

REFLECTION for Second Sunday of Easter

Fr. Don

We have just finishing celebrating Easter. Hopefully all of us are full of joy and are glorying in the gifts and graces Jesus has poured upon us. Death no longer has dominion over us, heaven as our eternal homeland is now a distinct possibility, forgiveness of sins is readily attainable through the sacrament of reconciliation, and we are unconditionally loved by our Saviour and Redeemer. And if that still leaves us wanting, we have been given the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. *'Ask and it shall be given.'* That Spirit is not far from us, indeed the Spirit of God dwells within us.

Hopefully we are filled with a resolve to be faithful disciples of Jesus; daily we are trying our best to live the two great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbour. There can be no nobler task for a good and true Christian.

We want to be good Christians, we want to please God, and we want all that faith in God has to offer us. But sometimes it is such a burden, such a sacrifice, and such an effort, to do that which we ought to do. We begin to doubt if we are worthy disciples and holy persons.

Few of us are free from doubt; in ourselves and in our Christian mission. It is human nature to doubt and to fail to always be true Christians. The apostle Thomas in today's Gospel is so representative of humanity.

We have to acknowledge this and turn to God and ask for mercy and forgiveness. And there should never be any hint of doubt in the certainty that we will be forgiven and shown mercy. Pray to God that we will have the conviction to respond like Thomas and say in reverent submission- *'my Lord and my God.'*

Help in being a good Christian and remaining faithful to the message of Jesus can come from many sources. Here is one that can truly help and inspire us.

The late Pope John Paul 11 designated this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. The central theme of this devotion is *JESUS I TRUST IN YOU*.

It is fitting that on this Second Sunday of Easter as we go forth to be Easter People, ready and willing to spread the Good News of salvation through belief in Jesus Christ, we ask God the Father that *'for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'*

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses this Week:
Mon & Wed 7 pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri 10 am

Holy Hour of Adoration:
Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Mon & Wed after Mass

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

April 12, 2015
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection-----Apr 4 & 5	\$2,029.70
Good Friday----Apr. 3 & 4,5	\$1,177.30
Building Fund	110.00
Mass Stipends	35.00
Votive Candles	134.00
Catholic Missions	20.00
Dues	190.00
Parish Insurance	75.00
Lenten Folders	677.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

April 13	Bernadette & Anthony George
April 14	Fr. Bernard Buckle
April 15	Avril Molloy
also April 15	Frank, Bride, Terry Hayes
April 16	John Leonard/ Mary Russell
April 17	Joan Hearn/Mary Russell
April 18	Thomas Griffin
April 19	Parish Community

NOTE Our Mass times revert to Mon & Wed at 7 pm, and Tues, Thurs, Fri at 10 am.

BINGO

Our next game will be on this Sunday, April 12. Those whose last name begins with A, B, C, D, & E will be asked for a donation.

CONFIRMATION 2015

The twelve candidates will be confirmed at 11 am Mass on Sunday April 26. There will be a social after the Mass for the newly confirmed. Parents will be contacted with the details of this social.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St.

John's on April 24 and 25. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the good news of the Gospel.

If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES

In keeping with the policy of Responsible Ministries, we are attempting to register all our volunteers in the various ministries. Only those working with children or ministering to seniors or counting the collection require a police check. If you are a volunteer and have not registered, please pick up the forms and fill them out. See John Carroll or Fr. Don or call the Office 785-5025. Copies of the forms are available at the back; ask for one.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be at the priest's house on Monday April 13 following 7 pm Mass. All members are asked to please make an effort to attend.

RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES MEETING

Over the next few weeks all our ministers will be asked to fill out forms to register with the Parish as part of this Ministry.

The Committee members (Art, Pat, Gerry, and Irene) will meet at the priest's house on Wednesday April 15 following 7 pm Mass.

RECRUITING NEW MINISTERS

At our last Liturgy meeting it was suggested that the Parish hold a spring-summer recruitment drive to add new Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministers, to our lists. So, please consider this notice the launch of this initiative. Think about volunteering and let someone know if you are interested. We will provide training and have a formal installation ceremony.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday afternoon, a Divine Mercy Service will be held at All Hallows Church at 3 pm. If you are unfamiliar with this devotion, please attend and you will come to understand the history and the power of this devotion. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 26-28th

Newfoundland Catholic Renewal will be hosting a retreat at Mint Brook Camp, near Gambo on the topic: **Pray Lifting Up Holy Hands: The Prayer of Intercession.** The guest speaker is Cyril John, who is an international speaker and currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the ICCRS council in the Vatican (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services). All meals, snacks, and accommodations are provided on site, from Friday at suppertime to Sunday at lunchtime. The cost will be \$120 – everything included – no additional registration fee. Most Rev. Anthony Daniels, Bishop of Grand-Falls will be celebrating the Sunday Mass. Registration will start on the last week of April.

ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS WEEK.

is celebrated from April 19th – 25th. The Provincial Organ Donor Program would like to give thanks for the Gift of Life and to give thanks and prayers to honour those who, through Organ and Tissue donation, have given life to others. They also wish to give thanks to the families who have considered those in need at their time of greatest sorrow and sadness.

MOUNT PATRICIA

The Cemetery Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 pm at St. John The Evangelist Anglican Church on Main Street. All are invited.

FLOWERS

Thanks to the following people for your generous donations: Doreen Jones, Liz Carew, Carol Reid, Denise Cooper, Mrs. Valerie O'Connor, Peter & Irene O'Brien, Marie Samms & Loretta Bennett, Eileen Moore & Family, Mrs. Annie Griffin, and Isabel & Calvin Gillis.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A concluding prayer will be added beginning next weekend. This prayer can be found inside the cover of all books in the church except book 111. Please open one of the books & be ready to recite this prayer with the priest next weekend.