

March 1 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Bishop's Lenten Message

In a time of strong opinions, deep divisions and unresolved issues in Canada and abroad, when heinous crimes against children, women and vulnerable populations are exposed in the news, and when even priests and bishops have been implicated, the healing ministry of Christ is as relevant today as it was on the day he died for us on the cross. He came to bring peace, God's gift of healing, reconciliation and mercy, but on seeing Jerusalem, "he wept over it, saying, "if you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes." (Lk 19: 42)

In a day and age that our own country has some tough work to do in respect to our First Peoples and the Church has a lot more work to do in regards to healing the hurts of past wrongs, turning to Christ and asking, "what will make for peace?", may be a timely thing to do. Be it through spending more time with him in prayer, turning away from our excesses or in overtures of love, we need to find new ways of engagement and re-learn some of the basics of our faith: listening, forgiveness, gentleness, kindness, generosity, self-sacrifice, patience and self-control.

During Lent the Church is drawn into the wilderness by the Spirit to be more closely united to Christ. There we will be challenged and tempted, but not alone. For the desert path is not without its graces; the Spirit leads us there to strengthen us. Let us call on him at all times, knowing that without Christ's help, without taking up his yoke, and learning from him, who is gentle and humble of heart, we will never find rest for our souls, we will never find the peace he longs to share with us. By leaving our excesses behind, committing ourselves to a greater openness to God in prayer or setting our hearts on comforting the sorrowful, visiting the lonely or lending a listening ear to those whose sufferings have gone unheard, we are united to Christ and the peace he brings.

When we reflect on the unruly nature of our world today, amidst the distractions, confusion and the many voices calling for our attention, maybe there is more sanity in fasting, prayer and charitable deeds than all the riches, honours and desires of the world. "What will make for peace?" Maybe it is the moment when we truly find ourselves again, in all our God-created beauty. Perhaps it is when we come to see him as our loving Father and Merciful Redeemer. Perchance it is when we allow the Spirit to blow afresh on us and become instruments of his love. Lent is an ancient word synonymous with Spring. May this Lent mark a new Springtime in our lives together and may the time we spend to contemplate his cross, and the invitation he extends, lead to a new Springtime in our diocese and in our world.

Most Reverend Bart Van Roijen
Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador

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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 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Daily mass is also cancelled any day there is a funeral in our parish.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months' notice 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

February 23, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1739.45
Building Fund	5.00
Sunday Missals	5.00
Votive Candles	28.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Deceased Members of the O'Brien & O'Connell Families
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Peter O'Brien
Thur, 7 p.m.	Late Roy Reid
Fri, 2 p.m. Lohnes	Late George & Theresa Collier
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Ignatius & Edna Power
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 7	
Gen Quigley Art Hall	Joan Penney Eileen Moore John Carroll
March 8	
Patsy Payne Tony Griffin	Doreen Jones Wayne Dicks Amelia Dicks
Communion of the Sick	
Tony Griffin	

PARISH DUES: Received February 23, 2020 with thanks from: Calvin and Isabel Gillis.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm. in the Church meeting room.

CORONA VIRUS-Letter from Bishop Bart

(excerpt): To the faithful of the Dioceses of Corner Brook and Labrador.

Due to the concern of surrounding the latest Conona Virus outbreak, I would like to offer the following precautionary step until such time as the outbreak is over.

Communion from the Cup: Though drinking from a common cup normally has a low likelihood of spreading a virus (handling the cup is often a greater problem), it is advised that the distribution of the Blood of Christ from a common cup be discontinued until such time as the present outbreak is over.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are invited to join us at Sacred Heart Church in celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm on the Fridays of Lent. A different version of the Stations will be used each week.

NET MINISTRIES: Sacred Heart and Holy Redeemer parishes are co-sponsoring events with NET Ministries for the weekend of March 20th – 21st. This is a great event for all youth in grade seven and higher. More specific details to follow. Confirmation candidates are expected to take part in these NET Ministries activities.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation services have been confirmed. Our Lady Star of the Sea will be Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm. Sacred Heart Parish will be Wednesday, May 13th also at 7pm. Please mark these important dates in your calendar.

BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly Bible Study is Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayful condolence to the family of Ula Walsh. May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION: We Pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

ADVANCE NOTICE: PRE-MARRIAGE

SEMINAR: Couples planning to marry this year are advised of a special seminar being held Friday, March 6th starting at 7:00 pm and continuing on Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 am. We cover topics of Sacramentality of Marriage, communication, financial considerations, relaxation and meditation as well as an overview of challenges to the goals and objectives of the Sacrament. This promises to be a pleasant experience as you prepare spiritually to celebrate your marriage. The fee is \$50.00. Kindly call Holy Redeemer parish office at 634-5161 to register.

PARISH MISSION- ADVANCE NOTICE: Our parish will be taking part in a special mission during Lent. Retired Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie will be with us on the weekend of March 28th, 29th and will lead us in a mission from March 29th to 31st. This will be a tremendous time to celebrate our faith with an Archbishop who has undergone great spiritual healing and has assisted many others in that same journey.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Advance Notice:

There will be a **Novena for Life**, celebrating life from the moment of conception to natural death. The Novena will run from March 7th to the 15th.

PARISH BINGO: Our next parish bingo will be held on Sunday **March 1, 2020**. Please support this important fundraiser.



THE FOOD BANK NETWORK: January to December 2019 our Church donated 1,236 pounds of food, a \$3,213.08 value. The Food Bank Network and the families they serve, thank you for your continued support.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Poor Box collection is this weekend. Feb. 29 – March 1. Please be generous.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: During the month of January, our Society made 22 home visits servicing 22 adults, 11 children, using 43 volunteer hours and costing \$2,143.42. Mary's Kitchen served 177 adults and 6 children requiring 115 volunteer hours and costing \$1,302.19. We visited 16 homes to pick up or deliver furniture which required 35 volunteer hours. This weekend will be Poor Box Sunday weekend, please be generous, the need is great.

HUMOUR: ARE YOU COLD? You should sit in the corner it's 90 degrees there. That's acute Joke!

