

November 17th, 2024: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus’ predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus’ words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark’s Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark’s community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus’ observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow’s offering. If we had been reading Mark’s Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus’ words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus’ words and God’s never-ending love for us.

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SYMBOLON MEETING: The next meeting is Thursday, November 21st at 7pm in the church. We look forward to seeing you there. **Note:** due to circumstances we may have to reschedule for the next week. Please check with the parish office before attending.

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Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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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.

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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 you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

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

RECEIVED WITH THANKS on November 9 & 10	
Regular Sunday	1557.00
Loose Offering	98.00
Building Fund	45.00
Votive Candles	15.00
Mass Stipends	160.00
Sunday Missals	133.25
Saint Vincent de Paul	20.00
St. Anne’s Oil	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 19-24	
Nov. 19	The Late Dave McHugh
Nov. 20	The Late Jackie Griffin
Nov. 24	Mass for the Intentions of the people of the church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
November 23	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jacqueline Neville	Eileen Moore
November 24	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Amelia Dicks	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

FRIDAY, November 22nd – NO MASS:
Due to a funeral service at Country Haven, there will be no morning mass.

SUNDAY MISSALS:
The 2024-2025 Sunday Missals have arrived. They are \$5.00 each and can be purchased in the back of the church or through the parish office.

SPEAKER – DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:
This **Wednesday, November 20th** after regular morning mass we will have Patricia Walsh-Warren here to discuss the Fall action campaign and answer questions. Please show your support by signing up at the back of the church. Thank you.

THE R.C. SHEPHERDS’ FUND FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NL INC:
Will be conducting its annual collection next weekend, the Feast of Christ the King. Receipts for tax purposes will be issued by your Parish. If you do not have a designated envelop in your package, please use the special envelope provided by your Parish or use a plain envelope clearly labeled “Shepherds’ Fund”. Donations are welcomed and accepted at any time if next weekend is not a convenient time for you. The Shepherds’ fund Foundation expresses sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind support.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET:
We finally have our lottery tickets for the Giant Gift Basket Christmas fundraiser and will start selling them this coming week. We need **volunteers to sell tickets at various locations** and there is a volunteer sign-up sheet with dates and times at the back of the parish. If you wish to **sell some tickets personally**, please contact Roseann at the parish office at 709-785-5095 or by email at curlingparish@hotmail.com. You can also contact Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094, Lisa Myles at 709-632-9148. Thank you all for the tremendous amount of donations that each of you gave.

FISH FRY – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
The Knights of Columbus will be holding a fish fry – take out only – on Saturday November 30th. Pickup from 4-6:30pm at All Hallows Parish Basement. Tickets are \$20 each and available from any member of the Knights of Columbus or call 709-660-6316.

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:
Stocking Stuffers:
SSVP is still accepting stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested gift donations/gift cards can be found at the back of the parish along with the collection box. It is tax deductible and can be a cash donation. If you wish to sponsor a hamper or help out contact the Society at 709-638-9010. We are sincerely appreciative and grateful for your ongoing generosity.

MARY’S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS:
Remember Sacred Heart Parish is volunteering at Mary’s Kitchen on Fridays during the Month of November. Thank You for your continued support.

SSVP Christmas Hamper Registration:
Registration is at the Cathedral. MCP cards for each family member ARE REQUIRED to register. From 10am-Noon and 1-3pm for each date that follows:
Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Friday, Nov. 22 - Wednesday, Nov. 27
Friday, November 29(final Day to register)

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES:
The envelopes have arrived and will be available next week.

IN MEMORY:
For: **Alvina (Tiny) George:**
- Albert & Mona Specker
- Donald & Theresa George
- Dean & Ann Marie Kean
- Margaret Curtis
For: **Art Parsons:**
- Wayne & Pat Jones

ANNUAL ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE:
This year’s Annual Advent Ecumenical service is scheduled for Sunday, December 1 at 7 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 25 Main St. All singers are welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals will take place November 16 at 2:30 pm (led by Wendy Woodland) and December 1 at 5:45 pm (led by Doreen Klassen). This will again be a fundraiser for the local food bank.

Reflection: *Prayer of trust*

Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.
My happiness lies in you alone.
You are my portion and my cup,
You yourself are my prize.
I keep you ever in my sight,
Even at night you direct my heart.
With you at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
Nor let your beloved know decay.
You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

*From Psalm 15
Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B,
Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.352*