

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** Once again, this week we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve.

Consider these key verses from each of our readings on this fifth Sunday of Lent: First from Isaiah, “Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Next from St. Paul, “Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.” Then the verse before the Gospel: “Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.” And finally, from the Gospel, these words from Christ to the woman caught in adultery, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.”

A clear theme emerges from these verses — when we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ. Indeed, it seems our heavenly Father delights in doing this for His children. What gratitude we owe to Him!

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ’s actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. “All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them.” “He bent down and began to write with His finger.” “Again, He bent down and wrote on the ground.” He “straightened up” when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he “straightened up” when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. This tells us that Our Lord is not at all distant and aloof from His children. Like a skilled teacher, or loving “big brother,” He bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

If ever you feel unworthy to be called His disciple — to serve in a ministry or tell others about your faith — because of your past or because of a vexing sin you can’t seem to overcome, take heart! Seek out God’s forgiveness in the healing sacrament of Confession. Then, forget what is behind you, be filled with gratitude that He has made you brand new — and go! He’s counting on you to share His good news through your witness and through your service to those around you.

We’re all unworthy of the great privilege of being called His disciples. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him and seizing the prize of God’s upward calling in Christ Jesus.



**April 7, 2019**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

# 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**

(March 30-31, 2019)

Regular Collection	2,349.15
Parish Dues	130.00
Building Fund	50.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	10.00
New Years Day	10.00
Votive Candles	69.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Lenten Folders	25.00
CMIC	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, Apr 8	No Mass
Tues, Apr 9 <b>10:00 am</b>	Late Mary Alexander
Wed, Apr 10	Chrism Mass at Cathedral
Thur, Apr 11	Late Walter Young
Fri, Apr 12	Late Columbine Healey
Sat, Apr 13	Late Doreen Rumbolt
Sun, Apr 14	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>April 13</b>	
Linda Tarbett Basil English Calvin Gillis (N) John Carroll (S)	Eileen Moore John Carroll Art Hall
<b>April 14</b>	
Anna House Hedy Kenny Donna Eldridge (N) Sherry Lynn Brake (S)	Elizabeth Carew Barbara Neville Doreen Jones
<b>Communion to the Lohnes Complex</b>	
Tony Griffin	

**CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE:** This week only –To enable people to attend the Parish Mission, **mass on Tuesday will be at 10 am.** The parish mass for Wednesday is cancelled and everyone is encouraged to attend the Mass of Chrism.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate toward Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting the persons name on an envelope with a donation in the Sunday collection or drop by the Parish Office. Blue, Special Offering envelopes are available at the church to use for this purpose.

**PARISH MISSION AT HOLY**

**REDEEMER CATHEDRAL:** Services will take place on Monday and Tuesday, **April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** This mission is for all Corner Brook parishes. "Hope for Our Roller-Coaster World" given by Father Michael Prieur. This will be a time for renewal in faith. It will provide opportunity for reconciliation and retreat in preparation for the Easter celebrations. Plan now to join us.

**MASS OF CHRISM:** This annual Mass takes place at the Cathedral on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 pm.** This is a gathering of people, pastoral ministers and priests from all our parishes as they celebrate the blessing of the holy oils to be used throughout the diocese in the coming year. A great chance to re-unite with former pastors and people from western Newfoundland and all Labrador. Choir members from Sacred Heart Parish are invited to join the choir at the Cathedral for the mass of Chrism.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will take place **every Friday evening at 7:00 pm** for the remaining Fridays of Lent. All are invited to come walk the Way of the Cross with us.

**4YOUTH:** For many Roman Catholics, the Stations of the Cross are closely associated with Lent, especially Holy Week and Good Friday. This devotion commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ’s crucifixion, from the time He was condemned to His burial. The Stations originated in the Middle Ages, when wars prevented pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. Sculptures or paintings depicting scenes of Jesus’ journey to Calvary were placed along a procession route, so that pilgrims could walk the route and stop to pray at each station. Today the Stations can be found in almost all Catholic churches. This devotion allows us to pray and meditate on Christ’s sacrifice for us. Most parishes will have the Stations of the Cross during Lent or you can make the Stations online. This is a good Lenten devotion to try!

**SHARE LENT 2019:** Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God’s children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. This collection is being taken up in all parishes this weekend. Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of Caritas International network of Catholic agencies, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. Please give as generously as you can!

**QUILT TICKETS:** Our Ladies Group now have tickets on sale on a NL King Size Quilt. Tickets are available from any member of the group or at the parish office. Please support their efforts.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** The Holy week schedule is as follows

- **Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm**  
Reconciliation Service
- **Holy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 pm**  
Mass of the Lord Supper  
Washing of Feet, Exposition
- **Good Friday, April 19 at 3:00 pm**  
The Passion
- **Good Friday, April 19 at 7:00 pm**  
Stations of the Cross
- **Holy Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 pm**  
Easter Vigil
- **Easter Sunday, April 21 at 11:00 am**  
Easter Mass

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:** St. Stephen's parish will be holding a marriage preparation course on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in their meeting room from 9 am- 4 pm.** There is no cost for this course. Please call the parish office at (709) 643-2523 to register.

