

## May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Ascension of the Lord

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

### **MOUNT PATRICIA CEMETERY AGM:**

The annual general meeting will be at the Glynmill Inn, 1 B Cobb Lane, Corner Brook on Thursday, **May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6pm**. All are welcome, if you wish to attend, please email [info@mountpatriciacemetery.com](mailto: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

Pastor: **Fr. Lee Lainey**

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Note: include your envelope #  
Pre-authorized debit can be arranged with your own bank – call us for our banking info.

Diocesan website: [rcchurch.com](http://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.**

**Lohnes Complex\*** 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](http://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**

**May 9 & 10, 2026**

Regular Sunday	1812.00
Loose Offering	120.35
Building Fund	75.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Ecclesiastical Students	20.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**May 19 – 24, 2026**

May 19 - Tues	The Late Leo English
May 20 - Wed	The Late Sandra Hickey
May 22 - Fri.	The Late Gerard English
May 24 – Sun	Mass Intentions for Parishioners

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**May 23 – Saturday**

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jacqueline Neville	Joe Byrne
May 24 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Sherri Lynn Brake	Eileen Moore
Communion to the Sick – Barbara Neville	

**MAY MONTH - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS* are inviting everyone to *participate in this prayer* during the month of May. It will be at the **Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.** This will be in the new form for public recitation as presented by St Pope John Paul 11. Do come and join us on these Wednesday evenings.

**POTLUCK DINNER:**

The Sacred Heart Ladies group will be holding a **potluck on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> after 11 a.m.** mass. It will be held at the **Sacred Heart Elementary School** in the Cafeteria. All are welcome to join. There will be a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the church, to let us know who is attending and what you will be bringing. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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** fundraiser during this bingo. Remember this is a scent free area. Thank you.

**MOVIE NIGHT:**

Do you have little ones that would be interested in a movie night at the church? We would like to invite the children of Sacred Heart Parish to a movie night, **tentatively** scheduled for **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm.** If your child would be interested in attending, please sign the sheet available that is at the back of the church.

**ONLINE AUCTION - JULY**

Sacred Heart Parish will be holding its next online auction in **July from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>.** 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.***

**BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624 MEETING:**

The next meeting will be at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on **Tuesday May 19th at 7:45 P.M.** This will also be our election of Officers could Sir Knights please try to attend.

**SSVP MEETING & MARY'S KITCHEN:**

**MARY'S KITCHEN:**

The location for Mary's Kitchen has been **moved to All Hallows** (kitchen area in the lower level) effective immediately and until further notice. The time remains the same, which is every Friday from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

**SSVP MEETING:**

Next general meeting is **Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 1pm** in the lower level of the Cathedral. New members welcome as always.

**REFLECTION: Returning to God**

We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.

We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen.

Like homing birds that are released in a strange country, and know no rest until they return home, so it is with us.

When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him. You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you.