

## Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador

December 25th, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"The people who dwelt in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." (Matthew 4:16 NRSV)

As we stand on the threshold of the Jubilee of Hope, we acknowledge the sufferings caused by sin in the world, while holding fast to the healing made possible by the work of God's grace. God breaks into our broken world by taking on our human flesh in the womb of Mary, a birth that opened the hearts of the shepherds to receive the angel's message, stirred the hearts of the magi to travel from afar and moved sinners to repentance.

We, too, gathered in churches around our diocese, are invited to open our hearts to the birth of our Saviour, the Dawn of Hope, welcoming the Prince of Peace who brings joy to lives transformed by his love. Darkness melts before him, as we bask in the love he reveals through human weakness, and learn to love as he has loved us from the beginning.

The trials he endured could not quench his love, nor his sufferings his mercy. His manger bed, harbinger of the cross he bore. The shepherd, a reflection of those who would follow him.

Born in human weakness, Christ is hope for a pilgrim people. Journeying through a foreign land, binding the wounds of one another, we commend ourselves to live not for ourselves but for him alone. Christ is our hope, his cross our anchor, his gospel the truth by which we live. During this Jubilee, and by his birth, may he be your strength, your hope your all. Together may we witness to our salvation.

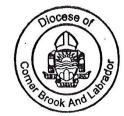
"Come, Lord Jesus, come." (Revelation 22:20 NRSV)

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop Bart van Roijen

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Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador



## Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 CHRISTMAS SEASON

# Sacred Heart Parish

### A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



#### Parish Information

Pastor: Fr. Lee Lainey

Office Administrator: Roseann Janes

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

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

& on the 29 at 10:30a.m. at Holy Redeemer only.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m. None on Dec. 26 & 27 or Jan 2

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

<u>Lohnes Complex\*</u> First Friday of each month - 2 pm January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

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

Bible Study:
Holy Hour of Adoration:

To be determined at a later date. Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages: Six r

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended. 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:

**Baptisms:** 

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 28 – Jan 1. 2025

Dec. 28	Mass for the Intentions of the People
Dec. 31	New years eve mass – 4:30pm
Jan. 1	New years day mass – 11:00am
Jan. 3	LOHNES COMPLEX ONLY - 2pm
Jan. 4	The Late Rita McGrath
	The Late Shirley Dunphy
Jan. 5	The Late Ellen Stratton
	& Helen Roder

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 28			
Reader	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		
John Carroll	Marie Pennell		
December 31			
Reader	Eucharistic Minister		
Lynette Taylor	Donna Mitchell		
January 1			
Reader	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		
Calvin Gillis	Bernadette Stone		
January 4			
Reader	Eucharistic Minister		
Jerome Dicks	Joe Byrne		
January 5			
Reader	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>		
Veronica Stone	Anna House		
Communion to the Sick – Barbara Neville			

#### **JUBILEE OF HOPE MASS:**

Remember the **Jubilee of Hope mass** at Holy Redeemer on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December at 10:30a.m.

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Donated in memory of the following:

Marie C. Byrne – From: Joe Byrne

The Rockett Family – From: Regina Brown

Daphne & Sharon Brake – From: Judy Brake

Dr. Tony O'Connor – From: Daniel O'Connor

Dana Beales & The Beales & Wiseman Families

– From: Doug & Donna Beales

The Samms & Bennett Families

– From: Loretta & Gerard Bennett

Michael & Ada George – From: Maureen

George & Don and Theresa George

The Hutchings, Boland, Schulz & Rolls Families

– From: Coleen Boland

Edith Leonard – From: Mike & Linda Leonard Vince, Eileen & Daniel Lewis – Fr: Brenda Lewis The Hayes Family – From: John & Joe Hayes George Hynes – From: The Griffin Family Thomas (Sr.), Annie & Brian Griffin – From: The Griffin Family & Gerry & Sandy Buckle Edward Buckle – From: Gerry & Sandy Buckle

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS CORRECTION:**

The church and office **will be closed** from Dec. 26/27 & 29, and Jan. 2 & 3, there will be no Mass on these days, but the Lohnes Complex Mass will be held Jan. 3 at 2pm. The Office is also closed Christmas Day, & New Years Day. We will have Mass on December 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at Sacred Heart Parish.



#### **Christmas Message from Father Lainey**

As we take the time to prepare ourselves for another Christmas Season with decorations, gifts, and Christmas trees, we will also take the time to celebrate this festive season with family and friends. We will exchange gifts and gather for meals and tell family and friends that we love them and that they mean so much to us.

As we celebrate this special time, let us not forget who we are celebrating, that is, the birth of Jesus the Emmanuel, God is with us. In Christ Jesus, God comes into our history, our world and our lives. He becomes one of us in flesh and bone and shows our love and solidarity with us by sharing and living our human experience. Jesus is the Prince of Peace who, through his teachings and actions, has made the love and compassion of God real for people.

I would like to take this moment to thank all those who volunteered in the parish over the past year and who help keep this parish alive - eucharistic ministers, musicians, readers, altar servers, John our maintenance man and Roseann our wonderful secretary, and last but not least, all parishioners whom I am delighted to serve.

I wish each and everyone of you a Merry and blessed Christmas, and a Happy and Hopeful New Year full of the Lord's many blessings.

#### **ADVENT ENVELOPES:**

Are located at the back of the church.

#### **CHRISTMAS SEASON PARKING:**

During mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day please follow the guidelines of the people helping everyone park. They are trying to make room for everyone to have a parking space. Thank you for your kindness towards them.

#### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS:**

#### **Christmas:**

**December 24**th, 2024, 4:30pm - Our Lady Star of the Sea 7:00pm — Sacred Heart Parish

**December 25**th, 2024:

11:00am – Sacred Heart Parish

December 29, 2024: JUBILEE OF HOPE

10:30a.m. - Holy Redeemer Cathedral.

#### **New Years:**

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

4:30pm – Sacred Heart Parish

January 1st, 2025: 11:00am – Sacred Heart

