

REFLECTION for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Fr. Don.

If you like reading spiritual books, allow me to suggest Can You Drink the Cup by Fr. Henri Nouwen. It is perhaps the best reflection ever written on today's Gospel. It's chockablock with divine hope. In my time of sickness, trial, and expectant death, it revived my grieving soul and my diseased body. And most importantly it soothingly calmed my natural fear of facing suffering that leads to dying. Due to its influence on my life as presently lived, this reflection will contain the essence of that book's message.

Life is an adventure, a journey, and a veritable roller-coaster ride. There are times of joy and times of sorrow, times of triumph and times of tragedy. Given our choice we would choose the good times and bypass the bad times. But the nature of the human experience is such that we must accept the good and the bad. From the cradle to the grave, life unfolds and really we have little or no control over its peaks and valleys. Face it, we must. Embrace it, we must. Acknowledge it, we must. Own it, we must.

If for some time we are given the cup of joy to drink, then we should savor its sweetness, its aromatic bouquet, and refreshing delight. Embrace the joys inherent in these times by living, laughing, and loving; do everything in abundance. And remind ourselves as we blissfully drink that all life is fleeting.

If for some time we are given the cup of sorrow to drink, then enter into this trying time with the knowledge that there is a divine route leading to redemption awaiting those who persevere in times of suffering and sorrow. More souls reach out to God in time of sorrow than in time of joy. Let submissions to the will of God become the wind beneath our wings. This cup I would characterize as tasting 'skunky'- an unpleasant sounding description someone once used in my presence for a bottle of Dominion ale.

Jesus had his cup to drink; we are no less human. What cup will each of us have to drink from? Pray that it is the cup of joy. The truth is that we will all have to drink from some cup. The one cup common to all of us is the cup of life. Actually it is from this cup that we drink each and every day of our lives. It is just that depending on our circumstances the wine 'tastes' different. At certain times it is the cup of joy, at others the cup of sorrow, and at others it is the cup of whatever fills our life at a given moment in time.

Allow me to share the cups from which I presently drink. One day it is the cup of pain, another day the cup of happiness, another day the cup of loneliness, another day the cup of joy, another day the cup of sorrow, another day the cup of contentment, another day the cup of damnation, and thank God another day the cup of salvation. So far, so good, I have drunk and still I remain thirsty.

Can we drink from the cup offered us at any given moment of our lives? Well, to live and to be, and to grow and love, there really is no other choice. We do so trusting in God's promise that we will not be abandoned, we will have God on our side. When drinking from our cup, remember---This too shall pass.

Sacred Heart Parish

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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses in Week Days:
Wed cancelled
Thurs. & Fri. cancelled

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month
Cancelled for Oct .

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.

October 18, 2015
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Oct 10, & 11

Collection	\$1,686.00
Building Fund	105.00
Pastoral Dues	25.00
Parish Insurance	25.00
Garden Party	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	150.00
Needs of Canadian Church	5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

MASS INTENTIONS

No Weekday Masses

Sat Oct 24 Linda Elkins Schmitt

Sun Oct 25 Parish Community

NOTE: The Ladies Group will lead the praying of the **Rosary at 7pm each Wednesday evening in October.** Please make an effort to join them for this Marian devotion.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The theme is **United in Love.** We celebrate this next Sunday Oct. 18. Please take and read the related material at the back of the church. Also please use the envelope provided there to donate to this worthy cause.

CONGRATULATIONS

to April (Bellows) and Joshua Noseworthy and to Crystal (Butler) and Maury Gallant. These two couples were married here at our church on the Thanksgiving weekend. Let us pray for God's many blessings upon them in the years ahead.

MARK THESE DATES

***Friday Oct. 30 at 7:30 pm** for our Variety Concert in Sacred Heart Auditorium.

* **Saturday & Sunday, Nov 7 & 8,** for our

Fall Sale, Cabbage roll dinner, & Bingo.

* **Wednesday Nov 11 at 7 pm** for our annual Mass of Remembrance in the church.

* **Wednesday Nov 18 at 7 pm** for our Mass for Healing.

PARISH COUNCIL

Joan Penney is our new Chair, Carol Reid our Vice-Chair, and Mike Leonard our Secretary. Thank you for serving.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

We are beginning our sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Forms are available at the back of the church. *Please, please,* parents and grandparents of little children, take a form and encourage participation in this most essential of parish activities. It is the call/duty of all of us to introduce children to the mysteries and joys of the sacraments. We cannot shirk our duty as Christians.

HOLIDAYS FOR PRIEST

Fr. Don will be away for a holiday for three weeks from Tuesday Oct 13 to Tuesday Nov 3. During that time Fr. Gash will be filling in during the weekends. There will be no weekday Masses during this time. Weekday Mass will resume on Wednesday Nov 4.

VARIETY CONCERT

Our parish variety concert will take place on Friday, Oct. 30 starting at 7:30 pm. This event will take place at Sacred Heart School Auditorium. Cover charge is \$5.00. Please reserve this date & join us for a fun filled

entertaining evening. More information will be available soon.

MENS' GROUP TICKET SALE

Tickets are available this weekend. Please take a few books of tickets to sell to friends and relatives. The Men have them available for distribution in the porch as you leave the church. Also they are selling them at tables set up in Coleman's and Canadian Tire stores and are looking for people to volunteer a few hours at these sites. Consider helping out because this is a parish fund-raiser.

FALL FAIR UP-DATE

Saturday Nov. 7:

1 pm. ---sale of baked goods, preserves, crafts & other home-made items.

TO DONATE baked goods, please call Mary Gallant at 785-5176, for crafts, call Patsy Hall at 785-2556.

4 pm. Take -out dinners [\$10.00]

5:30 pm. Eat-in dinner at school cafeteria. The Ladies Group are asking for donations of cabbage rolls, carrot cakes & some help serving dinners. If you can help in any way, please call Theresa at 785-2244 or Veronica at 639-7216.

Sign up Sheets are available at the back of the church for those who plan to attend. We encourage all parishioners to take part in some way to make this fundraiser a success.

Sunday Nov. 8: at 2 pm. BINGO

OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartrcparish.ca is our address. Why not have a look. We are trying to keep it informative and interesting. On it you can

read the latest Sunday bulletin, the minutes of our latest Parish Council meeting and Liturgy Committee meeting. You can link to excellent prayer sites.

MASS of REMEMBRANCE

On Wednesday evening Nov 11 at 7 pm we will gather to remember our loved ones who have died and gone before us:
-those who have died in the past year.
Family members will light a candle.
- those who were veterans. All can pin a poppy on a Cross placed near the altar.
- all those who have died. Names can be placed in a basket near the entrance and it will be carried in procession and placed on the altar during Mass.

NOTE: *If you had a loved one die elsewhere during the last year let us now.* JOIN US.

Bingo Donations;

Some [Oct.] donations were received late and will be added to the Nov. list.

Thank You

To the members of the Knights of Columbus who attended and lead us in the recitation of the Rosary on Wednesday evening.

Ladies Group; We will be having a fun night/meeting this Sunday evening at 7pm. All members are asked to attend.

All Hallows Parish will be having a merchandise bingo this Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 pm. All are welcome.