



Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador

March 7th, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we embark on our common journey through Lent, it is important for us to cast our eyes on the path ahead. Through prayer, charity and fasting we embrace what is essential for our lives and the well-being of those around us, and we recognize that without God, charity to our neighbour and freedom from unsustainable consumption there is no hope, that our true hope is found in the cross of Christ, his self-offering for us out of love.

Come follow me. By these simple words Jesus invites us to walk with him, his hopes and dreams for us and for the world. Each time we pray, we deepen our walk with him. Each time we give of ourselves, we embrace his cross. Each time we renounce our own plans and desires in favour of God's greater plan, we are united to Christ, "The Way, the Truth and the Life," and his kingdom, "On earth as it is in heaven."

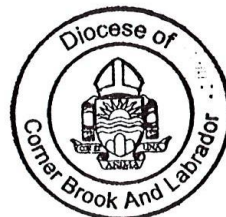
During this Jubilee of Hope Pope Francis invites us to work on "Turning debt into hope". Many of our brothers and sisters in the Global South live in countries burdened by debt. Debts incurred years ago, preventing them from receiving the basic government services most of us take for granted. Debts that have been repaid twice or three times over in interest. Debts that ensure that there is more money and resources flowing out of their economies than coming in.

In addition to signing this petition for debt relief for the poorest nations, we will be invited to participate generously in our annual Development and Peace Lenten collection. This sign of our generosity and solidarity with the Global South helps in funding development projects on the grassroots level, helping villages and communities towards greater self-sufficiency.

Lastly, I make a special appeal for charity at home, especially in our speech. As more and more of us experience the effects of what is happening in our world today, it is important that we do not take it out on one another. The stress we experience is often manifest in uncharitable speech or a general moodiness. None of us is immune to stress in our lives, let us be mindful of what is happening to us, take steps to mitigate it, and treat one another with charity.

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop Bart van Roijen



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March 16th, 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent

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 & Office Closed 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 Mar. 8 & 9	
Regular Sunday	1417.00
Loose Offering	88.10
Parish Dues	50.00
Building Fund	20.00
Lenten Folders	40.00
Word Among Us	5.00
In Memoriam	25.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	251.00
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS Mar. 18-23	
Mar. 18	The Late Donald (J) Di Cesare
Mar. 20	In Memory: The Late Bernice Rowsell
Mar. 22	The Late Marilyn (M) Coleman
Mar. 23	The Late Elisabeth & George Randell

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
March 22	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jacqueline Neville	Art Hall
March 23	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Anna House	Calvin Gillis
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney	

JUBILEE CHRISM MASS:
 The mass will be held on **April 9th at 7pm** at Holy Redeemer Cathedral. All are welcome. Let us make the Chrism Mass a part of our Parish’s Jubilee pilgrimage plans.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
Every Friday after morning mass we will be having The Stations of the Cross. This will continue up to and including Good Friday.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
 The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18th, 2025, at 6:30pm at the church.

SACRED HEART BINGO:
 Our next bingo is Sunday, March 30th, 2025, at Sacred Heart Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00. Bingo will start at 2:00. See you there!

SSVP NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:
 The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 19**, 2pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. All SSVP members are asked to make every effort to attend. Anyone looking to get started as a volunteer within the church community? If so, you're encouraged to come along to the meeting. Just a little bit of your volunteer time can make a big difference in other's lives.

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.

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.

NO MASSES:
 From April 22nd to April 25th, there will be no mass during this time as Father Lainey will be away at a seminar. Mass will resume April 26th at the regular time.

CONGRATULATIONS:
 The Parish would like to send warm wishes to Mike and Elaine Lynch on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary last Friday March 7, 2025. God Bless you both.

BISHOP O’REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624:
 The next meeting will be at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on **Tuesday March 18th** at 7:45 P.M. We ask that all Sir Knights please try to attend.

LENTEN SEMINARS RETREAT NOTICE:
 WITH THE IMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART:
 The next **three Saturdays** in the season of Lent are 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. See you at the gatherings **Saturday, Mar. 15th, 22nd and 29th.** MAKE IT A SEASON OF GRACE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER.

SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN:
Turn Debt into Hope: sign the petition! In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign to “forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.” Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act!
 Sign the global petition calling for:
 1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
 2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
 3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations
 Please sign the petition in church or online at devp.org/debt

JUBILEE 2025 – SIGNS OF HOPE:
 Show signs of hope with care to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be helped by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Show gratitude to all the healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for the vulnerable. Give your help to those who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their independence and freedom. Care given to all of them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole.

Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis

Reflection: An unquenchable longing

All of us can experience moments of great joy because in his goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come.

However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart.

What we long for is a permanent state of happiness. But that is unattainable here. So, what must we do?

Like desert travellers, we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of our journey.

This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our heart and an unquenchable longing in our soul.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.80