

January 26, 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The “year acceptable to the Lord” is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow, and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven, and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish  
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Diocesan website: [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com)

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.

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

Lohnes Complex\* First Friday of each month - 2 pm

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

Bible Study: To be determined at a later date.

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

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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January 18 & 19, 2025

Regular Sunday	
Loose Offering	
Parish Dues	
Envelope Cost Contribution	
Building Fund	
New Years Day/Solemnity of Mary	
Advent Folders	
Votive Candles	
Sunday Missals	
Saint Vincent de Paul	
Indian Res. School Fund	

MASS INTENTIONS Jan. 28 – Feb. 2

Jan. 28	The Late Ada Myles The Late Annie Griffin
Feb. 1	The Late Shirley Dunphy
Feb. 2	The Late Dorothy Keough The Late Marie Pennell

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 1	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Daniel Daye	Elizabeth Carew
February 2	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Basil English	Amelia Dicks
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore	

SACRED HEART BINGO:

Our next bingo is Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Sacred Heart Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00. Bingo will start at 2:00. See you there!

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:

Poor Box collection is this weekend during the weekend masses of **January 25 -26**. SSVP members and friends will be on hand at parish to accept donations. Thanks for your continued support.

**OFFICE HOURS:** The Secretary will out of the office from Jan. 29-31. Please have your mass requests and any other info for the bulletins in on Monday & Tuesday.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: “We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (Rom 5:3-4).

For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection.

In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience.

*Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis*

**SYMBOLON MEETING:** The next session is on **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm** in the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next parish council meeting will be **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:30pm** at the church.



Is a 5-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ.

It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is **May 20- 25 in Kelowna, BC**.

For more information you can email:

[griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to [250-808-6403](tel:250-808-6403). Diocese of Nelson, Kelowna, BC

***DONATIONS – Tax Receipts for 2024:*** *Revenue Canada has announced that from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 any donations you make to the parish can be claimed on your 2024 Income Tax reporting. You don’t need to do this but if you want to add those donations to your 2024 taxes, please contact the office and let us know. The Parish will issue the regular tax receipts as usual.*

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Starting the end of this month, we will announce parishioner’s birthdays. If you wish your birthday to be announced, please call the office and we will add your name to the list. If you do not call and give the name, we will not announce it. This will happen each month.

Reflection:

Water into wine

Jesus brought the wine of God’s love into the world.

Everywhere he went the old was made new. For the couple at Cana he changed water into wine.

For the widow of Nain he changed tears into joy.

For Zacchaeus he changed selfishness into love.

For the thief on Calvary he changed despair into hope.

And on Easter morning he changed death into life.

Lord, be present with us today and throughout our lives.

And when through human weakness the wine of love is found wanting, touch our hearts and strengthen our wills, so that we may taste the wine of unselfish love.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.181