

REFLECTION for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Don

Pope Francis recently said 'the Eucharist is the place where Jesus is present and at every Mass He is there and saves us.' So this week let us consider: just what does it mean- 'to be saved?'

To talk of being saved is not a notion associated with Catholicism. It is a pentecostal/charismatic notion. A lot of us see them as those odd door to door 'holy-hoppers' who do that type of thing.

'Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and saviour?' Most of us have experienced those occasional visits to our doors by sincere evangelical or fundamentalist Christians. He or she tells us that he or she is *saved* and *wants us to be saved* as well. And there is no doubting their sincerity.

Those who claim to be saved tell us that their lives have changed drastically since they accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. They speak of joy, contentment, the desire to 'shout it from the rooftops.' They tell us that a fire enkindled by the Holy Spirit burns within them. It's a gift to be shared. And that's why they go from door to door spreading the Good News.

As Catholics we have brushed off these requests; rightly or wrongly, we have been taught to believe that we are above such evangelization techniques. After all, we belong to the one true Church.

We have been taught to believe that salvation is a life-long process of faithfulness. We put aside thoughts of 'being saved' until much, much, further down the road- when it is death that comes knocking at our doors.

But today with the emphasis on the **new evangelization** as proposed by St. Pope John Paul 11, Catholics are taking a fresh look at these techniques. Maybe those people were onto something good, something holy, and something worth examining a little closer. Maybe we need to take stock of how a soul is saved and go out into the world and accomplish our own salvation and help lead others to their salvation. For us Catholics, accepting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour is only the first step in our journey to salvation. Could it be that we should be knocking on doors too?

For us, there is a three-fold salvation process. As Catholics, we believe that we *were saved* by that one salvific act of Jesus on Calvary's hill. And we believe that we *are being saved* daily as we remain true to our Christian call and are lovingly embraced by Jesus along our life's way-moment by precious moment. And thirdly, we believe that we, as humanity, *will be saved* if we 'run the race' and are found faithful to Jesus when the final judgement comes.

So, for us, the first saving (Jesus' death on the Cross) has been accomplished and the third saving (the final judgment) is in our future. Only the second saving (the daily 'walking with Jesus' is within our ability to accomplish in the here and now.

Jesus is our Emmanuel- God is with us. Walking with Jesus daily requires physical and spiritual energy; we need nourishment. The nutrition for that needed energy comes from our participation in Mass where we receive the Word of God and the Bread of Life. The two provide nutrition that promises that we will live forever. Lord, let us eat this food always.

That's what the saving Jesus is telling us in today's Gospel. 'I am the Bread of Life.'

Sacred Heart Parish

Parish Information

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Liturgical Celebrations

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

Masses in Week Days:
Wed 7 pm
Thurs, 10 am, Fri 10 am

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

Reconciliation
Wed after Mass,
or by request

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

Baptisms:
Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

August 16, 2015
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Aug 8, 9

Collection	\$1548.00
Building Fund	60.00
Votive Candles	81.00
Mass requests	30.00
Garden Party	20.00
Cemetery Upkeep	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 17	No Mass
Aug 18	No Mass
Aug 19	Hubert Hall
Aug 20	Margaret Rose Boland
Aug 21	John & Marie Leonard
Aug 22	George Musseau
Aug 23	Parish Community

PARISH REGISTRATION

Now 106 have returned their completed registration forms. We have begun collating the forms already received. It is our fervent hope to have this process completed before September. Please fill yours out and return it. Fill in enough so that we can register your family. It will help us enumerate our parish community. This is important for many reasons.

BAPTISM

Tenley Jennifer Hickey will be welcomed into the Church this Sunday here at Sacred Heart Parish. We ask God's blessing on her and her parents Stephen & Jaclyn (Jacobs).

WELCOME VISITORS

We extend a sincere hello to anyone visiting us and joining in our Eucharistic celebrations. Good to see you and God bless you.

A SUGGESTION- COME and SEE.

In September, we are planning a COME and SEE Campaign. We will be inviting those who have stopped coming to come and see. We miss them and want them to be part of our Parish family. We want them to join us for worship and for social functions. Perhaps you could mention this to persons you know and invite them to come with you during our Campaign. Start now.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nomination forms will be available next week at the back of the church. Three (3) new members will be elected to Parish Council in September. Please consider either nominating yourself or someone else to fill this vital role in the life of the Parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass intentions requested for the month of August are posted at the back of the church. Again we encourage you to put Mass requests in with your Sunday offering. We will schedule the Mass either ASAP or on the date you request.

CATECHIST WORKSHOP

The Diocese is offering training for catechists. On **Saturday Sept 12**, facilitators will come to the Pepsi Center in Corner

Brook to train those interested. All you need to do is express interest in attending and you are heartily welcomed.

MINISTRIES

In the next month or so we will be updating our schedule of Lectors and Eucharistic ministers for the fall season. If you would like to volunteer for either of these ministries, let us know. If you were doing these in the past and have stopped, we would heartily welcome you back. If you have never done these ministries, we would love to add your name to our lists. We can provide training if needed. And it will be spiritually enriching for you.

St. Bernard Feast Day Aug 20th.

St. Bernard, the French abbot of Clairvaux Abbey was the most commanding Catholic leader of the Middle Ages and one of the greatest spiritual masters of all times. His spiritual writing as well as his extraordinary personal magnetism attracted many to him. He was a prolific writer who laid out a solid foundation for the spiritual life in his works on grace and free will, humility and love. He is a Doctor of our Church. Here are two quotes from him: 'The road to hell is paved with good intentions.' And this one: 'The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to God, the more He thinks of me too.'

ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE

In a decision made on February 6, 2015, the

Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada's law against assisted suicide. In an article entitled "*Euthanasia Blind to the Mystery of Love*", which was published in the Catholic Register in April, Fr. Ron Rolheiser discusses the love given and received by both the terminally ill and his/her loved ones. Euthanasia, he maintains is blind to the mystery of how love is given. To read his article, go to www.rcchurch.com

<http://cantbelieveihavecancer.org/>

This is a very good website for anyone dealing with cancer or journeying with someone who has cancer. It has lots of information and stresses the power of spiritual healing and wellness. Give it a look. www.cancer.ca/nl is another helpful site.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Posted at the back of the church are some photos and a brief report on the St. Anne's Day Qualipu Mass celebrated here on July 26, 2015.

FROM ST.PATRICK

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me from snares of devils, from temptation of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. AMEN