

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

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)

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



THE STORY OF THE CANDY CANE: In Indiana, a candy maker wanted to make a candy that could be a reminder of Jesus Christ, so he made the Christmas candy cane. He started off with a stick of pure white hard candy. The white color symbolized the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and the hard candy symbolized the solid rock which was the foundation of the church, and firmness of the promises of God.

The candy maker made the candy in the form of a J, which represented the name of Jesus and the staff of the Good Shepherds. He then stained it with three stripes which showed the scourging Jesus received, and symbolized the blood shed by Christ on the cross. When you break the cane, it reminds us that Jesus' body was broken for us.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS: The song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” was written to be a kind of secret catechism at a time when Catholicism was outlawed. Each verse refers to a teaching of church doctrine — with Christ being the partridge and the “True Love” being God the Father, who gave us all gifts. The twelve days of Christmas begin on Christmas Day, December 25th and end at Epiphany, January 6th.

Partridge in a pear tree: Jesus.

Two turtledoves: the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens: faith, hope and love.

Four calling birds: the four Gospels.

Five gold rings: the first five books of the Old Testament.

Six geese a-laying: the six days of creation.

Seven swans a-swimming: the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Eight maids a-milking: the eight Beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing: the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

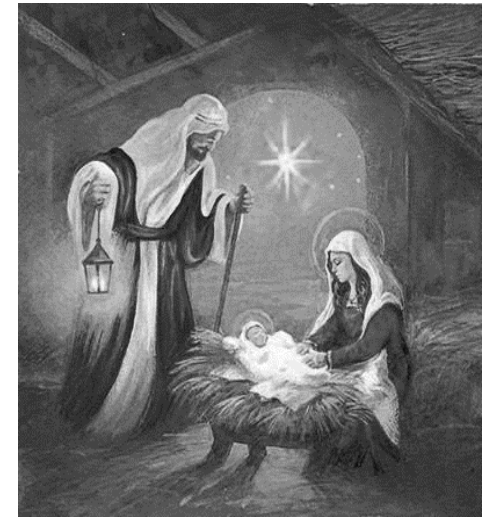
Ten lords a-leaping: the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping: the eleven faithful Apostles.

Twelve drummers drumming: the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

December 23rd, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Robyn C. Gallant

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 pm-5:00 pm

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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 16, 2018)

Regular Collection	2,087.00
Parish Dues	65.00
Building Fund	45.00
Christmas	30.00
New Years	10.00
Advent Folders	170.25
Votive Candles	37.65
Sunday Missals	35.10
Garden Party Proceeds	10.00
In Memorium	185.00
Mass Stipends	120.00
Shepherds Fund	10.00
Christmas Flowers	185.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Special Donation	100.00
Initial Offering	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 24	Late Jerome and Elsie Beales
Tues, Dec 25	Parish Community
Wed, Dec 26	Late Mr & Mrs Joseph Hickey
Thur, Dec 27	Late Edna and Ignatius Power
Fri, Dec 28	Special Intention of St. Jude
Sat, Dec 29	Late Thomas, Edith, & James Hackett
Sun, Dec 30	Parish Community

WEEKDAY MASSES: All **weekday** masses during Christmas week will begin at 11:00 am. This is for Christmas week only. Normal weekday schedules will begin again on January 2.

OFFICE HOURS: The office will be **closed** on **December 24-26**. The office will reopen for regular office hours on Thursday, December 27.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 24	
Basil English Calvin Gillis	Hedy Kenny Brian Sparkes Don Gallant
December 25	
Mike Leonard Tony Griffin	Marie Byrne Joe Byrne Barbara Neville
Communion to the Sick	
Barbara Neville	
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

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: As I write this note I am overwhelmed to think that today the daylight will last 4 seconds longer than yesterday! That's right; even as we enter the depths of winter, we already have the promise of spring – that promise that the days ahead will be better and better. It is our Christian faith that no matter how good or bad past days have been, better days are ahead. It is our faith that proclaims even in darkness light shines. Christmas is about the triumph of light. Jesus, the light, brings the promise of peace to the world. Jesus brings light to us. Christmas is about birth. It is about the birth of Jesus and about the birth of light in us. That is the faith that sustains us. That is the faith that sustains me, and I pray it sustains you. May your days be bright, filled with joy and bring you peace. Merry Christmas to you and to your families.

4YOUTH: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life”. (Jn 3:16) As we recall and celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ on that first Christmas Day, may we find love, joy and peace in our hearts and in our lives. We here at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

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.

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.

HUMOUR: The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady aged about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, 'What do you want for Christmas?' 'Something for my mother, please,' replied Emily sweetly. 'Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you,' smiled Santa. 'What do you would you like me to bring her?' Without turning a hair Emily answered quickly, 'A son-in-law.'

CHASE THE ACE: Chase the Ace is still on-going in Humber Arm South. The draw takes place on **Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm** at the Humber Arm South community hall. The jackpot is now above \$14,000 and rising each week. This is a joint event between Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and the town of Humber Arm South.

