

December 31, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family

Family Connection

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus.

From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family.

Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross.

One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times.

Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: **Fr. Lee Lainey**

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Office Hours: **Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

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www.sacredheartrcparish.ca

Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Mass During Week:

Monday 11am New Years Day, 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 Friday of each month - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

***Note: No mass at the church on this day.**

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Bible Study:

Thursday January 4 after 7pm mass.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed 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 709-638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS
December 23, 24 & 25th, 2023**

Regular Sunday	2195.00
Loose Offering	734.90
Parish Dues	50.00
Envelope Cost	10.00
Building Fund	10.00
Christmas Flowers & Christmas	1632.00
Advent Folders	790.00
Votive Candles	46.00
Sunday Missals	42.00
Needs of the Church	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	60.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 7pm	Late Serenna Callahan
Wed. 7pm	Parish Community
Thrus. 7pm	Parish Community
Fri. 2pm	Lohnes Complex
Sat. 4:30pm	Parish Community
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 1	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Basil English	Donna Mitchell
January 6	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Gerry Buckle	Elizabeth Carew
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	
January 7	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Wayne Dicks	Amelia Dicks

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next parish council meeting will be Tuesday January 9th, 2024, at 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish Church.

BIBLE STUDY: The next bible study will be held on Thursday January 4, 2024 after evening mass.

WEEKDAY MASS: Starting **Tuesday January 9th, 2024** weekday mass will be at 10a.m. each morning. The weekend masses will remain the same.

NOTE: Starting first week of January 2024, we will hold Weekday mass in the Meeting Room in order to cut down on oil costs of heating the entire church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:
Donated in memory of the following:
The Beales and Wiseman family and daughter Dana Beales.
Annie, Brian & Thomas Griffin.
Robyn and Jackie Griffin.
Edith Leonard.
The Joyce & Hickey families.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: 2024 donation envelopes are available at the back of the church for pickup. New members requiring envelopes can call the office during regular hours or fill out the address form at the back of the church, and add that you would like envelopes.

SACRED HEART BINGO: The next bingo will be held Sunday January 28, 2024, at 2pm. Doors open at 1pm.

MASS INTENTIONS: Forms are available at the back of the Parish or you can call or email the Parish office during regular office hours with your request. Note that more than one mass intention can be said on the same day. Be sure to get your request in early so that we can place it in the bulletin for that week.

THE SEARCH: This is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a skeptic, THE SEARCH will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. Life's questions demand to be answered. We will have fellowship and small group discussions each week in addition to the video series.

The SEARCH is from the Augustine Institute that serves the formation of Catholics intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally to renew the Church and transform the world for Christ.

This will be held for 7 Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8:15pm, Starting January 24th - March 13th (Ash Wednesday excluded) at Sacred Heart Parish Church.

This is FREE and open to All Adults. For registration and information please contact the parish office by email (curlingparish@hotmail.com) or telephone during office hours at 709-785-5025.

E-TRANSFER: If you cannot make it to mass but would like to donate you always have the option to make donations and mass requests via email money transfer.

The email address for e-transfers only is: **sacredheartcrparish@hotmail.com**. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # or address in the comments section.

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee is offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. To anyone needing a pastoral visit or communion to the sick please call the parish office at 709-785-5025 and you will be directed to a committee member.

Reflection

Children

Your children are not your children.
They come through you but not from you.
And though they are with you,
yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.