

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

Fr. Don

The idea of the Church as a ship has always been popular. Surrounded by the sea, we certainly can understand this analogy. A Church battered by persecution/controversies can identify with fishers in ships at the mercy of storms. Through its history the Church has often felt it is about to be swamped/sunk.

And what is true of the Church is true of the individual. There is the voyage through life with its storms - that are crises we meet. All will experience life's storms; some will encounter more storms than others.

As with the disciples in the Gospel, it is often only in moments of crisis that most people really turn towards God. And they do so not always in a good sense; they are looking to accuse or blame.

They turn to ask Jesus: *'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing!'* Our minds naturally turn to God in moments of crisis and we doubt Him. It is better than not thinking of God at all in a moment of crisis.

Doubting God in moments of crisis is the same as questioning God. That's Job in our first reading!

We are told in the Gospel that Jesus is asleep in the stern during the storm. It seems to His disciples that Jesus doesn't care. Is it true that Jesus is uncaring or is that just the disciples' perception of the situation? Is it our perception when crises come our way? We cry out *'Where are you Jesus when it hurts?'*

In faith hopefully we always realize that Jesus is acutely aware of what is going on in our lives.

Our questioning of God in times of crisis should lead us to examine our attitude to God at all times. It is us who behave as though Jesus is asleep, because we are distracted. Jesus is asked *'Do you not care?'* He answers by questioning the faith of the disciples. They should already know that He is God and they have no reason to be frightened. He acts/commands and the winds drop and the sea calms.

Questioning God is good if it leads us from not thinking about God to a realisation that God is with us always. Part of that realisation is that God will respond to our questions/crises in His terms and not ours.

The sea does not calm for all ships, and some sink. The Church is not saved from storms and sometimes we will fear for the survival of our Church. Individuals will not be saved from suffering. To doubt the Creator God is to doubt His creation and thus our own existence. Again, Job epitomizes that.

Today's Gospel reminds us to have faith in a God who is always with us. He is a God who wants to bring us to our salvation, to our safe harbor. We may at times have difficulty seeing the Way- our path to salvation. But we keep faith that God- the Master Commander- is leading us home, leading us to Him.

# 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.

**June 21, 2015**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### RECEIVED WITH THANKS

	<u>June 6,7</u>	<u>June 13, 14</u>
Collection	1,195.50	2,333.00
Building Fund	90.00	115.00
Candles	39.00	104.00
Stipends	30.00	60.00
Garden Party	30.00	-----
Cemetery	30.00	-----
Dues	--	70.00
Bingo	905.98	10.00

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

June 22	No Mass
June 23	No Mass

June 24 10:30 am

#### **Funeral Mass for Albert/ Catherine Brockway**

June 25	Liz Parsons, Thomas Griffin
June 26	Bernadette/Anthony George
June 27	Joe Gallant, James Quigley
June 27+	John, Marie, Mary Leonard
June 28	Parish Community

### ADVANCE NOTICE: CEMETERY MASSES

Mount Cecilia	Tues	July 28, 7pm
Mount Patricia	Wed	July 29, 7 pm
Town-site	Thurs	July 30, 7pm

### THE FEAST DAY of SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST

June 24th is the feast of John the Baptist who is the patron saint of French Canada (it's a holiday in Quebec) as well as the patron saint of Newfoundland (it's a holiday here, too!). We call our holiday Discovery Day because historians believe that June 24th was also the date of John Cabot's landfall in Newfoundland. The city of St.

John's was named in honour of John the Baptist. John the Baptist lived at the same time as Jesus. John's preaching was meant to prepare the way for Jesus, the Messiah. He is a model for how we too should point others toward Jesus by how we live our lives and show our faith in Him.

### THANK YOU

We wish to thankfully acknowledge all those who came out this week to help clean-up our cemetery. And the workers wish to thank Mary G for providing a snack.

### NOTE

Parts of the Cemetery are badly in need of backfill, as some gravesites have sunk. Perhaps we can be aware of this and donate to Cemetery upkeep, especially at our Cemetery Mass.

### SUMMER HOURS

During the summer the **office** will be open in the morning & closed in the afternoon. Morning hours will begin on Tues. June 30<sup>th</sup>, and continues until after Labor Day. Afternoon hours will resume on Sept. 8th.

### A PARISH REGISTRATION

At our last Parish Council meeting it was decided that we would carry out a registration over the next few months. A form for this has been placed in the Bulletin this week. Please fill it out and return it. If you do not want to fill some parts in or answer some of the questions, that's OK. Fill in enough so that we can register your

family. It will help us enumerate our parish community.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Vicki (Jesso) and Chris Griffin** who were married this Saturday at our Church.  
- to **Joel Dennis Fewer** who will be baptized at our Sunday Mass.

- to **Blake Isabelle Pelley** who will be baptized on Monday afternoon.

May God shower blessings on these and their families throughout their lives and may their life's storms be few.

### SYMPATHY

We offer sincere sympathy to the families of the late **Joseph White** and the late **Albert and Catherine Brockway** (their Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday at 10:30 am). May they rest in peace in the Garden.

### HAPPY FATHERS DAY

The Parish thanks God for the gift of fathers. We pray that God in love, mercy, and compassion will bless and guide them as they imitate Jesus so as to foster the faith in their children. We read in Psalm 127: *'Children are indeed a heritage from the LORD- the fruit of the womb, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them.'*

### POPE'S NEW ENCYCLICAL

"Laudato Si" (Praise be) was officially released in Rome June 18th. Its name is

taken from Saint Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures. The encyclical reminds us that caring for the environment is clearly and surely part of Church teaching and concern for the environment is no longer "optional". To read the encyclical or a summary (called the "map"), go to [www.rcchurch.com](http://www.rcchurch.com)

### MASS INTENTIONS

We encourage you to offer Masses for the deceased, sick, or other intentions. If possible please try to request Masses for death anniversaries or other special requests well before the desired date. Remember you can just add them in with your weekly offering envelope.

### BE SAFE, HAVE FUN

To all our young people who are free from school this week, we offer our hopes and prayers for a fun-filled but safe summer holiday. Oh yes, to teachers also.

And we wish likewise to all our parish volunteers in the various ministries and committees.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joan Hutchings on winning the wooden chest. The winning ticket, # 377, was drawn on June 14 . The total funds raised for the parish was \$2,294.20. Thanks to all who sold or purchased tickets and a special thanks to the ladies who volunteered their time to sell tickets at Dominion.