

**REFLECTION for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Fr. Don**

*'A great Prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!'*

People in every age look for a savior, a living breathing sign from God in the form of a holy person. These holy men and women by their words and actions offer visible and tangible proof that God is present and active in this world in this time. It is so important so comforting for us to know that 'God is with us.'

Today readings provide striking examples whereby our compassionate God does just this. And the wisdom of God is such that God chooses whom He wants to be instruments of His power.

A child is gravely ill and, out of compassion for the mother, the prophet Elijah heals her child. In our Gospel, a mother's child has died and, out of compassion for her, Jesus brings the child back to life. These apparent miraculous events solidify for those who witness them that a great prophet has been sent by God to intervene on behalf of His people- in their midst are instruments of GOOD, instruments of GOD.

Thousands of years removed from these two scenes we would do well to ask ourselves a few striking questions. Firstly, does the God of our present understanding still intervene with compassion into the lives of His people here on earth and, secondly, do we believe with sufficient faith and hope that there are prophets among us today. Oh, to be real, let us agree that these modern-day prophets may not be of the stature of Elijah or Jesus, but are prophets none the less. Dare we say, they might be just like you or me!

What are the tell-tale signs that someone is prophetic? From today's readings it can be ascertained that compassion is the number one trait required. They exhibit a love for God which expresses itself in a burning desire to serve God by serving their neighbors needs through thick and thin. They seek unselfishly to lessen the suffering of God's children. Belief in God's power at work in them, allows them to do the seemingly impossible. So, again we ask, do such prophets exist? Surely these times we live it needs them.

Consider our parents, did they not form us in our faith, fill us with assurances that God walks side by side with us? We walk today in confident faith because of the 'medicine of prayer' that they instilled in us. Consider our teachers, our pastors, our best friends, did they not pick us up at times when we were 'spiritually ill', restore our hope, if not our will to go on, when we seemed destined to fall into the 'death of despair' or hopelessness? Baptism gave them this power and, love of God urged them to share it.

The over-riding trait here is compassion. Elijah, the great prophet, and Jesus, the greatest of the prophets, loved God so much that they could not be in relation with other humans without showering on them an immensity of compassion. So, now the question for each of us is this: Am I am prophet?

If we believe the words prayed over us at our Baptism, then there can be no doubt. Here are some mighty empowering words: *'As Jesus was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of His body.'* Here comes another of those free-will dilemmas, we are free to choose how we live our lives. Now, fully grown, we can say we are unworthy of these titles, but in reality we have a Christian duty to live out our Baptismal call- to be priest, prophet, and king. Like Elijah our prayers can restore the sick back to health, like Jesus we can show our compassion to those suffering. We may not bring the dead back to life but we can change lives, we can bring people back to Jesus, and we can make the spiritually dead come fully alive. Remember last week's message- we are what we eat- we are the Body of Christ. I'll act the prophet now, and end by telling you that you are God's messenger, so go spread the Good News.

# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish In Love With Christ**

**Parish Information**

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**Liturgical Celebrations**

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

Masses in Week Days:  
Wed, Thurs, Fri 7 pm  
Fri 10 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 5, 2016**  
**Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

### RECEIVED WITH THANKS

May 28,29

Collection	\$1578.25
Building Fund	5.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Votive Candles	75.75
Booklets	15.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	10.00
Certificates	10.00
Cemetery Fund	5.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

June 6, June 7	No Mass
June 8	Brian Griffin/ Henry Keough
June 9	Bernadette & Anthony George
June 10	Brian Griffin
June 11	Dale Brake/ Brian Griffin
June 12	Parish Community

### SINCERE SYMPATHY

On behalf of our parish family, we wish to extend our sincere sympathy to, and assurance of our continued prayers for, the family of the late Maurice Boland. May he rest in peace.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS (updated)

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

- **BINGO**- the last game for this year is Sunday, June 5 at 2pm in school cafeteria. Come enjoy and support this parish fund-raiser

- **PARISH COUNCIL Meeting**- Monday, June 6 at 7pm in parish house.

- **YEAR-END PARISH SOCIAL**- Everyone is invited on Sunday, June 12 following 11am Mass. It will be a pot-luck lunch so bring some special dish. We will also celebrate Fr. Don's birthday. Festivities take place at the school cafeteria.

- New **VARIETY CONCERT**- this event was

postponed earlier but has now been set to take place on **Friday evening June 17 at 7 pm in the school auditorium**. Please come and invite friends to an evening of great local music. Next week we will provide a list of some of the talent who will perform.

-New The 2016 Mount Cecilia (Sacred Heart) Cemetery Mass is scheduled for Monday July 25 at 7 pm.

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

### 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

### FATHERS DAY

June 18 is Fathers Day. If you would like to request Mass on that day for your father, please contact the parish office to let us know.

### BIBLE STUDY

Because of Monday evening's Parish Council meeting, our next session will be this Tuesday June 7 at 7 pm in the parish house. Come join us in studying and sharing God's Word.

### Christmas in June Drive

On Monday, June 6, residents in the Corner Brook area are asked to place food donations on their front doorstep for pickup. Crack-and-peel labels will be delivered to households before the drive. This label is to be placed on a bag with your food donations. Volunteers will begin collecting at 6:30 p.m.

### LARGE PRINT BIBLES

We have received our order of the NRSV large print Bibles from the Canadian Bible Society. They sell for \$25.00. If you wish to purchase one, please let the parish office know and we will save one for you. We are very pleased that 45 Bibles have been purchased to date. However, the price we pay has gone up, so for future orders we will have to charge \$30. This is still a bargain, for these Bibles retail for \$45+ tax.

### THANK YOU EXTENDED

The family of the late Kevin Whycott has asked that we thank all those who helped arrange, celebrate, and attend the Funeral Mass. They appreciate how we, Sacred Heart Parish, came offering to help them in their time of need. In keeping with today's readings, we showed compassion.

### SOMEONE'S GOT A GREEN THUMB

A few ladies have come forward and agreed to take the lead in planting some flowers. They inform us that mid-June is the proper time and they will begin then. Please join them. John is available and more than willing to be of assistance to any offer to plant.

### MORE EXAMPLES of JESUS' COMPASSION

There is a saying: 'People do not care how much you know, until they know how much you care.' Jesus was our model for caring, for showing compassion to others. We can be passionate to the max but without compassion we come up short of being true Christians. Read these verses 'As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes' (Luke 19:41-42)

'Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him '(John 13:3-4) 'Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.' (Matt 9:35-36)

### 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.

### OUR BELLS WILL RING

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1916 at Beaumont-Hamel, France, hundreds of young soldiers of The Royal Newfoundland Regiment were killed or wounded. This event had a profound impact on Newfoundland and Labrador which continues to this day. On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that fateful day – Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### MERCY PRAYER

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

