

December 30, 2018 – The Feast of the Holy Family

“Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”
Luke 2: 41-52

“Holy Wonder”

An adult son remembers his last days with his father:

“When my father was dying, I was alone with him in the hospital and found myself feeding him applesauce. The moment opened and my whole being, my whole life, was suddenly concentrating on slipping the spoon with the utmost care into his mouth, waiting for him to swallow, and then sliding the spoon slowly from his lips, so as not to disturb his labored breathing. We repeated this ritual tenderly, spoonful after spoonful. And in the rare quiet of a January afternoon, wonder began to fill the room. I began to cry softly. There seemed to be a glow about us. There was no need for words. I didn’t want my life to leave this moment of feeding my father.

“ . . . And in this moment of tenderness, all of life opened . . . My sadness had given way to care, which had given way to wonder. Wonder in the center of all that pain.

“As I slipped the spoon from his mouth one last time, I felt that I was in the moment of every child who ever fed their dying parent. I kissed his forehead and held his hand, both of us more alive than we could remember, completely covered in inexplicable wonder . . . And while wonder can surprise us, our daily work is to cultivate wonder in ourselves and in each other. Yet we only have a few seconds to love the wonder out of those before us or they will swallow it. Seconds to warm their life-force into the air where it will reveal the kinship of things. Seconds to let the timeless resource of aliveness come into our knowing, so it can soften our fears and save us from the brutality of insisting that our way is the only way . . .

“That day with my father, I learned that a presence waits beneath our chatter and our pain that can illuminate the world. When tired, we splash water on our face. If you find me half-hearted, please, splash some wonder on my face.”
[From The One Life We Live by Mark Nepo.]

In this holy season, we embrace and be embraced in such wonder; we behold the light that illuminates the joys and sorrows of our lives with pure grace. In the wondrous light of Christmas, the love of God is revealed. Here, in the Christ Child, the sacred is not some abstract concept of theological theory: the love of God takes on a human face; the Word of God becomes “enfleshed” in the Child Jesus, enabling us to transform our hearts in that love and re-create our world in that Word of justice and compassion. The challenge of Christmas is to continue to make that love incarnate in our own lives and in the lives of those we love.

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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 22-23/24-25, 2018)

Regular Collection	2,303.35
Parish Dues	210.00
Building Fund	5.00
Christmas	2,855.70
Advent Folders	761.75
Votive Candles	81.00
Sunday Missals	21.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Flowers/Wreaths	125.00
Shepherds Fund	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 31	Late Fr. Don Leonard
Tues, Jan 1	Parish Community
Wed, Jan 2	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Thurs, Jan 3	Late Joe Gallant and Family
Fri, Jan 4	Late Mary Griffin
Sat, Jan 5	Late Genevieve Wheeler
Sun, Jan 6	Parish Community

THANK YOU FROM FR. JIM: I would like to thank everyone for their kindness to me at Christmas, and at all times. A special thank you to everyone who took part in our services for the Christmas season. It was heart warming to receive a number of notes detailing how donations had been made to other organizations and charities in my name. I thank you for sharing with those who truly are in need. May the New Year be a year of continued blessing and joy.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be closed on **January 1**. The office will reopen for regular office hours on Thursday, January 3.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 29	
Lynette Taylor Dennis Bruce	John Carroll Joan Penney Eileen Moore
December 30	
Hedy Kenny Patsy Payne	Calvin Gillis Doreen Jones Elizabeth Carew
December 31	
Janet Jackson Victoria Murphy	Donna Mitchell Donna Eldridge Barbara Neville
January 1	
Tony Griffin Mike Leonard	Art Hall Joan Penney Brian Sparkes
January 5	
Art Hall Gen Quigley	Joe Byrne Marie Byrne Eileen Moore
January 6	
Mike Leonard Hedy Kenny	Elizabeth Carew Don Gallant Patsy Payne
Communion to the Sick	
Tony Griffin	

PARISH ENVELOPES 2019: Parish envelopes for 2019 are now available in the back of the church. Please contact the Parish office if the address on your box of envelopes is incorrect so that it may be corrected for your tax receipt.

PARISH BINGO: Bingo will be held on **January 6th at 2:00 pm**. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin boards in the back of the church. It includes last names beginning with A-E. Please support this important fundraiser.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Parishioners are reminded next weekend, **December 29/30**, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be taking up its Poor Box Collection. Please support generously their very worthwhile work.

4YOUTH: On the first Sunday after Christmas, the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family is a model for us of how a family should live together – with respect, compassion, love and faith. How do you show your love and respect for the other members of your family? What can you do to bring the qualities of the Holy Family more fully into your family's life?

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

On January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This, the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was given to her at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. It is a Holy Day of

Obligation in the Canadian Church, which means that Mass attendance is required.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:

On January 1, we celebrate the World Day of Peace. This observation was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968. Each year the Pope issues a message for the World Day of Peace, which has a specific theme chosen by him. For this the 51st World Day of Peace, the theme is ***Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace***. To read the Pope's entire message, visit the Diocesan web page at www.rcchurch.com

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP

PETER HUNDT: The date for the installation of Archbishop Hundt has been set for **7:00pm Tuesday, January 29th** at the **Basilica of St. John the Baptist**, 200 Military Road, St. John's, NL. The people of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador join in expressing their gratitude to Bishop Hundt for his ministry and offering prayers for God's continued blessings upon him as he assumes the responsibility of this new phase of his priesthood.

HUMOUR: Father John and His Young Parishioner - It was the Sunday after Christmas at Saints Peter & Paul's Church. Father John was looking at the nativity scene prior to packing away the figures when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the scene. Immediately, Father John turned towards the caretaker in order to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Harry with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus. Father John walked up to Harry and said, 'Well, Harry, where did you get the little infant?'

Harry replied honestly, 'I took him from the church, Father John.' 'And why did you take him?' With a sheepish smile, Harry said, 'Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus for a red wagon for Christmas and I promised him that if I got the wagon, he would be the first to get a ride in it.'

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is on-going in Humber Arm South. The draw is on **Sunday evenings 6-7 pm** at the Humber Arm South community hall. The jackpot is now above \$15,500 and rising each week. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the town of Humber Arm South.