

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

**Monday, December 17 @ 7:00 pm** – Reconciliation Service (Sacred Heart)

**Tuesday, December 18 @ 7:00 pm** – Reconciliation Service (Cathedral)

**Saturday, December 22** – Reconciliation (Our Lady Star of the Sea, **after 6 pm mass**)

**Saturday-Sunday, December 22-23** – Regular Weekend Schedule

**Monday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Mass (Sacred Heart)

**Monday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Mass (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

**Tuesday, December 25 @ 11:00 am** – Christmas Day Mass (Sacred Heart)

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for *eternal* life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure *now*.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior.

John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent let’s turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about —moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.



**ADVENT:** The season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, begins on Sunday, December 2. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming” or “arrival”. The season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ’s first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



# Sacred Heart Parish

## **A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

### Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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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

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

**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** (Dec 1, 2018)

Regular Collection	2008.25
Parish Dues	190.00
Building Fund	170.00
Votive Candles	46.60
Sunday Missals	75.00
Craft & Bake Sale	1,242.40
Turkey & Ham Bingo	1,318.25
Shepherds Fund	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, Dec 10	<b>Funeral</b> Late Fr. Don Leonard
Tues, Dec 11	No Intention
Wed, Dec 12	Late Joe Hayes
Thur, Dec 13	Late Theresa Hunt
Fri, Dec 14	Late William & Winnifred Lynch
Sat, Dec 15	Special Intention of Peter O'Brien
Sun, Dec 16	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>December 15</b>	
Linda Tarbett Basil English	Joe Byrne Marie Byrne Art Hall
<b>December 16</b>	
Don Gallant Donna Eldridge	Elizabeth Carew Barbara Neville Doreen Jones
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>	
Joan Penney	

**WINTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to the family of Miriam Griffin. Her funeral was celebrated on December 7, 2018. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**FUNERAL MASS – Fr. Don Leonard:**

Funeral Mass for Fr. Don Leonard will take place on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 10:00 am. There will be visitation at the church on Sunday, December 9 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Prayer service will begin at 4:00 pm. There will be NO public vitiation on Sunday evening.

**ADVENT FOLDERS:** The advent folders (with envelopes) are now available in the back of the church. Please be mindful of how helpful this is to our parish fundraising. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN UP:** Just a reminder that we like to clean the church just before Christmas. The date has been set for Monday, December 17 beginning at 9:00 am. Get your buckets and cleaning cloths ready!

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING:** I have enjoyed great blessings throughout my life, especially through my priestly ministry. One of these blessings has been people's generosity and kindness to me at Christmas. Sometimes it is embarrassing for me as I am not in need and there are so many others whose lives can be directly changed by our generosity. If you are considering any personal gift to me at Christmas, I ask you to rethink that generosity and instead make contributions/gifts to the charities I referenced in last weeks homily (i.e. The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Chalice International or Covenant House). I also encourage you to go online and check out these, and other organizations, and the work they do locally and internationally.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS:**

This year we will be purchasing wreaths for the church as well as flowers for the altar at Christmas. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those that wish to make a donation.

**4YOUTH:** December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531, a poor Aztec Indian named Juan Diego claimed to have seen a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Miracles were performed as a sign of her identity: roses bloomed in December, Juan's dying uncle was cured, and Mary's image came to be imprinted on Juan's shawl, an image which should have disintegrated within years, but which still exists today. Our Lady of Guadalupe was named Patroness of the Americas and Empress of Latin America by Pope John Paul II in 1999. Because her image on Juan's shawl shows her as the God-bearer, pregnant with her Divine Son, she was also named Protectress of the Unborn Child. This would be a good week to say a special prayer for an end to abortion.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM:**

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? Would you like support from peers and professionals? Do you have questions about grief? You do not need to walk through your journey with grief alone...Western Health in Corner Brook will be offering a free 8-week bereavement support program beginning in January 29, 2019. For more information or to register call 634-4506.

**KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS:** Knights of Columbus will be having a rosary following the 10:30 am mass at the Cathedral on Sunday December 16, 2018. All are welcome to attend this time of prayer. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

**CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING:**

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we illumine this tree.  
May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree  
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

**BINGO THANKS:** Thank you to anyone who helped organize, donated items and/or came out and took part in our Turkey and Ham bingo. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**CRAFT & BAKE SALE THANKS:** A big thank you to all who helped organize and run the craft and bake sale, donated items, and/or purchased items from the sale. Your generosity and support are appreciated.

**HUMOUR:** An older man in Oklahoma calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day son, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting a divorce; 45 years of marriage... and that much misery is enough!" "Dad, what are you talking about?" the son yells. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old dad explained. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Europe and tell her!". Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "They are not getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls her father immediately, and screams at him, "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, you hear me?" she yelled. The old man hangs up the phone and turns to his wife. "Okay", he says, "it's all set. They're both coming for Christmas and paying their own air-fare."