

May 24th, 2026: Pentecost Sunday

Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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MOUNT PATRICIA CEMETERY AGM:

The annual general meeting will be at the Glynmill Inn, 1 B Cobb Lane, Corner Brook on Thursday, **May 28th, 2026, at 6pm**. All are welcome, if you wish to attend, please email info@mountpatriciacemetery.com or call the office at 709-634-4774

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

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First Friday of each month at 2pm.

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or 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.

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May 16 & 17, 2026

Regular Sunday	1485.00
Loose Offering	91.45
Building Fund	85.00
Votive Candles	100.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Good Friday(Holy Lands)	10.00
Ecclesiastical Students	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	4.00

MASS INTENTIONS

May 26 – 31, 2026

May 26 - Tues	The Late James & Freddy Hackett
May 27 - Wed	The Late Percival & Mary Joyce
May 30 – Sat	The Late Bernadette & Anthony George
May 31 – Sun	The Late Dana Beales

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 30 – Saturday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Don Gallant	Elizabeth Carew

May 31 – Sunday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Veronica Stone	Brian Sparkes

Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney

FATHER’S DAY TICKET DRAW:

Our Lady Star of the Sea is selling tickets for a Father’s Day draw. The **prize is** 12 Lobsters, 10 lb Crab, 2 dozen Beer and 1 bottle of wine Tickets are **\$1.00 each** or \$5.00 a book **Draw date is Saturday June 20th, 2026.** Contact Barbara Hickey at 709-632-6493 or another member of their parish.

POTLUCK DINNER:

Our potluck is **this Sunday, May 24th after 11 a.m.** mass. It will be held at the **Sacred Heart Elementary School** in the Cafeteria. Hopefully everyone signed up and we will see you there. Check with a member of the Ladies Group if you have any questions. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Parish Council has been moved to **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

BAKE SALE:

On **Saturday May 30th at 10am. to 2pm.** we will be having a bake sale at **Sacred Heart Elementary School.** Whip up your baking skills and show us what you have with your donation. You **can drop off** your baked goods at the school on **Friday May 29th between 6-8pm.** Contact Marie Pennell at 388-5090 (marie.pennell.mp@gmail.com) or Liz Carew at 709-660-3509 or 709-785-5094 (lizcarew@hotmail.com) to volunteer your time to help sell the items or to set things up before the sale. **PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT SACRED HEART PARISH. SEE YOU THERE! BLESSINGS AND THANK YOU!**

MAY BINGO:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be having their **final bingo** before summer on Sunday **May 31st at 2-4pm.** at the **Sacred Heart Elementary School.** Doors open at 1pm. We will also be having the draw for the **Work of Art Ticket** (all tickets are sold) fundraiser during this bingo. Remember this is a scent free area. Thank you.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS:

On **Friday, June 12, 2026, at 7pm** we will have our Sacred Heart of Jesus mass with refreshments to follow. There will be no morning mass. All are welcome.

POOR BOX COLLECTION:

Will be held during next weekend's Masses, **May 30 - 31.** Society Of Saint Vincent de Paul members will be at the entrances after each Mass to accept your donations. Thank you in advance for your support.

ONLINE AUCTION - JULY

Sacred Heart Parish will be holding its next online auction in **July from the 6th to the 11th.** Anyone interested in donating items for the auction can **contact Lisa Myles** at (709) 632-9148 or lisa.myles@monmar.nf.net. You can also go on the Facebook page entitled Sacred Heart Auctions. Please be as generous and supportive as you can. Blessings!

ADVANCE NOTICE - CEMETERY MASSES:

Sacred Heart Cemetery Masses:
Mount Cecelia Cemetery - Curling
Tuesday, **July 28** at 7:00 pm.
Old RC Cemetery - Benoit’s Cove
Wednesday, **July 29** at 7:00 pm.

Holy Redeemer Cemetery Masses:
Mt. Patricia Cemetery – N. Shore Highway
Wednesday, **July 22** at 7 pm.
Townsite Cemetery – Corner Brook
Thursday, **July 23** at 7 pm.

In the event of rain, the masses will be held inside the churches.

MARY’S KITCHEN - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Saint Vincent de Paul Society are asking the **parishioners of Sacred Heart** to volunteer at **Mary’s Kitchen** during the month of **June.** This is open to men and woman in our parish. If you have some free time, please sign up on the sheet provided at the back of the church. Without volunteers this program could not survive.

Note: Mary’s Kitchen is temporarily at **All Hallows Parish** but the time remains the same, **every Friday from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.**

REFLECTION: *Love is Gentle*

It was late spring and the buds still refused to open. Tightly wrapped up in themselves, they were as hard as stones.

The wind shook them. The hail beat them. The frost squeezed them in a fist of iron. All three shouted, “Open up! Open up!”

Instead of opening up, the buds reinforced their shells, and retreated even more deeply into themselves.

Then along came the sun. It issued no threats and made no demands. It just created a more friendly climate.

And what happened? Almost overnight the buds began to soften and expand. Then their shells cracked, and they burst out.

If you love, you are gentle. And there are certain tasks which only gentleness can accomplish.