

March 4, 2018 - Third Sunday of Lent

[Jesus] found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area . . . "Take these out of here and stop making my Father's house a market place."

John 2: 13-25

"A church for Jake"

It was a simple, quiet Christmas morning service planned for young families. After reading the Christmas gospel, the celebrant called up the children and let them share their excitement about Christmas morning in their homes.

But the homiletic moment took an ugly turn when a seven-year-old boy, Jake, stood up, clenched his fists and screamed, "I hate my dad!" The congregation gasped; his older brother tried to pull Jake down and shush him, but Jake violently pulled away.

"He promised to come for Christmas," cried Jake, "but we woke up and he wasn't there. He made my mom cry, and I hate him. He is one big, fat liar!"

The pastor tells what happened next:

"With some panic-inspired instinct of grace, I grabbed Jake and pulled him into my lap. He wailed, his small body shaking in spasms against my chest. I swallowed hard, wiping away my own tears with my free hand. Then, when I felt I could trust my voice again, I stammered, 'So you know what, Jake?' Then I realized that whatever I was going to say was for Jake alone . . . I whispered something about knowing Jake well and believing that he actually didn't hate his dad. He was angry, sure, and had every right to be, because his dad disappointed him and his mom and brother and hurt all their feelings and made a big mistake. 'But Jake, Jake, Jake,' I whispered fiercely, 'You're so upset because you love him so much.'

"Exactly at the word love, he became very still, and I felt his muscles relax. His arms came free from hugging his chest and he held on to me. I mumbled something to the congregation about helping little boys disappointed by love's promise to still find some holy Christmas. Then his mom came to the altar to reclaim her son. The rest of us left the church haunted by a little boy's broken heart."

[Rodolph Rowe, writing in *The Christian Century*, November 8, 2017.]

A broken-hearted little boy and his family find a moment of comfort and support in the midst of their worshiping community. Today's Gospel asks what kind of community or "temple" have we created here: Is our church truly "the Father's house" where the broken find healing, the lost find welcome, the despairing find consolation? Jesus' cleansing of the temple challenges us to take a look at our own parish "temple" with Lenten eyes: to realize that Christ has called this church, our church, to be place where the compassion, the healing, the justice, the peace of Christ is revealed to all who come through our doors.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Hours: Nonday – Friday , 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

Reconciliation: Wednesday after Mass, or by request

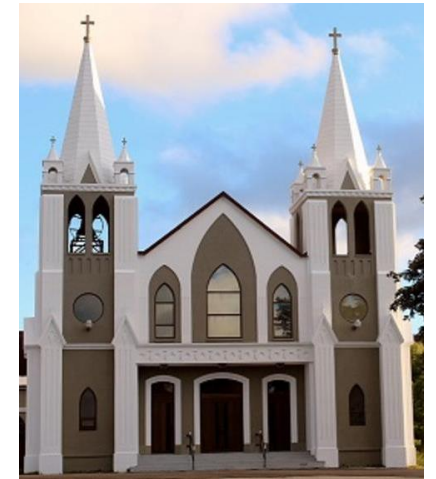
Mass During the Week: Tues at 7:00 pm Wed, Thurs, Fri at 10:00 am
First Fridays - 2:00 pm at the Lohnes Complex

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.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS (Feb 24-25, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,648.95
Parish Dues	25.00
Building Fund	10.00
Envelope Cost	10.00
Lenten Folders	20.00
Votive Candles	29.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
The Word Among Us	20.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	12.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Memorial Fund	660.00
Easter Flowers	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 3	Intention Edna Dwyer
Mar 4	Parish Community
Mar 5	No Mass
Mar 6	Late Roy Reid
Mar 7	Late Jim Hayes
Mar 8	Late Jim Park
Mar 9	Late Genevieve Wheeler
Mar 10	Intention of Verna Hynes
Mar 11	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 3	
Dennis Bruce Lynette Taylor	Joan Penney Donna Mitchell Eileen Moore
March 4	
Don Gallant Sherry Lynn Brake	Elizabeth Carew Donna Eldridge Calvin Gillis
Communion to the Sick – Gerard Brake	

WINTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather. This does not apply to funerals.

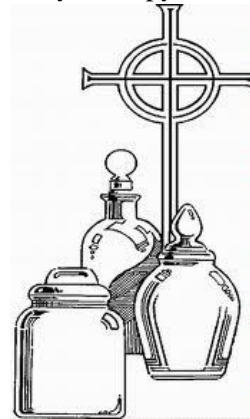
PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: We welcome Robyn C. Gallant to the position of Office Administrator for Sacred Heart Parish. We look forward to working with her and know that she will be a great asset to our parish pastoral team

PARISH COUNCIL: Our next meeting will take place on Monday, March 5th at 7 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

NEW SCHEDULES: Communion Ministers and Readers will find new schedules at the back of the Church. Please take your copy.

MASS OF CHRISM:

The annual Mass of Chrism takes place at our cathedral on Wednesday, March 21st beginning at 7:00 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. Please make every attempt to be there.



EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting the persons name with a donation in the Sunday collection or drop by the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Friday, March 9th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 am at the Cathedral. The cost to attend is \$50.00 and lunch will be provided. If you plan to get married in 2018, call the Cathedral parish office at 634-5161 to register.

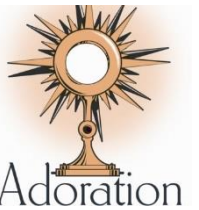
SHARE LENT 2018: During the liturgical season of Lent, Catholics are encouraged to especially commit themselves to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and alms-giving. One particular charity to which Canadian Catholics are called to give alms is the Share Lent collection which is taken up on the Fifth Sunday of Lent in support of the work of Development and Peace. The theme of the Share Lent campaign this year is Together for Peace. This annual campaign is the main fundraising event for Development and Peace and provides an excellent opportunity to participate in a work of charity and alms-giving. The special collection will take place this year at the weekend Masses of March 17-18. Please be as generous as you can!

4YOUTH: Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance, which is placed upon the altar. People come to pray, to meditate and to worship Jesus in the Eucharist. What do you do during this time? Well, this is a special time for you to be alone with Jesus. You can pray some of the traditional prayers of the Church, you can pray the Rosary, you can read scripture, or you can spend some time in quiet contemplation. Many parishes will be offering a period of Eucharistic Adoration next weekend, as part of the 24 Hours for the Lord. Why not check the times for your parish and choose to spend part of your weekend with Jesus?

LENTEN FOLDERS: Folders are now available at the main entrance to the Church.

BINGO Our next parish bingo will be held on March 4 at 2pm. in the school cafeteria. The list of donors is posted on the church bulletin boards and include last names from N to Y.

TWENTY FOUR HOURS FOR THE LORD: In response to Pope Francis' call to take extra time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, *the Cathedral is offering the following opportunity:* Friday, **March 9th** after the regular 9:30 am Mass until NOON. This will include Exposition, Reconciliation with Benediction at NOON; on Saturday, **March 10th** beginning at NOON Exposition of the Sacrament will resume with Reconciliation being offered until 3 pm. Benediction will conclude this event. We are all encouraged to take some time for extra prayer in preparation for Easter and in response to this special invitation from our holy Father.



LENTEN HUMOUR: Three men on a hill!

There were three men on a hill with their watches.
The first man threw his watch down the hill and it broke.
The second man threw his watch down the hill and it broke.
The third man threw his watch down the hill, walked all the way to the bottom, and caught it.
The other two men were puzzled and asked the third man how he did it.
The third man said, "Easy. My watch is 5 minutes slow!"

Asked to announce:
Apr 27-May 7: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Cost of \$2035 (+ \$675 airport taxes/security/fuel surcharges) includes airfare from the Maritimes, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and professional local guide. Accompanying priest yet to be determined. **INFO:** Hector and Cécile Caissie at hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca or (506) 857-2295.