Assembly will meet on Tuesday March 17 at All Hallows Parish Center starting at 8:15 pm. All Knights are asked to attend.

MASS OF CHRISM

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral. One adult and three of our young people from the Confirmation class have volunteered to receive the Holy Oils for the parish

TAX RECEIPTS

Some people have questioned their validity. We have been assured by the Diocese that these forms are acceptable by Revenue Canada. We are working to have next year's receipt look more like the old receipt.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

March 16	Joe Gallant/Roy Reid
March 17	Joan Hearn
March 18	Joan Hearn
March 19	Joan Barriault
March 20	Joan Hearn
March 21	Fr. Buckle/ Ed & Gerry Bennett
March 22	Parish Community

PLEASE NOTE :

ALL MASSES at 7pm from Mon to Fri.

OUR LADY STAR of the SEA PARISH

They are having a St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Concert on Friday, March 20. Stuffed chicken breast dinner and dessert sold as eat-ins or takeout. Eat-in dinner with entertainment is \$15 beginning at 5:30 and takeout dinner is \$12 at 4:30. Entertainment at 7:00 including The Griffin's. If you wish a ticket, please sign the paper in the back of the church with name, phone # and # of tickets. Come out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

CONFIRMATION 2015

Classes have begun and ten young people are registered. They will fulfill part of their service component by carrying the Candles and Cross at the opening and closing of our Saturday Masses.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

SHARE LENT is their major fund-raising project. Envelopes for this special collection are being handed-out this weekend for the collection that will be taken next weekend- March 21-22. Please be generous.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Thursday evening at the Cathedral at 7:30. Talk on March 19, "Christian Maturity." All are welcome.

LADIES GROUP MEETING

The meeting will take place at the Parish House on Monday, March 16 following evening Mass. Please make an effort to attend. New members are always welcome.

WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Stephens Church in Stephenville will present their annual dramatic presentation of the Way of the Cross. This will take place on Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

It will begin on Friday March 27 at 7pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral in Corner Brook. The sessions continue through until Saturday afternoon. Any couple considering marriage in the near future should register for this course now.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES

Thank you to those who volunteered to help with this committee whose task is to ensure that all activities and functions within our parish are done in a transparent and responsible manner. This means that you, the parishioner, should be assured we are doing things properly. If you have any doubts about this, let us know. See, that's the role of this committee.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

If you wish to have a papal blessing for somebody who is celebrating a birthday (80, 90) or anniversary (50, 60), let us know and

we can arrange for this blessing from the Vatican. Two months notice is needed.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St. John's on April 24 and 25. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the Gospel. If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

MEN'S GROUP

The Executive of the group is compiling a mailing (email) list so as to keep members informed of their activities. If you want to have your name added please contact an Executive member or call the parish office.

THANK YOU

Frank Lewis for making a soundboard cover. Hopefully this, and other changes we have made, fixes our sound problems.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION

Its theme is "*Beware the Holy Spirit*". It will be broadcast on the VISION TV channel on Monday Mar.30 and Tuesday Mar.31 at 7:30pm and repeated at 11:00pm each night. Please try to tune in and view it. For more details please see the posters at the back of the church.