

August 18, 2019 - 20th Sunday after Ordinary Time

*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing . . . !
Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."
Luke 12: 49-53*

Bless the fire

Imagine: Your house is burning, smoke is curling around everything you have ever owned, ever wanted, ever believed mattered: that favorite picture of the person you love, the dog's favorite toy, the couch where you held each other when you cried. All on fire, blazing. The garbage that needed to be taken out yesterday goes up as easily as the receipt you saved from the first time the two of you had breakfast together.

Every object you love and treasure will soon be ashes.

Now, given the chance, what's the one thing you would take out of the burning house?

The French dramatist and filmmaker Jean Cocteau was once asked that very question: What would he take from his burning house?

Cocteau's answer: "I would take the fire."

[From "Letting Go of Stuff" by Edward Readicker-Henderson, Spirituality & Health, January-February 2008.]

Cocteau's response strikes us, at first, as sarcastic and flip, incredibly insensitive to those who have experienced such a catastrophe. But Jesus speaks about "fire" in much the same way: fire that purifies, that enlightens, that destroys the useless so that only the meaningful remains.

The reality is that the houses we have can burn and be destroyed — we run in, trying to rescue what we have convinced ourselves is important — and we find ourselves trapped inside the destruction, imprisoned by our possessions.

The "fire" that Jesus speaks of is humble, selfless love, love that can transform us and our world. But, as Jesus warns us, it is a love that is often at odds with the demands and values of the world.

The Gospel calls us to risk power, prestige and even acceptance for the sake of the "fire" of equality, justice, compassion and reconciliation that every individual possesses by virtue of being a son and daughter of God.

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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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

August 11, 2019

Regular Collection	\$2014.80
Garden Party Donation	20.00
Building Fund	45.00
Votive Candles	49.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Baptism Fee	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	No Mass
Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Wayne Brake
Wed, 10 a.m.	Special Intention
Thru, 7 p.m.	Special Intention
Fri, 10 a.m.	Late Jack, Agnes and Ron Carroll
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Mary and James McCarthy
Sun	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 24	
John Carroll Linda Tarbett	Art Hall Donna Mitchell Joe Byrne
August 25	
Donna Eldridge Debbie Allen	Elizabeth Carew Calvin Gillis Doreen Jones
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Eileen Moore	

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

COLLECTION: The regular month collection will take place following an all weekend masses on August 24 and 25. Please be generous.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Our regular Adoration and Benediction takes place this Sunday, August 18, 2019. Adoration begins at 2:00 pm, Benediction at 3:00 pm. Come, pray with us.

BAPTISM: Congratulations and welcome to Emily Jennifer Gash, child of Jessica Galllott and Jason Gash, who was baptised August 11, 2019. May she and her family continue to grow in their faith.



SAINT BERNARD: August 20 is the feast day of Saint Bernard. As a young man, Bernard studied theology and Holy Scripture and later decided to join the Cistercian Order. He was responsible for founding many monasteries, among them the famous Abbey of Clairvaux. He also composed a number of works and he undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Saint Bernard is a Doctor of the Church because of his writings and sermons which greatly influenced Europe during the 12th century.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - RELAY FOR LIFE:

The annual fundraiser for the Canadian Cancer Society will take place October 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.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: For the month of July: Home visits - 25 visits with 45 adults and 6 children helped. This was at a cost of \$1608.17 and 44 volunteer hours. Mary's Kitchen served 155 adults and 14 children; at a cost of \$1,233.15. There were 129 volunteer hours used. Furniture - there was 34 homes visited and 57 volunteer hours used. The results of the Sunday Poor Box Collections are: Sacred Heart - \$448.80; St. Brendan's - \$92.60; All Hallows - \$190.85; Holy Redeemer - \$846.65. With a grand total of \$1,578.90. Thank you for your support.



GIVING THANKS FOR SUMMER:

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
- Author Unknown

HUMOR:

The Pastor came to visit me the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking about the hereafter.
I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. No matter where I am - in the living room, upstairs, in the kitchen, or down in the basement, I am always asking myself: 'Now, what am I here after?'"

MASS INTENTION FORMS: Now available at the church are mass intention forms and envelopes for your convenience

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.

GREIF AND BEREAVEMENT:

Grief is a normal part of life and a natural response to any loss. When you are grieving, you can feel very different from your usual self in your emotions, mind, and reactions. Each person's grief has its own timeline and is unique. Resources and supports are available to help with your grief journey. There is a Greif and Bereavement Support Group serving Corner Brook and area they maybe reached at 634-4506. There is also a poster with additional information located on the bulletin board at the back of the Church.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN THE PARK:

The United Church along with Alice Moores, DLM, will be leading a service in Margaret Bowater Park on August 25 at 6:30 p.m. If rained out, the service will take place at the Oakland United Church located at 5 Forestside Street, Corner Brook.