# **REFLECTION** for Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Fr. Don

I recall a priest telling me many years ago that when I receive the Body of Christ I should become the Body of Christ; become what you eat. By that he meant that I need to let the Eucharist (consecrated host) penetrate to my very soul, my very core. This would lead to a transforming of my life enabling me live in imitation of Jesus; seeking to do what Jesus did in bringing joy, hope, love, and compassion, into the world. On my own I am virtually powerless to affect change in this world, but with God all things are possible; even mountains can be moved. If them, why not me!

Perhaps our most common mistake that we all make about the Eucharist (consecrated host) is that is a thing rather than a person. It truly is the Body of Christ. It is Jesus seeking an intimate relationship with us; it is Jesus calling us to action, to the mission fields just outside our doors. With a person, we can develop a relationship which of its very nature is dynamic, healing, consoling, and loving. This is no less so with the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is not a thing to be adored but a person to love and who loves us. Jesus is calling us to a unity of purpose- sharing LOVE in its essence.

Experiencing this creative love should change us and make us anxious to spread that love in our everyday lives. Many of us fail in our call to 'go and make disciples of all peoples.' There is little point in us sharing the Eucharist (consecrated host) if we were not prepared to share unblessed bread with our brothers and sisters when we leave Mass or Benediction and go back to our homes and work. In other words the Eucharist demands that we "love one another as I have loved you".

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read this: The Eucharist is also seen by our Church as a covenant meal. Just as the Passover meal celebrated Israel's covenant agreement with God, so does our participation in the Eucharist celebrate our covenant agreement with Jesus. In and through the Eucharist, we renew and rededicate ourselves to Christ and we receive the divine strength to be faithful to our covenant with him; a covenant of LOVE given and received.

Jesus says: 'DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME'

# Sacred Heart Parish

# **Parish Information**

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# Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation Wed after Mass.

Masses in Week Days:

Wed 7 pm Thurs, 10 am, Fri 7 pm

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

Holy Hour of Adoration: This Month, it will be Wednesday June 17 at 7 pm

Baptisms:

Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

June 7, 2015 **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI** 

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Collection	May 30, 31	\$2041.00
Building Fund		40.00
Votive Candles		86.00
Mass Stipends		80.00
Parish Insurance		40.00
Pope's Pastoral Works		60.00
OTHER		33.00

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

No Mass
No Mass
Roy Reid/Leo & Gerard English
Liz Parsons
Mary Joyce Russell
Stella Cave/ Marie Manuel
Parish Community

## **OUR FEAST DAY**

Friday June 12 is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is our Parish Feast Day. Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm.

Please make an effort to come join in our prayers for our parish community. We will share a meal in celebration on Sunday-see below.

# **PARISH POT LUCK**

The Ladies Group will be\_hosting a\_pot luck lunch, on **Sunday**, **June 14** following 11 am Mass, in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to come together as a strong parish community. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite food dish.

## Last week's BINGO.

It was a fantastic success. \$3261.65(along with \$275 in gift cards) was raised to support Jack and Marie in their time of need. Thanks to Patsy Hayes and Edna Colbourne who led the organization of the event. And thanks to the Men's and Ladies Groups for their help. And finally thanks to everybody who donated to the effort and to all who attended the Bingo.

# **BINGO AGAIN**

Our **next parish bingo** will be held this Sunday June 7 at 2 pm. Lots of good prizes and lots of good fun. This will be our last game until Sept. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards.

# **LADIES GROUP TICKETS**

We are looking for volunteers to sell tickets at Dominion on May 28 & 29. If you can give 2-3 hours of your time for this cause, please call Veronica at work during office hours or at home 639-7216. There are still tickets available after weekend Masses. Please return any tickets you may have sold soon.

#### **FOOD BANK NETWORK**

The annual **Christmas in June Food Drive** is scheduled for **Monday June 8**. Please be generous. Remember we have a food collection container at the back of the church and encourage you to donate food regularly. The need never stops.

### **MINISTRIES LISTS**

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to pick up a copy of the new List for June to September.

#### **SUMMER HOURS**

During the summer the office will be open in the morning & closed in the afternoon. Morning hours will begin on Tues. June 30<sup>th</sup>, and continues until after Labor Day weekend. Afternoon hours will resume on Tue., Sept. 8th.

#### **HEALING MASS**

In an effort to draw more people to experience the glory and power of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, we will celebrate a Healing Mass on Wednesday June 17 beginning at 7pm. The planned format is to celebrate the Mass and then have a time of prayer and praise for communal and private healing in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. One hour- a Holy Hour- is the anticipated time.

#### **MOVING OF TABERNACLE**

We have written a letter to Bishop Hundt requesting that we <u>be given permission to</u> move the Tabernacle from the chapel to the <u>back wall of the sanctuary area beneath the statue of the Risen Jesus.</u> We are looking for feedback from you as to the appropriateness of this planned move. Please let Fr. Don or a Parish Council member know your thoughts on this.

# SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 26-28<sup>th</sup>.

Newfoundland Catholic Renewal will be hosting a retreat at Mint Brook Camp, near Gambo on the topic: Pray Lifting up Holy Hands: the Prayer of Intercession. The guest speaker is Cyril John, who is an international speaker and the Vice-Chair of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services. All meals, snacks, and accommodations are provided on site-Friday suppertime to Sunday lunchtime. The cost will be \$120. See Wayne or Amelia Dicks for more details.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE: CEMETERY MASSES**

Mount Cecilia Tues July 28 7pm Mount Patricia Wed July 29, 7 pm. Town-site Thurs July 30, 7pm.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

All members are asked to attend an meeting at 7pm on Monday evening at the priest's house. Our report to the Diocesan Planning Committee will be discussed.

# **MEN'S GROUP YARD SALE**

Thank you to those who helped organize and run the Yard Sale. And thank you to those who came out to support this annual fund-raiser for the Parish. \$635.00 was raised. Good work men.