

February 23, 2020 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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.

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February 16, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1404.50
Building Fund	55.00
Bingo Proceeds	897.00
Votive Candles	63.00
Mass Stipends	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Bridget Blackwood
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Mary Park
Wed, 7 p.m.	Parish Community
Thur, 7 p.m.	Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt
Fri, 10 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Brake Family
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late Ignatius & Edna Power
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 29	
Basil English Dennis Bruce	Donna Mitchell Mona Specker Marie Byrne
March 1	
Amelia Dicks Wayne Dicks	Barbara Neville Don Gallant Donna Eldridge
Communion of the Sick	
John Carroll	

ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses on Ash Wednesday will be as scheduled: **10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church, 5:30 pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church.** Ashes will be distributed during each of these masses. Please make every effort to attend one of these masses.

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.

PARISH BINGO: Our next parish bingo will be held on **March 1, 2020**. The list of donors is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. It includes those with last names beginning with N-Z. Please support this important fundraiser.

THANK YOU: Bingo donations were received with thanks from the following people; Diane Bennett, Hilda Butt, Don Gallant, Mary Gallant, Alvina George, Sheila George, Maureen George, Linda Green, Annie Griffin, Brenda Griffin, Jackie Griffin, Tony Griffin, Julia Hackett Myles, John Hancock, John Hayes, Diane Hearn, Joan Hutchings Kay Hynes, Doreen Jones, Pat Jones, Judy Joyce, Clara Joyce, Florence King, Gail Leggo, Edith Leonard, Mike Leonard, Elaine Lynch, Shirley McGrath, Edmund McGrath, Linda McIsaac, Ann McHugh, Helen McCarthy, Margaret McCarthy, Trish Meade, Marie Mitchell, Donna Mitchell, Eileen Moore, Victoria Murphy, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Rita Pye, Linda Tarbett, and Bill Peddle.

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

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Adoration and Benediction will take place on Sunday, February 23rd. Adoration begins at 2 pm and concludes with Benediction at 3 pm. Please come join us in prayer.

HUMOUR: It was so cold that when I left Starbucks mocha lattes, I got into my car with fudgesicles.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA: Mission activity was the first action of the Apostles. When the Canadas began, French missionaries, accompanying explorers, continued that action in North America. Four hundred years later, some areas have yet to be fully established. Encouraged by Pope Francis, our home missions need our attention. The 'Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions' hopes to achieve this goal by asking God's blessing on our mission areas. Our Canadian missionaries and the Catholics they serve need our prayers. Each Canadian Diocese is choosing its own time to celebrate our Canadian missions. **Our Diocese has selected Ash Wednesday as a day of prayer for this worthy cause. In particular, we will be asked to make an offering on this day.** Envelopes for this purpose are in our package. Extra envelopes will be available in our churches. Please join the initiative. Sponsored by Catholic Missions in Canada.

HUMOUR: Did you hear of the man that wore one boot when going outdoors? He heard there was a 50% chance of snow.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and a day of abstinence from meat. It means we are encouraged to have one full meal on that day plus two lighter ones and with no other foods or beverages. It does not apply to people who are over 65 years of age or to anyone with special needs.

WINTER CARNIVAL CABBAGE ROLL DINNER: Holy Redeemer Parish Cabbage Roll Supper will be held on Monday, **February 24th** at All Hallows Church Basement. Take out is 3:30 to 4:30 and eat in 5:00 to 6:00. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the door. Please note the dinner will be held at All Hallows but is sponsored by Holy Redeemer Cathedral Parish.

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.

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.