

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, December 17** – Reconciliation (Our Lady Star of the Sea, **after 6 pm mass**)

**Monday, December 19 @ 7:00 pm** – Reconciliation (Sacred Heart)

**Saturday, December 24 @ 4:30 pm** – Christmas Eve Mass (Sacred Heart)

**Saturday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Mass (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

**Sunday, December 25 @ 11:00 am** – Christmas Day Mass (Sacred Heart)

**December 11, 2022: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

“Yes, I tell you, and more than Prophet. This is the one about whom it is written. “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”  
**Matthew 11:2**

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week’s Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus’ message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the Kingdom of God.

***The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John’s arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today’s Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.***

***Jesus’ message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God’s work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God’s kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.***

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Sacred Heart Parish**

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Joseph Stany Moothedan

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am- 2:30 pm

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

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.  
Friday at 10 am.

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

Lohnes Complex First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

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](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Regular Sunday	\$1684.10
E-transfer	0.00
Shepherd’s Fund	15.00
Building Fund (Roof)	320.00
SSVP	50.00
Christmas Flowers	40.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Late Agatha Poole
Wed. 7 pm	Late William & Winnifred Lynch
Thu. 7 pm	Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Fri 10 am	No Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Nellie , Joe & Jim Hayes
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Dec 17</b>	
Art Hall	Eileen Moore Donna Mitchell
<b>Dec 18</b>	
Wayne Dicks	Margaret Dalley Anna House
<b>Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore</b>	

**E-TRANSFER:** We think we resolved the problem with the E-transfer, and we encourage you to try that process again.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Missals are available at the church or parish office for \$5 each.

**PARISH DUES:** Parish dues were received from Vivian Donahue, Mike & Alvina George, Jack & Clara Joyce, and Bill & Gen Quigley.

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2023:** They are now prepared. If you don’t have a box and wish to obtain a box of envelopes, please register at the parish office. Boxes are available for pick up at the church this weekend.

**SNOW SHOVELLING:** We are in dire need of a person to provide snow shovelling services at the parish house. If you can provide this service, please call Fr.Jim so we can outline tasks and pay. Thank you.

**CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES:** Daily mass will be held in the parish house on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7pm and Friday at 10am.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER STOCKING STUFFERS:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again collecting socks, gloves, caps, scarves, etc as stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A collection box can be found at the rear of the Church. As well, if you or your family would like to sponsor a hamper or contribute in some way, please call the Society at 638-9010. Thanks for your continued generosity!"

**ADVENT FOLDER:** Advent offering envelopes are available at the church. We ask you to generously support this Advent collection. Please think of them as a replacement of the folder with a suggested offering of \$20.

**CHOIR:** Choir practices for the Christmas masses will begin on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the church.

**RELIGION (SACREMENTAL PROGRAMS):** Registration Sheets for religion program are available at the church. You will be contacted at the first meeting.

**PARISH OUTREACH:**

1. **A prayer list for the sick** will be reintroduced into the parish bulletin. To have the sick prayed for, you must call the parish office before Thursday 3pm. That name will be published in the bulletin. Please ask the permission of that person to publish that information in the bulletin. That information will only be in the Bulletin for that week. Each week a new list will appear based on those who called in that week. This is meant for those with serious illnesses only.
2. **Parish outreach home visitation** will begin with a committee formed by Marie Pennell (709-338-5090), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411). Please call Marie, Pat, or Gerard if you wish them to bring communion and make a pastoral visit to your homes.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Did you ever wonder about the pink candle on the Advent Wreath and that Father is wearing a pink chasuble today? Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, know as ‘Gaudete Sunday’. Gaudete is the first word (in Latin) of the Entrance antiphon for today’s Mass and it means rejoice. The pink candle and pink chasuble emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. This change in color from purple to pink is meant to encourage us to continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Keep praying as we wait for the birth of our Saviour.

**HUMOUR:**  
What kind of car does an elf drive?  
A toy-ota.  
How does Santa measure his bag?  
In Santa-meters.

**AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON WHAT MATTERS MOST:**

Seeing and hearing the ongoing discussions the Catholic community of Corner Brook have been having, both formally and informally, the Pastors of Corner Brook (Fr Lee, Fr. Jim and Bishop Bart) have come together to develop a way in which we can all listen to each other to identify and address the key issues in our community, In order to reflect Pope Francis’ invitation to be more synodal, the process will involve small groups in order to make sure everyone is involved as both speakers and listeners. It is also hoped that, by working together towards an agreement on the most salient issues facing our community, we will work together to follow-up on the recommendations.

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:** 1). What do you see as the three most important issues that need to be addressed by the Catholic Community in Corner Brook? (Come to an agreement in your small group, before moving to question 2. 2). What are some ways that we, as a Catholic Community in Corner Brook, can address them?

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting your donation in an envelope (envelopes located at the church) with the name of your loved one and drop it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.

