

January 11th, 2026: Baptism of the Lord

CONSERVATIVE PARTY letter (January 2026)

To Whom it May Concern:

The Prime Minister and his government are pushing for **changes to the Criminal Code** that many community members worry will affect the way Canadians share their beliefs, practise long-standing traditions or celebrate their faith.

These concerns became more apparent after Marc Miller, former Chair of the Standing Committee on Justice, remarked that some religious texts contain statements he considers objectionable, suggesting there might be circumstances where prosecutors could consider charges. Following those remarks, the Prime Minister appointed him to his current Ministerial role, a role that carries responsibilities related to the CRTC, CBC and the development of new online content rules.

The government's **Bill C-9** will remove long-standing provisions that protect those who speak on religious subjects or refer to religious texts in good faith, meaning responsibly and without malice intent. Without these safeguards some fear that long-accepted forms of preaching or teaching could be misinterpreted as hate-related offences, particularly as the government considers new definitions of "hate" that some, including myself as well as my caucus colleagues, believe are overly broad.

Many in our communities, faith leaders, educators, and families, are expressing understandable concern. These proposed changes could have real implications for cultural expression, religious practice, and the open exchange of deeply held beliefs.

My Opposition colleagues and I are committed to protecting freedom of religion and expression. We have introduced legislation such as **Bill C-255**, which strengthens protections for places of worship and supports the safety of those who gather there. Our focus is on ensuring that Canadians of every background feel secure in practising their faith and passing on their traditions.

We encourage Canadians to stay informed, to engage with their local representatives, and to speak with one another about what these proposed changes may mean for their communities. Conversations with faith leaders, neighbours, and community groups are an important way to ensure everyone understands the potential impacts.

As we work to safeguard these long-standing freedoms and raise concerns about government measures that may unintentionally overreach, we look forward to continuing the discussion with you in the weeks ahead.

..... from Conservative Party Leader – Pierre Poilievre & Carol Anstey, Member of Parliament for Long Range Mountains.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Fr. Lee Lainey

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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.

Bible Study:

To be determined at a later date.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Jan. 3 & 4, 2026

Regular Sunday	1427.00
Loose Offering	132.85
Parish Dues	435.00
Envelope Cost Contributions	118.00
Building Fund	100.00
New Years Day	65.00
Christmas	30.00
Advent Folders	10.00
Votive Candles	66.00
Sunday Missals	20.00
Living with Christ	27.00
Saint Anne's Oil	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 13 – 18, 2026

Jan. 14 – Wed.	The Late James Hackett
Jan. 15– Thurs.	The Late Sam Cobb
Jan. 16 – Fri.	The Late Fred Hayes
Jan. 17 – Sat.	The Late Jack Neville
Jan. 18 – Sun.	The Late Father B. Buckle The Late Jack Hearn

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Jan. 17 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Noseworthy	John Carroll
Jan. 18 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jerome Dicks	Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Sick: M. Pennell/E. Carew	

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

On behalf of the parish, birthday greetings go out to Joe Pennell, who celebrated his birthday this past week.

IN MEMORY:

The Late Michael Basha – From: Linda Basha

THANK YOU DANCE:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group and the Fundraising Committee will be holding the thank you dance **this Saturday night, January 10th** at the **Westmount Club. Doors Open at 8pm.** Snacks will also be served. Thank you to all the parishioners who helped with all our work, fundraising and just overall support of the church during 2025. We hope that everyone who registered can make it.

JANUARY BINGO:

We are pleased to announce that the Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding the next bingo on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**, at Sacred Heart Elementary School, starting at 2pm. Doors open at 1pm. All are welcome. Please remember **this is a SCENT FREE area.**

SSVP CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM:

On December 20th, we distributed 106 Christmas hampers in the Corner Brook area. Hampers consisted of a turkey, potatoes, vegetables, a grocery gift card and, in the case of children, gift cards. We thank all who contributed so generously to our 2025 Christmas hamper program and to the many volunteers who assisted in delivery.

READERS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS LIST:

The **2026 Readers/Eucharist Ministers List** is available at the back of the church. Please sign the form to indicate you have received your copy. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The parish council meeting is rescheduled for **January 20th, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

BAY OF ISLANDS MINISTERIAL ASSOC.:

Come celebrate a week of prayer for Christian unity. **Ecumenical Worship service** will be held on **Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm** at **St Michael and All Angels Church on Park Drive**, Corner Brook.

DONATION ENVELOPES 2026:

Please remember to pickup your envelopes at the back of the church for the 2026 season, if you have not already done so.

SSVP DECEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT:

Furniture: Between December 1-31, we made 17 furniture deliveries and picked up 21 furniture donations. 13 mattresses, 9 boxsprings, 7 dressers, 5 kitchen tables and 14 kitchen chairs were distributed, along with other household items. Storage cleanup, furniture repair, bagging of bedding and other tasks were also completed with a total of 70 volunteer hours for the month. As always, many thanks to our volunteers and to those who donated items.

Mary's Kitchen: As part of our weekly meals, a special Christmas dinner was served on December 19 consisting of ham, scalloped potatoes and veggies. An average of 25-30 people were in attendance throughout the month, with 40-45 people showing up for the Christmas dinner. Thanks to all our SSVP volunteers who helped out in December.

HOLY FATHERS INTENTION - JANUARY 2026:

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

SECRETARY AWAY:

The secretary is away from January 12-14, 2026 and the office is closed **only** on January 12th, 2026. The office will be open the rest of the week. If you need anything, call the office and speak with Father Lainey or leave a message. The secretary will be available briefly on Tuesday and back on Thursday January 15th, 2026.

REFLECTIONS:

Baptism

Baptism was not over and done with the day we are born. We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.

We are baptised by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless.

We are baptised by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion.

We are baptised by joy; in its gurgling waters we blossom like flowers in the sun.

Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.