

**REFLECTION for Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Fr. Don

Who is Jesus to us. Hopefully He is our ‘all in all’- our Savior, our Lord, our Redeemer, and the Son of God. Jesus is the One who is there for us, and with us, in our daily lives. He steers us onward towards salvation. In the Gospel of John, the evangelist presents us with seven portrayals (or sayings) of Jesus. Since Easter we have heard all of these in our Masses, some on the weekend and some on the weekday. These are:

“I am the Bread of Life; any who come to Me will not hunger.”

“I am the Light of the World; any who follow Me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

“I am the Gate; any who enter through Me will be saved, and will go in and out, and find pasture.”

“I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.”

“I am the Resurrection and the Life; any who believes in Me will live even if they die.”

“I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, except through Me.”

“I am the true Vine, you are the branches, and My Father is the vinedresser.”

Each gives an image of Jesus that shows His true Divinity and His love for us. If we take time to reflect upon these seven sayings, then it becomes evident that Jesus is present to us in all of life’s circumstances. The Lord is just a ‘thought’ from us. He is always ready and willing to act in love for us. Are we for Him?

May I suggest that for each day this coming week (*for there are seven of each*) we take one of these sayings and pray it as we begin our day and repeat it over and over as we go through our day. And as we repeat it, allow ourselves a minute or so each time to reflect on what the saying means to us. What does it mean that Jesus is the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Gate, the Good Shepherd, etc.

We will probably all find different meanings in these sayings but that is a good thing. Jesus speaks to each of us in words we need to hear. What He says is meant to increase our faith and build up each of us.

This Sunday Jesus says, *I am the True Vine, you are the branches, and My Father is the vinedresser*. It is comforting to know that Jesus is the tree of life (the vine) and that His Father is its creator and care-taker. We are the branches. We cling to the vine and grow; but we have work that we must do. To abide on the vine, we must bear fruit. We have to take our nourishment from the root and trunk of the vine and be wide open to our surroundings. If we grow, we ensure our continued existence and we produce fruit that germinate to produce new life. Jesus becomes, our and our fruits, ‘all in all.’

# 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:  
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.

**May 3, 2015**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

Collection-----Apr 25 & 26	\$2,116.00
Building Fund	30.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Votive Candles	38.00
Parish Insurance	15.00

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

May 4	John Cashin
May 5	Betty Dobbin
May 6	Roy Reid/Liz Parsons
May 7	Mary Russell
May 8	Betty Dobbin/Liz Parsons
May 9	Fr. Bernard Buckle
May 9 + Maurice Boland/Marilyn Borden	
May 10	Parish Community

### **THANK YOU**

To the Ladies' Group and the Men's' Group for preparing, serving, and cleaning –up at our celebration Social for the Confirmation class last Sunday.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

to *Thomas and Edith Leonard* who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **SINCERE SYMPATHY**

To Christine Moore on the death of her mother *Stella Cave*. May she rest in peace.

### **ROSARY**

The Ladies' Group invite all parishioners to join them in praying the Rosary every **Wednesday** evening in May at 6:30 pm. just before evening Mass.

### **LADIES GROUP TICKETS**

The tickets are on a beautiful, hand-made wooden chest and are now available after weekend Masses in the [readers] room at the back of the church. Please take some to buy or sell. Chest can be viewed at the office during office hours.

### **RESPONSIBLE MINISTERIES**

In keeping with the policy of Responsible Ministries, we are attempting to register all our volunteers. If you are a volunteer and have not registered, please pick up the forms and fill them out. And please return them as soon as possible.

### **RECRUITING NEW MINISTERS**

A recruitment drive to add new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministers, to our lists has begun. Why don't you think about volunteering? Let someone know if you are interested. We will provide training and have a formal installation ceremony.

### **Steubenville Atlantic 2015**

This is for youth aged 14-18 and will be held again this year at **Dalhousie University in Halifax on the weekend of July 3-5**. For details please visit the Diocesan website at [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com) and click on Youth (under Services). **The deadline for registrations is Monday, May 25th.** *Our parish is really hopeful that some of our youth will want to attend. We are offering some financial aid. BROCHURES with more information are available, contact Fr. Don.*

### **YARD SALE**

The Men's Group are planning their annual yard sale **for Saturday May 30**. When you are doing your Spring clean-up, please keep this in mind. They are asking for any items you might wish to donate to their sale. Contact information will follow.

### **MARIAN PROGRAM FOR MAY**

Interested in knowing more about Mary, the Mother of God? Who was Mary? Why is she called "Daughter of Zion", "the Doorway", "the Ark of the New Covenant"? Come join us and, through video, Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and discussion, find the answers to these and other questions. Never prayed a Scriptural Rosary? We'll do that, too! Just bring yourself, your rosary, a notebook and pen to write any notes you might want. *Each Monday in May from 7:30 – 8:30 pm at All Hallows Parish Centre.*

### **PORNOGRAPHY HURTS**

Holy Redeemer Parish's **CWL** has this as a theme to address the evils of this issue in our society. **Postcards are available at the back** that they ask you to sign and send them to Prime Minister Harper (*no postage is required*) as a form of protest and a call for government action.

### **PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS**

The statistical analysis for our parish has been completed. We are ready to begin our parish meetings to finalize our report to the

Diocesan Committee.

Over the next month or so, we will meet with the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, the Responsible Ministries Committee, and the Ladies and Men's Groups.

If anyone else (not a member of these groups) wishes to participate in these meetings, then we are asking that you sign the sheet available at the back of the Church. Your input will be most welcome.

### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**

This event will be held in the US in September. Pope Francis will be there. Wayne and Amelia Dicks will also be there as representatives of our Diocesan families. Starting this week we will include a petition for families in our Prayers of the Faithful as a means of asking God's blessings on all families. God will be generous and loving. **NOTE: On our website** there is a link you can follow to find out more about this event and some ways you can participate.

### **NEW LIFE RETREAT**

As a follow-up to the presentation at this weekend's Masses, we remind you of this **Retreat** and encourage your participation. It takes place every Thursday evening beginning at 7:15 pm from May 14-June 18 at the Cathedral.