

REFLECTION for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's readings we hear stories of people being called to go well beyond their personal comfort zone in the service of the Lord. Jonah did not want to do what God was asking of him but he did it reluctantly with marvellous results; and in the Gospel, the first apostles were being asked to leave the security of their jobs as fishermen, to drop everything, and to follow Jesus- to become His God team.

Do you believe that you have the power, the faith, and the commitment shown by these men of scripture? Would you be willing to follow Jesus and become his disciple?

Well guess what! Each and every day of our lives we are being called to do just that. We are called to service, we are called to action, and we are called to be fully alive in Jesus.

At your parish, you are being called to ministry. You can be a lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, choir member, greeter-collector, or any of many other ministries.

You say-who me? I don't feel like doing this, I don't believe I'm qualified, I don't feel worthy, I don't feel wanted.

Today the Word of God is telling you to be bold, to be a servant of the Lord, to listen to those inner promptings, to become active in your faith, to step out of your comfort zone.

Yes, like Jonah and the Apostles say '**Here I am Lord, I Come to Do Your Will.**'

I guarantee you that, with arms outstretched, you will be welcomed. But guess whose arms they will be! The loving arms of your Lord and Saviour Jesus. (I can assure you that your parish priest will do the same; the effect will be less). For Jesus will say to you- and if you open your heart and soul you will hear this-*well done good and faithful servant.*

That's the message of Today's scripture readings, and truly it is the message of the whole of the Good News. So DO NOT DELAY, DO IT TODAY.

Fr. Don

A PARISH HISTORY: has now been completed by Mr. Tom Collier and is in the possession of the Parish. It contains a well documented history, with photos, of our Parish up to the 1960's.

We are still looking for photos and/or stories from the 1960's through until today.

Do you have photos of the Re-opening of the Church after the 1979 fire, the Sacred Heart Bowling League, the Sacred Heart Social Club, the Sacred Heart Charismatic Prayer Group, the Sacred Heart Softball and Broomball Teams, First Sacrament Classes, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, or any other special Parish event?

Please have look, we would love to have some of these in our desire to record our proud history.

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard
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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses this Week:
Mon., Tue. & Wed 7:00 p.m.
Thur 10am., Fri 2pm.

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.

January 25, 2015
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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection Jan 17 & 18	\$ 1730.00
Building Fund	115.00
Dues	210.00
Donation [anonymous]	38.04
In Memory of Gerald McHugh	70.00
Votive Candles [3 wks.]	170.40
Mass Stipends	10.00
Advent Folders	98.75
Calendar sales [plus \$3,500.00 on Dec. 30,2014]	753.95
Ladies Group donation	191.03

FR. BUCKLE

As you know, Fr. died this week. He served for many years in this parish and many people have fond memories of his time here. So, it is from a sense of gratitude and praise that we, as a parish, offer our acknowledgement of his service and also offer to his family our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

BINGO

There will be a Bingo in Sacred Heart School cafeteria at 2pm on Sunday Feb.1. All are welcome to attend. The list of donors for this bingo is posted at the back of the Church. Donations can be dropped off at the parish house during office hrs. or given to any member of the ladies group.

MENS GROUP MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 4 at 7:30pm in the rectory. All members are urged to attend. There will be **an election of officers** for the coming

year at this meeting. New members are always welcome.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jack, Byron, and John Barriault on the death of Joan-wife and mother. She will be missed and remembered for she was well known and respected for her work in our parish community. God bless her.

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 26 Mon	Theresa Tompkins
Jan 27 Tue	John Leonard/Gerald McHugh
Jan 28 Wed	Theresa Tompkins
Jan 29 Thu	Theresa Tompkins
Jan 30 Fri	John Leonard
Jan 31 Sat	Howard Brake/Bridget Blackwood

NOTE Mass Times: Mon, Tues, Wed at 7pm, Thurs at 10am, and Friday at 2pm at Lohnes Complex

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Lent is fast approaching. The parish has ordered 50 copies of the Lenten edition of **THE WORD AMONG US**. This contains the daily Mass readings and a short meditation on them. These will be available in a few weeks at the back of the church. For those into using the internet, you can access this material by visiting the website wau.org, or see the link on our parish website.

PRIEST IS ON HOLIDAY

Father will be visiting family in Houston from Saturday Jan. 31 until Monday Feb.16. During this time priests from the cathedral will be celebrating our weekend Masses. There will be no weekday Masses for these

two weeks.

SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER

The Ladies Group is organizing this event- **Tuesday Feb. 17. There will be a Mass at 5pm at the church followed by a pancake supper at the rectory.** There is no charge. The ladies are busy planning this event; we urge you to mark the date and time and plan to attend to make it a successful parish celebration in anticipation of Lent. It can be our Mardi Gras!!

CONFIRMATION 2015

Registration forms are now available at the back of the church. Preparation classes will soon begin.

In our Diocese, children are eligible for this sacrament when in Grade 7. So, any child born in 2002 or 2003 should register this year and receive confirmation.

But if you know of a young adult who has not been confirmed and is older, please encourage them to register this year. All Catholics should receive all sacraments as soon as they are able.

Daily Devotions

Is one of your Resolutions to try to pray more? We may have help for you. Are you aware that on our parish website you can find the daily Mass readings and meditations/reflections on those readings? In a section called *PRAY WITH US*, there are links to **Our Daily Bread** and **Living Faith** daily devotionals.

CELEBRATING THE WORD.

It consists of prayers, reflections, and questions to enlighten/inform you on the

message of the Mass readings for the coming week.

It was made available last week for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

At the back each week you will find this material for the week ahead.

Please consider giving it a try. It is also available (*in paperless form*) by following a link on our parish website.

YOUTH FOCUS

Why do we Catholics consider it so important to go to Mass every Sunday?

Well, first of all, God told us in the commandments that we should keep holy the Sabbath Day. We don't need to be in Church to pray; we can – and should – pray everywhere and anywhere, whether we are alone at home or in a special place in nature or hanging out with our friends.

But when we participate in the Eucharist on Sundays, we have the opportunity to praise God through song, prayer and the Scriptures. We can get together with the other members of our Catholic faith community, kind of like a family gathering. And most importantly, we get to receive the body and blood of Christ. That's what makes the Mass so important and so special.

Ladies Group Fun Night

This will take place at the parish house this Monday, Jan. 26 starting at **5pm.** You may call Theresa or Veronica if you need more information.