

April 9, 2023: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

“On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.”

John 20:1-18

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Office Administrator: Chelo Escalona

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-12pm

NOTICE: The parish office will be closed Monday, April 10th.

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm.

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

Bible Study:

Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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April 1st – April 2nd, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1727.05
Parish Dues	100
Building Fund	180
Lenten Folders	360
Votive Candles	32
In Memorium	150
Mass Stipends	70
Development & Peace	145
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	25
St. Vincent de Paul	55
Donation for the Roof	100
Easter Flowers	90

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. 7 pm	Molly Brake
Thu. 7 pm	Frank & Bride Hayes
Sat. 4:30 pm	Fred Hayes
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 15	
Art Hall	John Carroll
April 16	
Mike Leonard	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin	

NEW MASS SCHEDULE: Beginning the week of April 10th, weekday mass will only be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7pm.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: A reminder to start your Divine Mercy Novena this **Good Friday, April 7 at 9:00 am** in time for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16th: Divine Mercy Hour and Benediction will be held at **All Hallows Church, 3:00, Sunday, April 16.**

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The amount collected through your generosity will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelop in the offertory or to donate online at www.devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

SACRED HEART PARISH VARIETY CONCERT: Join us on Sunday, April 16, 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart School auditorium for an evening of fun and entertainment. Featuring; Dave McHugh, Kyra Adey, Sadie Park, Grace Payne, Tara Quilty, and The Griffins. Admission \$5.00.

MARCH BINGO DRAW: Thank you to all who participated in the draw. The list of names will be posted next week. The winner for **March** was **Danielle Preston**. The names for April are those starting with A through E.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Helen Jones** of Corner Brook on winning **\$1,000.00** in our ticket draw on **March 31.**

ORIENTATION WORKSHOP: Holy Redeemer Parish will be holding a Liturgy of the Word Orientation Workshop on **Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.** at the lower level of the Cathedral.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Free 8 week in-person or online program is being offered on Tuesdays, beginning April 18th 10:00 am to noon at 110 Healthcare Crescent - Western Long-Term Care. **Pre-registration is required by April 12.** Call Sandra at 784-2700 Extension 2669. Grief and bereavement are a normal part of life but can also be a difficult journey to navigate. To learn more - visit <https://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/grief-andbereavement/>

NOTICE OF DEATH: The Presentation Sisters mourns the death of Sr. Jean Whalen, PBVM.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: This preparation will take place on Monday, April 24th at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral. This is for parents and Godparents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with the understanding that there will be a well-founded hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. We offer a walk through of the liturgy with an opportunity for question and discussion. Call the office at 634-5161 to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: St. Bonaventure's Military Tribute Dinner May 9th, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Legion Branch 56 Pleasantville. It will be a first class event and the quality of the speaker well known. General Rick Hillier. St Bonaventure's school is one of two catholic schools operating in NL. Immaculate Heart of Mary School Corner Brook is the other. The Knights of Columbus is very interested in sponsoring this event, and rightly so, as these schools are the future of the Faith in Newfoundland and Labrador, generating a new generation of Catholics who will be the future leaders in our faith communities. Contact Brother Gerry Puddister 709 685 4785 Contact Brother Brian Kennedy 709 727 5288 Contact D E Long SW 709 764 5402

MARRIAGE COURSE - FOR 2023: will be held on Friday, April 22nd 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

In honour of the **CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III on May 6th**, St. John the Evangelist will hold a High Tea on **Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm** in the Churchill Hall. By reservation only, as seats are limited. Please reserve your seat early by calling 634-6370, 634-1498 or 634-2366. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, and you can pay at the door.