

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

Fr. Don

The people in today's Gospel greatly misunderstood who Jesus was, what He was doing, and what He was saying to them. Notice what Jesus must correct about their confusion: First, he says to them, *'do not work for the food that perishes.'* He is not saying *'do not work for a living.'* Jesus is not advocating that.

What He tells them is do not work merely to get food. Food is important. It is necessary for life, and we have to earn it. But do not let that be the sole reason for our working. Rather, *'work for the food that endures for eternal life.'*

These people, like many today, clearly felt that the most important thing in life is to keep alive, to be healthy, strong and economically sufficient. That was what life was all about, they thought. Clearly the majority of people all over the world today have this view that this is why people work.

Today Jesus asks us the question, what are we working for? Are we working merely to make a living, to have a nice home, to be comfortable? These are noble pursuits but don't get consumed with these tasks.

If so, Jesus is saying that when we get all this we will find ourselves wondering: Is This All There Is?

That is true of all humanity. The thing that makes human beings different from the animals is that having a full belly and a comfortable place to rest does not satisfy us.

Jesus said to them, and to us, *'I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.'* Jesus recognizes the universal hunger for bread beyond physical bread. We cannot go anywhere on earth today without finding people hungry for something more than a full belly and a comfortable home. There is a restlessness about us that cries for more.

Jesus knows this about us. He knew that the men and women in the crowd wanted whatever it was He was offering. They did not understand what it was, but they wanted it. They sensed there was more to sustaining life than mere physical bread.

Jesus tells the crowd truthfully how to eat and partake of the true Bread of Life. He uses two simple things everyone understands: hunger and thirst. What do we do when we are hungry? We eat, and if we keep on eating regularly we will never hunger.

What do we do when we are thirsty? We drink, and if we keep on drinking we will never thirst.

What Jesus is saying is that eating Him brings us into communion with Him. It brings us to an awareness of His presence in our life with an expectation that He will do something marvelous.

There is a sense of expectancy, hope, and comfort that He is with us and that He is willing to act.

There is a sense that if we believe and listen to what He has to say, and obey it, we will never thirst.

How simple, how beautiful this is! Come and believe. Keep on following the Bread of Life. The gift of bread from heaven and living a life that is real life indeed is within our grasp. Come and experience.

The Bread of Life is consecrated and freely shared whenever we gather to celebrate Mass.

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard  
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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 2pm

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 2, 2015**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

July 25, 26

Collection	\$2002.00
Building Fund	40.00
Pastoral Dues	40.00
Votive Candles	120.00
Mass requests	20.00
Garden Party	125.00

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Aug 3	No Mass
Aug 4	No Mass
Aug 5	Columbus Hall
Aug 6	Bernadette & Anthony George
Aug 7 (2pm Lohnes)	Walter Oates
Aug 8	Mike, Ada, & Reanie George/ Mary Wheeler
Aug 9	Parish Community

### **QUALIPU CELEBRATION**

Thank you to all who helped organize this special event in the life of our parish. It was a very Spirit-filled celebration and those who attended felt the presence of God. Thanks to the Sacred Heart Folk Choir, the ladies who helped with the feast, the Band drummers and other Qualipu members who participated, those who decorated the church and hall, and those who attended.

### **WELCOME**

This Sunday another Christian is added to our church and becomes a child of God. **Lennon Rose Sweetapple** will be baptized at our 11 am Mass. We ask God's everlasting blessing on her and on her parents, Noelle (Kenny) and Thomas.

### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Now 83 have returned their completed registration forms. 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. Additionally, if you know a family who you believe would like to register with our Parish, please take a form and give it to them to complete.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

This is the time of year when many people come home or come to visit friends and/or relatives. So, 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**

This notice will serve as a reminder that three (3) new members will be elected to Parish Council in September. Nomination forms will be available in August. Please consider either nominating yourself or

someone else to fill this vital role in the life of the Parish.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

We have a few Mass intentions still available for anyone to request for August. 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.

### **ST. JOHN VIANEY-FEAST DAY, AUG 4**

This saint was known as the "Cure of Ars." His reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification. Accustomed to the most severe rigors, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested a steadfast patience. He was a wonder-worker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

### **WANT TO BE A CATECHIST?**

A catechist teaches about the Word of God. They can teach children or adults. Our parish could really benefit by having trained catechists who would be willing to teach the Catholic faith. We have plans to do so here in our parish if we get the leaders. The Diocese is offering training. On the weekend of Sept 12, facilitators will come

to Corner Brook to train those interested. All you need to do is express interest in attending and you are heartily welcomed. Please give this your attention.

### **PARISH MAINTENANCE WORK**

We are currently doing work to stop the water leaks which occur in winter/spring and whenever we have heavy rains. These leaks are by the exterior doors at the right and left sides of the front of the church. The Parish Men have volunteered to do this work. They are starting on Monday and could use some help. Call John. As well, to hopefully save on heating loss, we are seeking to contract out the replacement of all the lower screw-out windows in the church. There are 21 of them. They are old and the wind just blows through them. We have bids in; it appears that this work will cost us approximately \$15,000.

### **PARISH PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we the people of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Curling praise and thank You for calling us to be Your People. Pour down Your grace and mercy upon our parish.

Holy Spirit, send Your fire into our hearts and minds. Help us to obey your will. Renew us, unite us, make us one family in You. AMEN.

