

March 2, 2025: 8thth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third and final section of Luke’s Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother’s eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

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JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Signs of Hope:

All of us, need to recover the joy of living, since men and women, created in the image and likeness of God (cf.Gen1:26), cannot rest content with getting along one day at a time, settling for the here and now, [and instead seeks] fulfilment in material realities alone. This leads to a narrow individualism and the loss of hope; it gives rise to a sadness that lodges in the heart and brings forth fruits of discontent and intolerance.

Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis

Development & Peace

This year, under the theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can “restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone.” Find out how Development and Peace — Caritas Canada will be living the Jubilee at devp.org/lent.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:

The 2024 receipts are available at the back of the church. They are listed by last name. If you do not see yours or have an issue, please call the office at 709-785-5025. Thank you.

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.
Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed 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.
To be determined at a later date.
Postponed until further notice.
By request.
Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

Bible Study:
Holy Hour of Adoration:
Reconciliation:
Marriages:
Baptisms:
Family Connections:
St. Vincent de Paul:

RECEIVED WITH THANKS Feb. 22 & 23	
Regular Sunday	2270.00
Loose Offering	91.25
Parish Dues	100.00
Envelop Cost Contribution	10.00
Building Fund	80.00
Votive Candles	37.00
In Memorium	120.00
Mass Stipends	110.00
St. Vincent de Paul	35.00
Living with Christ	32.00

MASS INTENTIONS Mar. 4 - 9	
Mar. 4	The Late Tom Quigley
Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday The Late Mary E. George
Mar. 6	Special Intentions – Karen Loder
Mar. 7	Lohnes Complex Mass – 2pm Only
Mar. 8	The Late Rita McGrath & Eva McGrath
Mar. 9	The Late Jim Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
March 8	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jerome Dicks	Joan Penney
March 9	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Anna House
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore	

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 5, 7pm	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	Eileen Moore

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP MEETING:

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 11** at 3:30. New members are welcome.

IN MEMORY: Bernice Rowsell

From: Kay Musseau

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TICKET DRAW: “A Grand In The Hand”:

The Knight of Columbus a “*Grand In The Hand*” Ticket Draw is **Tuesday, March 4th**. Tickets are \$10 each. For tickets, call Brian at (709) 630-0611 or Gary at (709) 660-6316

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

Is at All Hallows Catholic Church on Humber Road in Corner Brook on **Friday, March 7 at 2:00 pm**. A luncheon will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend.

UKRAINIAN DIVINE LITURGY:

(1st Sunday of Great Lent).

On **Saturday, March 8**, at 10:00 am at All Hallows Catholic Church, 109 Humber Rd, with the Very Rev. Fr. Andrew T. Onuferko,

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting is rescheduled for **Tuesday, March 11th**, 6:30pm at the church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on **March 12th** at 7pm.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY SOCIAL:

The parish will be having a St. Patrick’s Day social from 7 to 10 PM on **Friday, March 14th** at Sacred Heart School.

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:

Collection will take place at this weekend’s masses of **March 1-2**. SSVP volunteers and friends will be available at the end of each mass to accept your donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

LENTEN SEMINARS RETREAT NOTICE:

WITH THE IMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART:

The first **four Saturdays** in the season of Lent have been earmarked as a special time for retreat and renewal. The Knights of Columbus invites us to come to the Cathedral, lower level **10:00 to 11:30am.**, for this special retreat encounter. Just come as you are, no registration required. This is our core program. We began it last year and it reaped many blessings. Count yourself into the group this year and take every opportunity to participate. See you at the gatherings **starting Saturday, Mar. 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th**.

MAKE IT A SEASON OF GRACE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following who donated to the February Bingo: Nora Burton, Jerry Griffin, Eddie Joyce, Von Hickey, Judy Joyce. Donna Gilliam, John Hancock, Christine Jewer, Jocelyn Kennedy, Bon Hearn, Tom George, Gail Leggo, Linda Greene, Brenda Griffin, Elaine Lynch, Kay Hynes, Margaret Gillis, Isabelle Gillis, Rita Pye, Dorothy Jones, Pat Jones, Bill Griffin, Florence King, Joan Penney, Dennis Blackwood, Christine Chadderton, Linda Corbett, Joan Butt, Diane Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Loretta Bennett, Dorothy Brake, Cathy Bolt, Patsy Hall, and Gene Beales. The winner was Diane Bennett. Our next Bingo is March 30th.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

Sacred Heart is pleased to announce the return of the Children’s Liturgy every Sunday morning. Parents and grandparents, we welcome the children back to mass to enjoy the Word of God. We look forward to seeing all the children at mass.

Ash Wednesday

Return to the Lord, your God. (Joel 2:13)

Happy Lent!

We might not think of Lent as a “happy” time, but that’s the way God thinks about this season. He looks forward to it!

To him, Lent is an exciting time, a hopeful time, a time for his children to come home to him. Our Father longs for each of us to grow closer to him and experience his love. And so, he calls us through the prophet Joel: Return to me with your whole heart” (2:12).

This is the “why” behind all our Lenten practices of fasting and repentance, of giving alms and setting aside extra time for prayer. We make these efforts not merely as an obligation or an attempt to detach from the world but as a response to God’s loving call.

They help us to return to him and reconnect with the One who has loved us from the beginning. With each prayer, each sacrifice, and each act of mercy, we can take one step closer to our Father.

“Father, I want to return to you with all my heart this Lent!”

*Excerpt from “The Word Among Us”,
Issue: Lent 2024, page 22*

GIFT CARD TREE:

We are starting to collect **gift cards/certificates or cash donations** towards the Gift Card Tree and ask for your help in achieving our goal to raise funds to replace the oil tank system, you can hand them in at Mass or drop them off at the office. Don’t forget to ask relatives, friends, and businesses to donate.