

# Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ

## REFLECTION for the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

We are one week into Easter. To add greater grace and blessing to our Easter experience, the church declares this Divine Mercy Sunday. The hope is that with the fruiting (*our seed of faith has blossomed*) of the Paschal Mystery last week, and the focus of God's unfathomable mercy this week, our lives will be forever changed and made gloriously new. Christ's promises have been fulfilled. As one of our Easter Vigil readings said, *'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. You will be my people and I will be your God.'* Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord.

Are we an Easter people? Do we shout Alleluia at our liturgies and spontaneously as we live our daily lives? Do we live in the joy and faith of God's redeemed? And can others see it in us?

In today's first reading, we are presented with a glimpse of the faith of the early Christians. They believe Jesus has been raised from the dead, that He is the Messiah, and they expect, no, they yearn for, the outpouring of the effects of the Easter Mystery. When they see Peter and his followers pass by they seek cures for what ails them. They seek physical and spiritual healing. Praise God, they receive it.

Fast forward two thousand years. We have just celebrated Easter. Do we imitate those people and do we live with faith and conviction that Jesus offers healing for what ails us? Are we sure healing awaits us.

The mercy and love of God for us is such that if we humbly ask for healing it will be granted. Do we believe this; have our hearts been changed from hearts of stone to hearts of flesh? With boldness we should shout YES Lord they have; your passion, your death, and your resurrection have made this happen.

BUT, sadly but honestly, there's always a lingering but. It is the nature of humanity. We are Thomas's.

For a multitude of reasons, ranging from feelings of guilt, unworthiness, and sinfulness, or just from plain old doubt, we find it hard to really truly believe. Yes, Thomas, the apostle is the prototype of our doubt. He wanted concrete proof before he allowed himself to believe.

He held stubbornly to his doubt until he saw real proof. Then he uttered those famous words *'My Lord and my God.'* Are we still stuck in the throes of doubt? There is no need to be; our liberation is at hand.

We can be set free. We long to see Jesus, we long for confirmation of our beliefs, we long to say what Thomas ultimately was able to say- *My Lord and my God.*

Well, here is the Good News for this week. Look around- Jesus is that person battling cancer, dementia, or loneliness, He is our neighbor, and undeniably He is within us, calling out for release. He is seeking to be found and to be unleashed into our lives. Let the knowledge of Jesus' presence enliven us. Then let us cry out for the mercy of God to make us bold, to make us want to be an ambassador for Jesus. Let us live in the image and likeness of God as precious and merciful children of the Most High. It is our destiny!

## Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard  
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## Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 am

Masses in Week Days:  
Tues, Wed, Thurs, at 7 pm  
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.

**April 3, 2016**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS  
March 26, 27

Collection	\$ 2162.65
Building Fund	40.00
Lenten Folders	955.00
Votive Candles	109.00
Pastoral Dues	255.00
Dev & Peace	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	40.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Holy Lands (Good Friday)	1053.35

#### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK**

Apr 4	No Mass
Apr 5	Annie/Anthony Gillis
Apr 6	Lawrence Byrne
Apr 7	Special Intention
Apr 8	Mary Russell
Apr 9	Marilyn Borden/ Joseph Cain
Apr 10	Parish Community

**NOTE Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Masses will be at 7pm.**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

April's Mass Intentions are posted at the back. There are still Masses available if you wish to request one for any intention.

#### **BINGO**

Our next Parish Bingo is this Sunday afternoon, April 3, at 2 pm in the school cafeteria. Come and join us.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

The next monthly meeting is this **Sunday April 3 at 7 pm in the parish house.** All

members are urged to attend. The 2015 Financial Statement will be discussed.

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Members are advised that our next meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, April 7, in the parish house after 7 pm Mass.

#### **LADIES GROUP FUND-RAISER**

Many hands make light work! Do you agree with this? Well, here's a chance to get involved in a worthwhile event taking place in our parish. Please consider taking a book of tickets to help the Ladies Group in their effort to raise funds for the parish. The prize is a beautiful hand-made quilt.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Benoit's Cove is seeking a part time Office Administrator. The preferred applicant will have prior clerical experience including computer accounting along with being a reliable and conscientious person. Serious inquiries can forward a resume to [staroftheseabenoitscove@yahoo.ca](mailto:staroftheseabenoitscove@yahoo.ca) or mail to P.O. Box 70, Benoit's Cove, NL. A0L 1A0 on or before March 31, 2016.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

This group meets each Monday evening at 7 pm in the parish house. We would like to encourage/ invite others to join us for sharing the Word of God in scripture and for fellowship.

#### **THANK YOU**

The liturgies of Easter require participation by many people. We needed extra readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Servers. Our Choir was ever-present and magnificent. Our children preparing for sacraments were busy. The congregation was attentive and devout. So, on behalf of the Parish we offer thanks to all who helped. May God continue to bless us and may we all see our participation as vital whenever we are called to gather for worship

#### **DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS**

Donations for Easter flowers were graciously received from; Marie Samms, Valerie O'Connor, Eileen Moore, Carol Reid, Veronica Stone, Donna Beales, Annie Griffin, Doreen Jones, and John & Jennifer Noseworthy.

#### **THANKS TO BINGO DONORS**

Belated thanks for March 20 Bingo: Donna; Marie Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Mrs. Theresa; Victoria Murphy, Bob; Kay Musseau, , Glenda Neilson, Darlene Noseworthy, Valerie O'Brien, Valerie O'Connor, Brian; Mary; Jim Park, Ester Parsons, Patricia Payne, Jack; Margie Pennell, Joan Penney, Mary Jo Perrett, Bernadette Pike, Kim Preston, Caroline Power, Agatha Poole, Rita Pye, Gen; Gerry Quigley, Linda Randell, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Annette; Bernice Rowsell, Marie Samms, Brian Sparkes, V. Stone,

Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Rita Woodman, Peggy Young, Linda McIsaac, Mike Leonard, Donna Eldridge, Col Healey, John Hancock, Rosemarie Doody, Theresa Dobbin, and Christine Jewer.

#### **K of C MONTHLY MEETING**

All members are reminded of, and asked to attend, the **next meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:45 pm at All Hallows.**

#### **BIBLES AND CATECHISMS**

The new order of **NRSV Bibles** has arrived and are now available. They cost \$25; if you want one, please see John after Mass.

We still have some copies left of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. They cost \$20. Every Catholic home should have a copy of both of these books.

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

In 2000, Pope John Paul 11 designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. To celebrate this event, **on Sunday, April 3, at 3 pm in All Hallows Church** there will be a Holy Hour. Please join Catholics from all three Corner Brook parishes in honoring this devotion.

#### **PRAYER FOR YEAR OF MERCY**

***Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.***

#### **PRAYER FOR EASTER**

***Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.***