

September 1, 2019 – 22nd Sunday after Ordinary Time

The parables of the “lowest place” and the banquet.

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Taking the “lowest place”

On a morning you’re running late (of course!), a construction detail is forcing two lanes of downtown traffic into one. The demolition derby is underway: cars battling to squeeze into the one open lane — and compounding the confusion are those drivers who believe that their schedules are so much more important who honk and scream their way ahead of everyone else. Such tangled commutes should make us pause and realize the patience and humility of the “lowest place.”

Or you’re trying to get two hours’ worth of errands done in 30 minutes. You’re making good time — until you hit a line at one store. The sales associate is young — and new. She’s struggling to help this one customer who has an endless stream of questions. She doesn’t know the stock well enough to answer them all, so she has to constantly consult the manager. Meanwhile, the line is growing longer, and your patience is growing shorter. Every customer’s order is a struggle for the poor kid. By the time it’s your turn to check out, you’re barely civil to her. You need to calm down and take the “lowest place.”

You love having people over for dinner. But you’ve made it clear: it’s your kitchen. Everyone’s welcome to gather and enjoy a glass of wine — but *PLEASE DON’T HELP!* Your guests appreciate your hospitality — but chances are they would enjoy the evening even more if there was more of *you*. So perhaps you might take your foot off the gas and welcome their contributions to the feast; let them help with the clean-up. Cede control for the sake of the “lowest place.”

The “lowest place” Jesus speaks of in today’s Gospel is more a matter of attitude than location, a question of generosity rather than place setting. Jesus asks us to see one another from the perspective of Christ-like humility that realizes that we are not the center of all things but part of a much larger world and to embrace a spirit of Gospel-centered gratitude for all the blessings we have received, not because of anything we have done to deserve them, but only because of the complete and unconditional love of God for us.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m.
Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice 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.

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August 25, 2019

Regular Collection	\$1604.85
Votive Candles	29.15
Garden Party	40.00
St Vincent de Paul	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	No Mass
Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Elise and Jerome Beales
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Sarah and George Joyce
Thru, 7 p.m.	Late Isabelle Joan Dunphy
Fri, 2 p.m. Lohnes Complex	Special Intention
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Special Intention
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 7	
Mary Galant Victoria Murphy	Joe Byrne Marie Byrne John Carroll
September 8	
Anna House Sherry Lynn Brake	Barbara Neville Brian Sparkes Patsy Payne
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
John Carroll	

LABOUR DAY: Labour Day weekend marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school. Our Parishes take this weekend as an opportunity to encourage active and renewed participation in our parish community. **Parish office will be closed on Monday for the Labour Day holiday.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a parish council meeting on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will take place in the parish meeting room.

PARISH COUNCIL: Please remember that we will need new members in September. If you know someone who would be suitable please put their name forward for election.

LADIES GROUP MEETING: There will be a ladies group meeting on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. immediately following mass. This meeting will take place in the parish meeting room.

BINGO: There will be bingo at the Sacred Heart Elementary Gym on Sunday, September 8, at 2 p.m. There is a revised volunteer list on the bulletin board located at the back of the Church. Parishioners in sections A through E on this list are asked to donate items. All your donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you want your name added to or removed from this list.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The requests for furniture keep growing and our stock is greatly depleted. We are in need of beds, especially single and double, as well as sofas, tables and chairs. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

HUMOR: Nathan comes home from his first day of school. His mother asks, "What did you learn today?" He shrugs his shoulders and replies, "Obviously I didn't learn enough. I have to go back tomorrow."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: On Sunday, September 1, the Catholic Church will celebrate the fifth annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Pope Francis prepared a message for the celebration of this day of Prayer in 2016, entitled Show Mercy to Our Common Home, which may be read on the Diocesan web page. Additionally, the period of September 1 - October 4, designated as the "Time for Creation", is a good time for us to reflect upon our interactions with the wonders of God's creation and consider how we might be better stewards of those gifts. For more information, visit the Diocesan web page at www.rcchurch.com.

TIME FOR CREATION: The five-week period between September 1 and October 4 is known as Time for Creation. September 1, the beginning of the Orthodox Church Year, is the date when, since 1989, the Orthodox Church commemorates God's Creation by observing a Day of Prayer for the Environment. In August 2015, Pope Francis announced the establishment of a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be observed annually on September 1. October 4 was chosen to mark the end of the Time for Creation as it is the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals

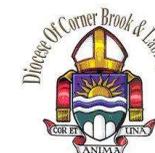


and ecology. We are encouraged during this time, especially to pray, to organize practical initiatives to combat the environmental crisis facing our planet and to reflect on ways to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the environment.

FALL CONCERT - ADVANCED NOTICE: Sacred Heart Parish will be holding their Fall Concert on Friday, September 27. More information will follow as it becomes available.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Schedules for the four months from October 5, 2019 to January 26, 2020 will be prepared in the next few weeks. If any changes are needed or if you will not be available for certain periods of time, please let us know. If you previously did any of these ministries and would now like to return or if now is the right time for you to begin, you are very welcome. Please call Tony Griffin at 632-5755 or Carol Reid at 785-2587 and, if no answer, leave a message and your phone number. Thank you.

ACCOUNTING CLERK PART TIME: 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://www.rcchurch.com>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - RELAY FOR LIFE: The annual fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society will take place September 7 at the Civic Center. Registration is 11 a.m., the event proceeds until 8 p.m. Pledge forms and forms for luminary are now available at the church entrance. For further details call Brian Terry at 709 783-2053. We encourage as many as possible to support the Knights of Columbus by offering your pledges on the forms provided.