

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Monday, December 17 @ 7:00 pm – Reconciliation Service (Sacred Heart)
Tuesday, December 18 @ 7:00 pm – Reconciliation Service (Cathedral)
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)
Monday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Tuesday, December 25 @ 11:00 am – Christmas Day Mass (Sacred Heart)

HUMOUR: A man found himself in terrible financial difficulties. He is so desperate that for the first time in his life he gets down on his knees and prays to God for help. 'Dear God, I desperately need your help. I have no money to spend on Christmas presents for my family. Could you possibly arrange it so that I win the Lottery?' The lottery draw is held, but he wins nothing. He sends another prayer to God. 'My business has gone bust and if I don't get some money soon, I'll lose my car and my Christmas will be very difficult. Please fix things so I win the lottery.' Lottery night comes, but he's unlucky. Undeterred, he prays to God again. 'I am now bankrupt; my house has been repossessed by the finance company and so has my car. We are now living on the street, but all I need to get my life back together and perhaps enjoy some kind of Christmas is to win the lottery.' Suddenly there's a flash of brilliant light as the heavens open and the man is confronted by the very voice of God himself. 'Hey, do me a favour will you, buy a ticket.'

CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION: Children's Wish Foundation Corner Brook Sub-Chapter is hosting their Annual Christmas Wishes Program on **Sunday December 2, 2018 at 630 p.m. at the Westside Tabernacle, Elizabeth Street, Corner Brook**. Come and join us for an evening of performances from local entertainers. There is no admission fee. A collection will be taken during the program if you wish to make a monetary donation.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES - THANK YOU: A sincere, 'Thank You', to all of you who filled a shoe box for the poor. In total, we collected 130 boxes from the 3 parishes. Truly you have brightened the lives of many children and families with your gift.



ADVENT: The season of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, begins on Sunday, December 2. The word Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "coming" or "arrival". The season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

December 2nd, 2018
1st 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 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

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 (Nov 25, 2018)

Regular Collection	1,437.25
Parish Dues	50.00
Building Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	24.00
Sunday Missals	175.00
In Memorium	50.00
Shepherds Fund	925.60
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 3	No Mass
Tues, Dec 4	No Mass
Wed, Dec 5	Keough & Gillis Families
Thur, Dec 6	Late Theresa Hunt
Fri, Dec 7	Lohnes Complex
Sat, Dec 8	Michael, Ada, Reanie & Lawrence George
Sun, Dec 9	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 8	
Lynette Taylor John Carroll	Joan Penney Eileen Moore Donna Mitchell
December 9	
Debbie Allen Donna Eldridge	Brian Sparkes Calvin Gillis Patsy Payne
Communion to the Sick	
Barbara Neville	

WINTER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

NO MASS: Mass on Tuesday, December 4th is cancelled.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to the family of Isabelle Carroll. Her funeral was celebrated November 27, 2018. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

ADVENT FOLDERS: The advent folders (with envelopes) are now available in the back of the church. Please be mindful of how helpful this is to our parish fundraising. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BINGO: Sunday, Dec. 2 [Ham or Turkey] All parishioners are encouraged to make a monetary donation toward this game as there will be no list of names posted & no one will be called for donations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting hats, socks, gloves, scarves etc. to be distributed in Christmas Hampers and at Mary's Kitchen this Christmas season. A collection box has been placed at the rear of the Church if you would like to donate.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next parish council meeting will take place on Monday, December 3 at 6:30 pm at the parish house.

SAINT NICHOLAS: On December 6, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Nicholas. Born in the village of Patara, in modern-day Turkey, Nicholas dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Over the centuries many stories and legends have been told about St. Nicholas' life and deeds, especially his generosity to those in need, and these have formed the basis for the popular character of Santa Claus.

4YOUTH: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Catholic Church. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming” or “arrival”. The season of Advent, which begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve, is the time when we prepare to celebrate Christmas. For a really quick, cool explanation of Advent, check out the video “Advent in 2 Minutes” on YouTube. You can also go to Busted Halo’s 2018 Advent Calendar where you can open a digital window every day for an Advent-themed daily jolt (which offers you an opportunity for reflection) and a microChallenge. Using this calendar every day is a good way to remind yourself what Christmas is all about.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: On December 8, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This Feast actually refers to the dogma that Mary was without original sin from the very moment of her conception and does not celebrate Mary’s conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit, as many people mistakenly believe.

The Church teaches that the Immaculate Conception was a grace given by God to the Virgin Mary. Mary, like all humanity, was redeemed by Christ’s saving grace but, unlike the rest of humanity, her redemption occurred at the moment she was conceived in her mother’s womb.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN UP: Just a reminder that we like to clean the church just before Christmas. the date has not been set but hopefully ill take place the week of December 17-22. get your buckets and cleaning cloths ready!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING: I have enjoyed great blessings throughout my life, especially through my priestly ministry. One of these blessings has been people’s generosity and kindness to me at Christmas. Sometimes it is embarrassing for me as I am not in need and there are so many others whose lives can be directly changed by our generosity. If you are considering any personal gift to me at Christmas, I ask you to rethink that generosity and instead make contributions/gifts to the charities I referenced in last weeks homily (i.e. The St. Vincent DePaul Society, Chalice International or Covenant House). I also encourage you to go online and check out these, and other organizations, and the work they do locally and internationally.

CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING:
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS:
This year we will be purchasing wreaths for the church as well as flowers for the altar at Christmas. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those that wish to make a donation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Knights of Columbus Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will meet at All Hallows on Tuesday December 4, 2018 at 7:45 pm This meeting will take place after 7:00 pm mass at All Hallows. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.