

**July 23, 2023: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.”

- **Matthew 13:24-43**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus’ discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus’ explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

***Loyolapress.com***

**July 23, 2023**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



## Parish Information

Pastor: Rev. Lee Lainey (beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

Office Administrator: **Chelo Escalona**

Office Hours: **Monday to Friday 9am-12pm**

465 Curling Street  
Corner Brook, NL, A2H 3K8  
Tel: (709) 785-5025  
curlingparish@hotmail.com

e-transfers: [sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com)  
Password "Church"  
[www.sacredheartrcparish.ca](http://www.sacredheartrcparish.ca)  
Diocesan website: [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com)

**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.**

**Lohnes Complex**

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

**Bible Study:**

Post-poned until further notice.

**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**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$1,891.75
Loose Offering	74.00
Building Fund	40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	80.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Wed. 7 pm	Late Percival & Mary Joyce
Thur. 7 pm	Late Bill & Veronica Joyce
Fri. 2 pm	No Mass
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Joe & Mary Gallant
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>July 29</b>	
Jerome Dicks	Barbara Neville
<b>July 30</b>	
Wayne Dicks	Margaret Dalley
<b>Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin</b>	

**COFFEE TIME:** Our Coffee has now stopped for the Summer. We would also like to thank anyone who so kindly made baked goods and donated every Sunday. See you in September.

**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.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:**

July 23 The elderly deserve our love and respect. For World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Vatican offers plenary indulgence for all those people who participate virtually in the solemn celebration that Pope Francis will preside at in St. Peter’s Basilica on July 23rd, who attend a similar local celebration in their local parish or who visit the elderly and the sick. In the spirit of the day, those who are unable to leave their homes automatically receive the Plenary Indulgence. An indulgence is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.” The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence require the individual to be in a state of grace, have complete detachment from sin, and pray for the pope’s intentions. The decree also stipulated that one way to receive the plenary indulgence for Grandparents’ Day is by dedicating time on July 23 to visiting the elderly, particularly those who are sick, disabled, or abandoned. A phone or video call can also count, the Vatican said.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for anyone available to take Communion to the Sick and Shut-Ins during the summer months. Please contact one off the Outreach members if interested.

**ALZHEIMER SOCIETY-Family Support Group:** is held the **Last Wednesday** of each month at **3:00 pm** at the Corner Brook LTC.

**CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER:** Workshop for caregivers supporting seniors is being offered on **July 26th - 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm** at St John the Evangelist Anglican Church on Main Street. There is limited seating for register early - **deadline is July 24th.** For more information call 634-4321 or email [cmhi.mhp@gmail.com](mailto:cmhi.mhp@gmail.com)

**DIOCESE OF CORNER BROOK AND LABRADOR:**

“Dear Fr. Lee Lainey; By virtue of this letter, I appoint you as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Curling, and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Benoit’s Cove, effective on **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023** with all the faculties, duties, and rights and privileges accorded by the norms of law. Thank you for your generous service to the people of Holy Redeemer Cathedral, All Hallows and St. Brendan’s Chapel, and pray that the next few weeks will be marked by fond farewells as well as time for rest and relaxation. Please be assured of my prayers during this time of transition, and my support in your ongoing ministry”. -Bishop Bart van Roijen.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE:** The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally, and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

**“Share the Words” Hope:** Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women’s League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope.

**CEMETERY MASSES:** **Mt. Patricia Cemetery** - Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, **Townsite Cemetery** - Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, **Mount Cecilia Cemetery** (Sacred Heart Parish) Monday - July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm, **Old RC Cemetery** - Benoit’s Cove - August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. In the event of rain, the mass will be held at the respective churches.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Will take place on **Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral. This is for the parents and god-parents. 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.

**FEAST OF ST. ANNE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION:**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** is the Feast of St. Anne and the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women’s Association and the Benoit’s Cove Native Women’s Association will take a special role in preparing for and celebrating this feast. This mass will take place at **5:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish with Bishop Bart van Roijen** as Presider. Both Women’s Association, in traditional regalia will provide hymns and songs. Following the Mass there will be a feast at St. Mary’s Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**HUMOUR:**

“What is the similarity between a grandmother and a website? You can’t deny the cookies!”