

Sacred Heart Parish



A Stewardship Parish in Love with Christ

REFLECTION for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

From time immemorial humanity has been challenged to *fight the good fight of faith*. Adam and Eve's children turned on one another. The people of the earth became so sinful that God sent the Great Flood, saving only Noah's remnant. Time after time, humanity has exhibited its inherent tendency to sin. We want to *'dance to our own tune.'* We believe there is a God, we believe in the necessity of some guiding principles, we believe and hope with all our being that there is life after death. But try as hard as we may we fail, or we blame others, and when it comes to God, God's will, and the command to follow God, we demand visible proof. We look and see apparent absence and 'inaction' from God. In the silence of our souls, we are driven to scream - **If** God really exists, **then** show Yourself. Scripture provides examples.

She's gone boys, she's gone, that is what Habakkuk is basically saying in today's first reading. He saw the sad state of society and their disregard for God and God's will. God answers his complaint and tells him to hold-on, to persevere; God is about to show who is in charge. If the People will not bring about the Kingdom of mercy, love, forgiveness, justice, and compassion here on earth, then God will. God's ways are not humanity's ways. Sadly, things have not changed much in 3000 years. God takes second place.

In our Gospel for today, the apostles ask Jesus to *'increase our faith.'* Today, in 2106 as we survey the faithfulness of ourselves, our community, our country, and our world, many of us would say *she's gone boy*. But as Christians we cannot give up. Hopefully each of us asks God to *increase our faith*.

Believing in God requires that we believe in nothing else; the centre of our life has to shift from ourselves to God and our neighbor. Our faith in God is exclusive of the idolatries of our culture- the worship of wealth, power, and success. Our faith opens us up, inescapably, to the demands of justice, peace and the integrity of all God's creation being made anew. This must be seen in our faithful behaviour. It's one thing to have faith, or at least to profess that we have faith; it's quite a different matter to *live by faith*.

Faith is not faith if kept in reserve for emergencies, for when we need God immediately. Faith is to be lived daily and it shapes the way we think and behave. *'Faith is caught, not taught'* and by faith we can do the difficult, the unexpected, and the unlikely. We have to learn to see things the way Jesus did and share his outlook. *'What would Jesus do'* must be our mantra. Discerning this, we are called to then do it.

There are two major obstacles to living our faith: firstly, we are all deeply self-centred, wanting our own way and to be served rather than to serve. Our second reading provides us with the Good News of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to aid us in overcoming this selfish obstacle. The second obstacle is somewhat out of our control. It is this, the realities of faith are not visible. No one has ever seen God. This really puts us behind the eight-ball because our modern culture simply dismisses the possibility of non-visible reality; doubting Thomas's abound. We are up against it; we must be counter-cultural. God will be with us.

Having the *conviction of faith* to do this is what separates saints from sinners, whiners from winners, gloom from doom. Persevere, let go and let God, and practice humble submission to the will of God. This is the Gospel truth: *Women and men of faith march in the band 'when the saints go marching in.'*

Parish Information

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

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

Mass During the Week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Friday at 10:00 a.m.

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

Marriages: Six months' notice is required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Celebrated at Weekend Mass after preparation session.

October 2, 2016

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<u>RECEIVED WITH THANKS</u>	SEPT 24, 25
Collection	\$1,612.95
Mass Stipends	75.00
Votive Candles	49.05
Certificates	45.00
Garden Party	20.00
Needs of the Can. Church	200.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 3	No Mass
Oct 4	Percy/Mary/Bern/Rod/Nicholas Joyce
Oct 5	Jack Neville
Oct 6	Joseph & Margaret Jennix
Oct 7	Intention Rita Hall/John Mendes
Oct 8	Wm & Ada Myles
Oct 9	Parish Community

MINISTERS (Oct 8,9)

<u>READERS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>
Basil English	Joan Penney, Eileen Moore,
Linda Tarbett	Marie Byrne
<i>*Joan Penney- Communion Minister to the Sick</i>	

Debra Allen	Wayne & Amelia Dicks,
Janet Jackson	Hedy Kenny

MASS REQUESTS

At present there are very few requests for our weekday Masses to be offered in memory of deceased loved ones. Please consider requesting Mass intentions for your loved ones. You can do it by including it in the church envelope.

PARISH BINGO

Our next parish bingo is scheduled for this Sunday, Oct 2 at Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Please support this fund-raiser.

FOOD DRIVE

Next weekend is Thanksgiving. Please bring

some food items to Mass with you. All collections we receive will then be passed on to the Food Bank Network

BIBLE STUDY

The group will meet in the parish house on Monday evening at 7 pm this week. We encourage newcomers to join us in 'breaking open the Word of God' as found in the Gospels.

FAMILY CATECHESIS- STARTING SOON

Registration forms are available at the back and have to be returned by the end of the month. The program will begin with a meeting of parents at that time. Spread the word.

HEALING MASS

On **Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm**, we will offer a Mass of Healing. It will follow the same format as previous Healing Masses. Prayer Teams will be available for individual prayer after Mass. Please mark the date and come to be healed.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

All Souls Day is **Wednesday November 2**. At our 7 pm Mass, we will remember all those who have died over the past year. Family members will be invited to come light a candle in their memory. Also we will have a ceremony to honor all our deceased loved ones. Please plan to attend this beautiful commemorative tribute.

LADIES GROUP NEWS

-Our Harvest Sale will be held on **Nov. 5**. There will be a supper, bake sale, sale of work, harvest table, and bingo. More details will follow.
- Ladies Fun Night: Friday, Oct. 7 at 7pm
-For the month of October, to honor Mary and the Tradition of the Rosary, the Ladies will be

leading recitation of **the Rosary** in the church **each Saturday at 4:15 before the start of Mass.**

FALL VARIETY CONCERT

Save the date, **Friday, October 28 at 7:30 pm in Sacred Heart Auditorium**. Cost \$5. More details will follow. Lots of entertainment by local talent.

OUR WINDOWS

Installation of the 26 windows is scheduled for the last week of October. We wish to express deep gratitude to the 20 families who donated the cost of one window. In this regard, we have begun preparing the plaques for each window. In the next few weeks we will contact each family to find out the exact wording they wish to be inscribed on it.

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Western Health is pleased to offer a NEW training program for pastoral care volunteers, "Caring for the Human Spirit". It will begin on this Monday October 3rd from 1:30 -3:30 (every second Monday) and is FREE

ST, FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Feast Day, Tues, Oct 4

He was born of a rich family in the 13th century but gave up his wealth to live in poverty. He became a beggar and by his life is now seen as the best model of Christian peaceful living since Jesus. Here are a few of his quotes:

"It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching."

"No one is to be called an enemy, all are our friends, and no one does us harm. We have no enemy except ourselves."

"If God can work through me, he can work through anyone."

"It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

Caritas Canada is organizing a Day of Prayer

for peace in Syria on the Feast of Saint Francis. The Holy See recently announced that there will be an international ecumenical Day of Prayer on October 31, 2016, for peace in the Middle East and for all the people of Syria. Please remember the people of Syria and peace-keeping efforts in your prayers to St. Francis and at all times.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, Oct 7

This Feast began to be celebrated in 1571. On this date, Pope St. Pius V had sent forces from Spain to retake Papal lands in Cyprus. A fierce battle ensued and the Pope called for the Rosary to be prayed for victory and it was achieved. Initially called the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, it is now called by a more devout peaceful name.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted. The award is open to any graduate from high school this past year who is pursuing post-secondary education and who is a relative of a member of the Order. Check with the local Council.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY

Will be held on the **first Friday** of each month at **the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Chapel from 7:00-8:00 PM**. Intention: *For world peace and for a stop to the persecution of Christians and torture of children.*

LARGE PRINT BIBLES

We have more of these NRSV Bibles now available. If you wish to purchase one, please contact the parish house. They cost \$30 each.

Jesus, have mercy upon us; we are sinners seeking divine redemption only you can give.