

**May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”** John 21: 1-19

### **“The Washcloth Incident”**

Her mother came to live with her and her husband and family. She suffered from Parkinson’s and her daughter wanted her to be cared for in the midst of her family who loved her dearly.

It has been seven years since her mom died — and her daughter still can’t forget the “washcloth incident.”

It was seven months before her mother’s death. The day did not begin well, first with a crisis at work she had to deal with, then cleaning up the portable toilet that had overflowed. Finally, she was able to take a shower up in the third-floor bathroom of their home. Finally, clean and ready to restart her day, she came downstairs. Her mother asked her for a washcloth. A simple, reasonable request — but that meant trekking back up to the third floor. In her mood, Mom might as well have asked her daughter to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Already late, this one more task put her over the edge. She suddenly lost it with her mother. She knew her fury was misplaced, but she was too overwhelmed to stop herself.

Seven years later, the daughter still feels the pain of that moment. She writes:

“The tears still sting and slosh over my pail of remorse. I know that if she could, my mother would grab that pail and toss it out the window. She would forgive me; in fact, I believe she has forgiven me. But in a way, that makes it harder. Knowing of her unfailing love and grace makes me feel worse about my own failure. Of course, I am envisioning her at her very best, now in heaven knowing [and] seeing me with the eyes of God and I am remembering myself at one of my lowest moments . . .

“We might envision regret like the giant stone that sits at the mouth of the tomb. The stone is rolled aside, not away. It’s still there, inches from the entrance, but it’s not blocking anyone’s resurrection. The stone that’s rolled aside allows for feeding sheep, baptisms, and hopeful love of every kind . . . I hope to do the same — to leave the washcloth behind with the old grave clothes and inch my way forward in the light of Easter.”

[From “Resurrection by inches” by Heidi Neumark, The Christian Century, May 14, 2014.]

**In today’s Gospel, Jesus enables Peter and the others to leave behind their “washcloths” back at the empty tomb. Jesus asks Peter three times — the same number of times that Peter denied him on Good Friday morning — to profess his love for him. We can hear the pain and hurt in Peter’s voice, but also his conviction in his response after Jesus asks the third time: “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus is not taunting Peter but calling him to move beyond the past to take on the challenges ahead. In forgiving Peter as he does, Jesus transforms Peter’s regret and shame into understanding and commitment to the Gospel the fisherman has witnessed. As the Risen One restores Peter and the others to friendship, as he puts aside their failing him to be reconciled with them in peace, this Easter season is an invitation for us to put aside those regrets for the times we have failed and to realize how much we have learned and how far we have come from our own “washcloth” moments.**

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# 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 am-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

**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**

(April 28, 2019)

Regular Collection	1,726.75
Parish Insurance	5.00
Parish Dues	150.00
Building Fund	10.00
Lenten Folders	55.00
Votive Candles	37.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	130.00
Development & Peace	20.00
Sunday Missals	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon, May 6	No Mass
Tues, May 7	Special Intention
Wed, May 8	Late Fr. Don Leonard
Thur, May 9	Late Laura Wells
Fri, May 10	Late Mary Alexander
Sat, May 11	Late Molly Brake
Sun, May 12	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>May 11</b>	
Carol Reid Lynette Taylor	Marie Byrne Donna Mitchell Art Hall
<b>May 12</b>	
Don Gallant Donna Eldridge	Margaret Dalley Anna House Calvin Gillis
<b>Communion to the Lohnes Complex</b>	
Barbara Neville	

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a parish council meeting on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm** in the Church meeting room.

**PARISH BINGO:** Our next parish bingo will be held on **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Please support this important fundraiser.

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Robyn Gallant has resigned her position as Office Administrator as she has gained new permanent employment elsewhere. This was a 20-hour a week position. Advertising for this position will begin in the coming weeks. If interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**4YOUTH:** The Gospels since Easter have told of Jesus' appearances to the Apostles after His Resurrection. In these accounts, the Apostles do not recognize Jesus at first. It might seem odd that these men who had been with Jesus throughout His public ministry didn't recognize Him, but it is when He speaks to them and shares a meal with them that they recognize Him. Sometimes we get so distracted by what is going on in our lives that, like the Apostles, we can't recognize Jesus present in our lives. But Jesus is always present with us. We, like the Apostles, can recognize Him in His words that are read to us in the Gospel and in His Body and Blood that we share in the Eucharist.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Thank you to all the Parishioners who contributed to the Poor Box Collection this pass weekend.

**Holy Redeemer \$637.05**  
**Sacred Heart 502.00**  
**All Hallows 201.20**

A special Thank You to all the folks who donated furniture, especially the Washer.

**MARY'S KITCHEN:** Our Parish is responsible for the month of **MAY**. We are in need of volunteers for desserts and serving. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS:** On the weekend of May 11-12, there will be a special collection for ecclesiastical students. The money collected will be used to help support Vocation Ministry as well as for the training of priests for our diocese. This collection is held annually on the fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Vocations Sunday, a day when all Catholics are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society is desperately in need of Furniture. Dressers, tables, chairs, bed frames and mattresses. If you have any to offer please call 638-9010, we will pick up.

**FOOD BANK NETWORK:** 'Spring Into Action' Food Drive - **May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. There will **not** be any neon-coloured stickers delivered to homes this year. We are asking that you put your food donations in a grocery bag and place on your doorstep **before 6:30 pm**. Volunteers will collect all bags and will **start at 6:30 pm**. If your house is missed, please call 634-5204 or 634-5398 **after** 6:30 pm on May 13. Thank you. From January to April this year, our food bank responded to 671 food requests. Help us to continue to feed families during the summer months. Thank you for your continued support!

**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Knights of Columbus Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet on **Tuesday May 7, 2019 at 7:45 pm**. This meeting will take place after 7:00 pm mass at All Hallows. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** During April the Society was busy: Home visits - 19; 21 Adults, 18 children at a cost of \$876.21 and using 37 volunteer hours. Mary's



Kitchen - Adults served 153, children 10 at a cost of \$603.61 and using 39 volunteer hours. Furniture - 15 homes visited using 24

volunteer hours. Thank you to all who helped especially Immaculate Heart of Mary School. We also welcome Sacred Heart Parish Members who are serving this month.

**HUMOUR:** When I went to get my driver's license renewed, our local Motor Vehicle Bureau was packed. The line inched along for almost an hour until the man ahead of me finally got his license. He inspected his photo for a moment and commented to the clerk, "I was standing in line so long, I ended up looking pretty grouchy in this picture." The clerk looked at his picture closely, and reassured him, "It's okay. That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."

**PRESENTATION & REGINA HIGH SCHOOL REUNION:** Attention 1979 graduated classes of Presentation and Regina. Plans for a 40th reunion to be held in Corner Brook on **July 19, 2019**.

For registration and other details, please contact Eileen at uecoombs@hotmail.com or Bill at bill.boland1@outlook.com.