

## June 2 – Ascension Sunday

“...You are witnesses of these things.” - Luke 24: 46-53

### **One last toast**

The day her mom died, they drove two hours to the family home. On the drive, she fretted over the immediate and the practical: *What are we going to do with the house and all that stuff?* And she began to grieve: *How will I live in a world without her?*

They spent that first day packing up Mom’s clothes and making a first sort of her papers. That evening they had supper at the Ninety-Nine, Mom’s favorite restaurant. And in Mom’s honor, Mom’s beloved martinis all around: “To Mom!”

The couple on their left asked what they were drinking to. She explained that they were toasting her mother, who had just passed away. As they talked, they discovered that the couple knew her mother from church and told of her mom’s many kindnesses. They promised to say a prayer for her.

An older man and his middle-age son sat down on their right. They began talking. “Are you from around here?”

“No, we live two hours from here. My mother lived here, but she died this morning.”

“I’m sorry. Can I buy you a drink to toast your mother?”

“Yes, thank you. She — I — would love that.”

And as they toasted Mom and the stories continued, they discovered that her mother and the older man grew up in a nearby town. His parents emigrated from Italy. He told of the kindness and welcome Mom’s family extended to his family, who faced discrimination and bigotry as immigrants.

It turned out to be a wonderful evening of celebrating a woman’s life. Her daughter left still heartbroken — but she no longer wonders how she can live in a world without her. Mom showed her that evening that she will always be with her.

[Adapted from “One Last Toast” by Jeannette Sanderson, **The Boston Sunday Globe Magazine**, December 30, 2018.]

**Today’s feast of the Ascension celebrates both an ending and a beginning; today marks both an absence and presence: Jesus has returned to the Father but remains fully alive with us in his spirit of compassion and humility that inspires us, motivates us, compels us to take on the work of being his witnesses and proclaimers of his Gospel. In every kindness we extend, in the principles of justice and mercy we advocate for, in making reconciliation a reality in the midst of division and discord, we reveal the presence of the Risen One to our broken and struggling world.**

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



### Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Interim Office Administrator: Jennie Colbourne

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 am

**Reconciliation:** By request

**Mass During the Week:** Tues & Thurs at 7:00 pm  
Wed & Fri at 10:00 am  
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

**Marriages:** Six months’ notice is required. A year’s notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

(May 26, 2019)

Regular Collection	1,585.45
Seminary Fund	5.00
Parish Insurance	50.00
Cemetery Fund	10.00
Votive Candles	57.00
Mass Stipends	100.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, June 3	No Mass
Tues, June 4	Late John & Emma Wiseman
Wed, June 5	Late Fr. Don Leonard
Thur, June 6	Late Ron Birmingham
Fri, June 7	Late Mary Tucker
Sat, June 8	Late Tom Collier
Sun, June 9	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>June 8</b>	
John Carroll Linda Tarbett	Mona Specker Joan Penney Eileen Moore
<b>June 9</b>	
Donna Eldridge Debbie Allen	Anna House Don Gallant Calvin Gillis
<b>Communion to the Lohnes Complex</b>	
Joan Penney	

**READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS:** The new schedules are available at the back of the church. Please pick up your copy.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Our next Parish Council meeting takes place Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Parish Meeting Room.

**THANK YOU:** Special thanks to Julia Hackett Myles for her hard work with the home religion program, especially for preparing the children for First Eucharist. Children’s Liturgy on Sundays is finished for the summer.

**GARBAGE CLEAN UP:** Many thanks to the Men’s Group for cleaning up the Parish properties. There are a number of bags of yard waste left by the church and we ask your help with cleaning it up. Saturdays are free days at the city dump during the month of June. If you are going to the dump, could you take some of the bags with you.

**PARISH BINGO:** Our next parish bingo will take place on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00PM at Sacred Heart Elementary. Please support this important fundraiser.

**QUILT TICKETS:** Our Ladies Group now have tickets on sale on a NL King Size Quilt. Anyone who has not returned their tickets yet, sold or unsold, are asked to do so ASAP. Please give them to Veronica or in a sealed envelope marked “tickets” and put in the collection. Please support their efforts.

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION:** On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension – the day that Jesus, in the presence of the apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven. The Bible tells us that Jesus’ Ascension occurred on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the Resurrection, so the Ascension falls on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter. However, in Canada, as in a number of other countries, the observance of this feast day has been transferred to the following Sunday, six weeks after Easter.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:** On Sunday, June 2, the Church celebrates World Communications Day, a day originally called for the by Second Vatican Council. Social Media surrounds us wherever we go, and we can use it to help spread the Good News of the Gospel, to help create a just society and to learn more about our own faith. When we respect the people we are communicating with (even if we don’t share their opinions and beliefs), when we refuse to spread malicious gossip, when we use social media to highlight injustices in the world, when we encourage or comfort people, when we share the goodness and beauty we see around us, we are doing our part to spread the joy and hope of Christianity!

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION – SACRED HEART PARISH:** We are offering a position of Office Administrator for Sacred Heart Parish. This is a 20 hour per week position. Schedule of office hours to be agreed upon between the parish priest and the applicant. Information on duties, rate of pay, etc. available at the Parish Office. Resumes may be dropped off at the Parish Office, 465 Curling Street, or emailed to curlingparish@hotmail.com  
\*\*\*Applicants may apply for either one or both of these positions for Office Administrator\*\*\*

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION POSITION – OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA:** We are offering a position of Office Administrator for Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. This is a 16 hour per week position. Schedule of office hours to be agreed upon between the parish priest and the applicant. Information on duties, rate of pay, etc. available at the Parish Office.

Resumes may be mailed to P.O. Box 70, Benoit’s Cove, NL, A0K 1L0 or emailed to ourladystarofthesea1@gmail.com

**4YOUTH:** The week of June 2 – 8 is Canadian Environment Week. The Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (YouCat, for short), which is written in question-and-answer form, speaks of the environment in Paragraph 436. “How should we treat the environment? We fulfill God’s commission with regard to creation when we care for the earth, with its biological laws, its variety of species, its natural beauty, and its dwindling resources, as a living space and preserve it, so that future generations also can live well on earth.” It goes on to explain that, while God gave humanity dominion over the earth, this does not mean that God wants us to use nature and its creature in a selfish way. It means that we should use the earth’s resources and creatures wisely and that we should save them from destruction. If you’d like some concrete ideas of what you can do to care for God’s world. just Google Canadian Environment Week and explore their website.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Knights of Columbus Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday, June 4, at 7:45PM. This meeting will take place after the 7:00PM Mass at All Hallows. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

**HUMOUR:** As a police officer was giving a man a speeding ticket, the man grumbled “What am I supposed to do with this?” The officer replied “Keep it! And when you collect four of them, you get a bicycle!”