

January 15, 2023: 2nd Sunday in ordinary time

“And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and remain on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” John 1:29



John points out that Jesus is the Lamb of God, a sacrifice for our restoration. When we pray the “Lamb of God” at Mass, we should remember that Jesus willingly gave his life for us so that we could be redeemed. This tremendous act shows that all human life has dignity in the eyes of God.

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew’s Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John’s Gospel. We heard Matthew’s account of Jesus’ baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the

Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus as found in John’s Gospel. John’s Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today’s reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John’s testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the “Lamb of God” and the “Son of God.” By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus’ ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John’s baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus’ ministry.

The purpose of John’s baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel. John the Baptist’s sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John’s witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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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 you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 7th – January 8th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1422.00
Building Fund	45.00
Roof	1550.00
SSVP	315.00
New Year’s Day	35.00
Reconciliation Day Fund	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Jack Neville
Wed. 7 pm	Late Brian Canning Late Paul Robertson
Thu. 7 pm	Late Jack Hearn
Fri 10 am	Intentions of Donor
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Serena Callahan
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Jan 21	
Don Gallant	Eileen Moore Joan Penney
Jan 22	
Calvin Gillis	Donna Mitchell Amelia Dicks
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney	

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

PARISH DUES: Parish dues were received from Eileen Buckle and Margaret McCarthy.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study will continue this Sunday January 15th at 7pm at the parish house. Everybody is welcome.

CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES: Daily mass will be held in the parish house.

PARISH OUTREACH: There is a committee formed to help the parish to provide outreach to parishioners who are not always able to attend our services. This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell, Gerard Deveaux, Pat Moore, and Tony Griffin, 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.

4 YOUTH: Today is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time; it forms the largest part of the church’s liturgical year. It is the time in the liturgical year which is not part of a special season (Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter). Why is it called Ordinary Time? Well, it’s not because it’s unimportant or routine or boring! It’s because the weeks are numbered. (The Latin word ordinals refers to numbers in a series). During Ordinary Time the Scripture reading focus on the 2023 events of Jesus’ life between His Birth and His Death and Resurrection. This is Year A of the three-year schedule cycle of Sunday Readings with the majority of the Sunday Gospel readings taken from the Gospels of Mark. During Ordinary Time we reflect on the way that Jesus lived and the things that He taught so that we might become more like Him.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: In order to mark this event, the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association will be holding an ecumenical service on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm at All Hallows Church. It is our church’s turn to host the event. All are welcome.

ROOF REPORT: Thank you to everyone who continue to financially help carry the cost of our new roof. A special thank you to David Kennedy and Derm Traverse for their contributions.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: This celebration takes place annually throughout the world. It calls all Christian denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. This should be a constant theme in our own prayer. To mark this event, the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association is holding an ecumenical service on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm at All Hallows Church. All are welcome.

ROOF REPORT-\$1000 Pledge: Thank you to everyone who continue to financially help carry the cost of our new roof. A special thank you to Ed & Theresa Dobbin for their contribution of \$1000.

NATIONAL HUGGING DAY: This day was created in 1986 by Kevin Zaborney. His friend was the granddaughter of the proprietors of Chase’s Calendar of Events. Zaborney chose January 21 because it was the time between the winter holiday season and the new year’s birthdays, which he noticed was a time people tend to feel low in spirits. He also felt that people were often too embarrassed to show affection in public and hoped National Hugging Day would change that, though he never actually thought it would catch on. The best way National Hugging Day is celebrated is by spreading the love and offering a hug to your friends and family. It’s amazing how much difference a simple hug can make.

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

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Will meet Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. New members welcome. We need your help and input to make this year a positive and successful one.

APUKNAJIT WINTER FEAST: The Corner Brook Aboriginal Women’s Association will host their annual Apuknajit Winter Feast at Bennett Hall, 11 West Street on Saturday, February 4th from 1 - 4 pm. Admission is Free



HUMOUR:
What did the icy road say to the car?
Wanna go for a spin?
What can you catch in the winter, even with your eyes closed? **A cold.**
What do you call an old snowman? **Water.**
What do you call a snowman that plays piano?
Melting John
Why can't the snow climb a ladder?
Because snow falls.