

### REFLECTION for the First Sunday in Lent.

We are only a few days into the season of Lent. Hopefully each of us are still winning in the struggle to remain faithful to our resolve to pray, to fast, and to give freely.

It is not easy. But let us never forget that Jesus is with us in our struggles. We are made in the image and likeness of God; but our humanity dictates that we will sometimes fail, sometimes doubt, and sometimes get discouraged. Jesus is God and Jesus was human; He knows the mind of mankind. He sits in heaven and intercedes for us-His Holy Spirit dwells with us to show us the Way.

In today's Gospel Jesus is tempted by the Devil in ways that we too are tempted by the Devil. The Devil knows the mind of mankind also. The Evil-One knows that we thirst for power and possessions, and that we are filled with pride. We want things and we want them now, we want to be seen as righteous, we like for people to admire us, we know how things should be and we wonder why other people cannot just be like us.

Satan offered all these things to Jesus but He had the strength to resist- He beat the Devil. But He is God, we are but mere mortals. More often than not the Devil beats us.

The key to understanding Jesus and understanding our place in the unfolding of His divine plan of salvation for us is to persevere, to stay focused, to eye the prize, and to hitch our wagon to Jesus.

In humility we must admit our failings, short-comings, and dependence. We are dependent; our salvation can be achieved only through the love of God.

May I suggest that all of us continue trying, continue praying, fasting, and giving? In the fight of our lives, we have to take the punches, we may fall, we may be staggered, but we have the pick ourselves up. We have the trainer- par- excellent. As Christians we belong to Jesus. He assures us that He will never forget us, not leave us orphaned. Praise God! Fr. Don

### PARISH HISTORY

Thank you to the many people who have provided us with pictures to help in the collection of material to memorialize the proud history of our parish.

However we still are missing pictures of our history from the 1980s up to today.

Please have look and see if you have any from recent times that you would share with us.

# Sacred Heart Parish

## Parish Information

Parish Administrator: Fr. Don Leonard  
Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:  
Saturday - 4:30 pm  
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:  
Monday-Friday  
7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:  
Third Sunday of each Month  
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation  
Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:  
Six month notice is required.  
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:  
Celebrated at Weekend Mass  
after preparation session.

**February 22, 2015**  
**The First Sunday Of Lent**

### RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$1,698.00
Building Fund	110.00
Donation from Men's Group	2,000.00
In memory of; Joan Hearn	525.00
Joan Barriault	10.00
Gerald McHugh	60.00
Elizabeth Dobbin	210.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Votive Candles	42.00
Catholic Missions	35.00

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Pope Francis has invited us to observe the 24 Hours for the Lord Initiative. It will take place on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, 2015, ... The theme is: God rich in mercy.

At our parish this initiative will begin with Mass at 7pm on Friday followed by Exposition and Adoration until Benediction at 9pm. The next day, Saturday we will be celebrating morning Mass at 10am followed by the Rosary. Then we will conclude the 24 Hours for the Lord with our 4:30pm Weekend Mass. Please mark the dates and commit to spend the 24 hours with the Lord.

### MASS OF CHRISM

This Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral. We are asking for two volunteers to represent the Parish and to receive the Holy Oils.

### LENTEN BANNERS

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Marilyn Bruce for crafting the two Lenten banners

we now display on the wall behind the altar. She has also given us a banner for the Easter season.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Tom Griffin
Tuesday	Gerald McHugh
Wednesday	Roe Sasaki
Thursday	Anthony/ Bernadette George
Friday	Gerald McHugh
Saturday	Gerard, Mary Ann, Leo English

### PLEASE NOTE :

**ALL MASSES at 7pm from Mon to Fri.**

### LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Lent is here. The parish distributed 76 copies of the Lenten edition of **THE WORD AMONG US**. This contains the Daily Mass readings and a short meditation on them. We hope those who have these will use them as a personal prayer guide. For those into using the internet, you can access this material by visiting the website wau.org, or see the link on our parish website.

### CONFIRMATION 2015

Registration forms are now available at the back of the church. **Registrations will only be accepted until Feb.22nd.**

In our Diocese, children are eligible for this sacrament when in Grade 7. So, any child born in 2002 or 2003 should register this year and receive confirmation.

If you know of a young adult who has not been confirmed and is older, please encourage them to register this year.

All Catholics should receive all sacraments as soon as they are able.

Parents and candidates will be notified when preparation classes will begin.

### Daily Devotions

Are you aware that on our parish website you can find the daily Mass readings and meditations/reflections on those readings? In a section called PRAY WITH US, there are links to Our Daily Bread and Living Faith daily devotionals.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

is sponsoring an essay writing contest. All students from Grade 7 to 12 are eligible to make entries. First prize - \$200.00; Second prize - \$100.00; Third prize - \$50.00. This year's essay topic is: "WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK POPE FRANCIS IS HAVING ON THE CHURCH TODAY." Essays should be approximately 500 words in length and are to be submitted by March 31, 2015.

### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

meets on Thursday at 7:30 at the Cathedral. All are welcome.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet at the Parish House on Monday, Feb.23rd. following evening Mass.

### WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Stephens Church in Stephenville will present their annual dramatic presentation of the Way of the Cross. This will take place on Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm.

You are invited; admission is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted as you exit.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

It will begin on Friday March 27 at 7pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral in Corner Brook. The sessions continue through until Saturday afternoon. Any couple considering marriage in the near future should register for this course now.

### NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St. John's on April 24 and 25. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the good news of the Gospel.

If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

### St Patrick's Day Variety Show

Friday, March 13th., 7:30-9:30pm.  
Rotary Arts Centre, lower level City Hall  
Admittance \$10.00 Tickets available from the Arts Centre box office up to show time. [info@rotaryartscentre.ca]  
Featuring: Brian Terry, Stella Wells & Kay Jordan, Arlene D'eon, Ben & Choir, Jack Joyce, Barb Hickey & Sr. Donna, The Spruces. Only 90 seats available.  
Bar service. Wear green.  
[ From Father Terry Boland ]

### BINGO

The Ladies Group will be having a bingo game on Sunday, March 1st. at 2pm. at the school cafeteria. The list of donors is posted at the back of the church. Please come & join us for a fun afternoon in support of our parish.