

REFLECTION for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This verse ends our gospel reading today. Yet our first reading tells us the story of Elisha being called by God to leave his ploughing and to follow Elijah the prophet. Is this a case of mixed messages? No, scripture contains no mixed messages; it is the Word of God.

The central message of today's readings is the cost of discipleship, the cost of deciding to follow Jesus. Daily we are called to renew our decision to conform our lives to Jesus' life. We are called to build-up the spiritual parts of our lives and to lessen our reliance upon the material parts of our lives. Daily we are challenged to ask ourselves what is more important. There are choices. Some give momentary joy and some give everlasting joy. But the choice is ours to make.

Elisha was ploughing the fields to provide sustenance for himself and his family. Ploughing was then his job, God called him to plough different kinds of fields; fertile fields that are the spiritual lives of others. He was to till, by word and deed, the hearts and souls of his neighbors. He was to show them the unconditional love God has for them- God was their Father, their Savior, their All-in-All. Now his ploughing was his vocation as a beloved child of God and his harvest would be faith-filled like-minded children of God. Truly, this was a richer, nobler, and holier harvest. Elisha answered his vocational call; have we the courage and conviction to do likewise?

The choice is ours. But be warned, the rewards are great but the commitment required calls for a letting go of fleshly (material) desires and taking up our spiritual (divinely infused) desires.

You may be with a friend, planning a Sunday outing. So far the plans are making for a great experience. Suddenly you remember that your destination makes attending Mass difficult. Do you dare insist that we alter the plans so as to be sure to go to Mass? It takes faith!

You are in a group and the topic of conversation has turned to belittling someone, do you join in? Or do you gently but lovingly steer the conversation in another direction? It takes moxy!

You have a crusty old man living in your neighborhood. Everyone shuns him. He has not had a visitor in years, he seldom comes out of his home. Do you treat him like the others or do you reach out to befriend him? Ah, remember St. Therese and her Little Way! It makes saints!

Our life's journey leads to eternal salvation and we cannot be passive. Our decision to follow Jesus must change us and call us to active participation in our faith journey. It must challenge us and we must be up to the challenge. If we are Catholics, then we are expected to be counted among the flock. Our presence, our support, our commitment, our reverence, our living out our baptismal call, must be evident to all, but especially evident to each of us. The potential rewards far outweigh the costs. Nothing ventured nothing gained. Let us put our hand to the plough.

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 am

Masses in Week Days:
Wed, 7:00 pm
Fri, 8:00 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of the Month,
at 2 pm

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

June 26, 2016

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

June 18,19

Collection	\$1,955.95
Building Fund	60.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Votive Candles	29.05
Cemetery Fund	115.00
Garden Party Collection	20.00
Variety Concert	1,252.00
Donations-Flowers	270.00

MASS INTENTIONS

June 27,28	No Mass
June 29	Brian Griffin/Maurice Boland
June 29+	John & Beatrice O'Brien
June 30	No Mass

Friday July 1 8:30 am

Beaumont Hamel Mass (see below)

July 2	Brian Griffin/Maurice Boland
July 3	Parish Community

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (updated)

Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend these events. Nothing says I care like being there.

- **Canada Day- Beaumont-Hamel Service.** We plan to gather in the church at 8:30 am for prayer and hymns, ring our bells at 8:45, and follow this with Mass of Remembrance at 9am.

The 2016 Mount Cecilia Cemetery Mass is scheduled for Monday July 25 at 7 pm.

-The **2016 Mount Patricia Cemetery Mass** is scheduled for Wednesday July 27 at 7 pm.

OUR BELLS WILL RING

On the 100th anniversary of that fateful day at Beaumont-Hamel – Friday, July 1st, 2016, at 8:45 am, the moment when our young soldiers were given the order to advance into the battlefield

100 years ago, all churches in Newfoundland and Labrador with bells will ring them loudly to tell the world that we have not forgotten.

CONGRATULATIONS

Madisyn Philomena Tobin was baptised at our church last Saturday and **Dru Gregory White** will be baptised this Saturday. May God bless these children and their families. May they grow in faith together as God intends for all families.

ALSO

Megan Abbott and Nimish Vadher married each other at our church this Saturday. May God continue to bless their love for each other.

PRIEST WILL BE AWAY

From Sunday June 26 until Wednesday July 6, your priest will be visiting family in New Brunswick for his semi-annual grease and oil. During that time Fr. Terry Boland will celebrate Masses on both Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and 4:30 pm Saturday and 11 am Sunday Masses on the Canada Day weekend. The regular schedule of weekday Masses resumes on Thursday July 7 at 7 pm

THANK YOU

Our parish concert last Friday was a huge success. 140 people attended the concert and it was an amazing night of great music. I would personally like to thank the performers: Dave McHugh, The Allen Road Trio, Wayne Jones, Jack Joyce, Gerry Rowsell, Tara Quilty and Woody and the Peckers. A special thank you to my emcee, Bill Griffin, Art Hall the soundman, and my own group, The Griffins. Together, you made it a night to remember. Thanks so much!

Madonna English

NEWFOUNDLAND CATHOLIC RENEWAL

This Group is announcing that its Annual Summer Conference will be held on the weekend of July 22-24 at the Mint Brook Campsite near Gambo. Come and experience the merciful love of God. For further details, please contact Amelia Dicks 388-1048. This is a great opportunity to seek/find the Spirit of God.

FAMILY CATECHESIS- IT IS NEW

In September, sacramental preparation will be the responsibility of parents. The parish will provide support and lead monthly meetings. But instruction of the children will be done in the home. This is NEW. It will be challenging for parents; we want to be of assistance. Please parents discuss this, please grandparents discuss this with your children. We should be ordering texts now but honestly we have no idea as to the numbers we will need. Spread the word about this everyone.

FLOWERS AROUND CHURCH GROUNDS

The planting for the cross is finished. It looks nice. We hope that people will donate and plant flowers in memory of loved ones. John is available and more than willing to be of assistance to any offer to plant. Thank you to all who are helping with this beautification project.

FOOD BANK NEED

The Food Bank needs its cupboards filled for the summer months. The Christmas in June Drive on Monday evening will help. But please consider bringing a few food items to Mass with you over the next few weeks. There is a box at the back in which to place them. Thank you.

T'IS SUMMER

It's that time of year when people are on

holidays. This is a reminder to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are going to be away, please try to arrange for another to cover for you. It will make our job easier. Thanks. **BTW** The new July -Oct schedules are available at the back of the church. Please take one.

SUMMER STUDENT

Matthew has lots of work. He could use your help in two of his tasks. We hope to complete an accurate record of the layout of all the gravesites in the cemetery. If your loved ones are buried there (especially if they died after 1987), contact him at the parish house to be sure that it is recorded in our files. Also he is doing work to digitalize our archive material collected last year. If you have anything to add to make it more complete, he would love to hear from you. We need pictures of Fr. Collins, Fr. Kelly, Fr. Buckle. Remember Fr. Sheridan; anyone have a picture of him?

How about pictures of events associated with the Sacred Heart Social Club, the Msgr. Stoyles K of C, the re-opening of the church after the two fires, or any other past parish event.

PAPAL BLESSINGS

It has been a while; so another reminder. If a family member is 90 or so, or older, or if a couple is celebrating 50 years, or more, of marriage, papal blessings are available. Two months' advance notice is required. Contact the parish office.

MERCY PRAYER

LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF THE LIVING GOD,
HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.