

June 8th, 2025: 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, taken from the Gospel of John, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts to each other. It is enough to 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 previously heard today's Gospel on the second Sunday of Easter. At that time, we also heard the passage that follows, which describes Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, this reading 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.” As he breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, Jesus sends his disciples to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are washed clean from sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God in forgiving 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.

NO MORNING MASS (Father Lainey is away):

From **June 10 - 27**, there is no morning mass. **Liturgy of the Word** will be held on **Sunday, June 22nd**. Otherwise, regular weekend mass for those 3 weekends will be held by Bishop Bart. From **July 2-11** there will be no morning mass. **Liturgy of the Word** will be on July 5-6. Father Lainey is away during these times.

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.

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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. ***Liturgy of the Word June 22***

Weekday Mass: ***From June 10 to 27th, there is no morning mass.***
Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

<u>Lohnes Complex*</u>	First Friday of each month - 2 pm Only - No morning mass.
<u>Bible Study:</u>	To be determined at a later date.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Postponed until further notice.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>Family Connections:</u>	At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS May 31 – June 1	
Regular Sunday	2095.00
Loose Offering	123.25
Building Fund	200.00
Votive Candles	31.00
In Memory	50.00
Ecclesiastical Students	10.00
Pope’s Pastoral Works	235.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Living with Christ	34.25
Bingo Proceeds	1000.00

MASS INTENTIONS June 10 – 15	
<i>June 10 to 13 – No Weekday Mass</i>	
June 14	The Late Daphne Brake The Late Mary Wheeler
June 15 Fathers Day:	The Late Maim Park The Late Jack Hearn The Late Jack Neville The Late Stanley O’Brien

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
June 14 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Don Gallant	Donna Mitchell
June 15 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Sick: Eileen Moore	

POOR BOX COLLECTION:
 Last weekend (May 31 - June 1) SSVP members took up the Poor Box collection during mass at Sacred Heart Parish. \$447.95 was collected and we thank you for your generous support.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):
 The meeting is this **Monday, June 9th** at 7pm in the church. It is **open to all parishioners**.

INDOOR YARD SALE – Saturday JUNE 14TH:
 Our indoor yard sale will be at Sacred Heart Elementary School **on Saturday, June 14th, 2025, from 9a.m. to 1p.m.** This is to help with the cost of our trip to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Grotto.
ITEM DROP OFF: **Friday June 13th, 2025,** starting at **6:30pm to 8:30pm**, at the school cafeteria. **Note:** No clothing or big items (ie: furniture). If you would like to help out or have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH GROTTO:

Last day to register is June 14, 2025.
To Register: Please sign the registration form in the back of the church or call Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094.

YOUTH GROUP:
 Our next evening of faith, food, and fun is on **Saturday, June 21st at 7:00 PM**, held at **All Hallows** (please note the location for this month). Use the **side entrance** when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend. **Our youth group fundraiser:** Please consider dropping off your recyclables at Scotia Recycling under account #7093305347 to support our youth. Please email cbcatholicyouth@gmail.com if you have any questions.

SACRED HEART BINGO:
 The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding the **last bingo** of this season on **Sunday, June 22nd, 2025.** in the Sacred Heart Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00pm. Bingo will start at 2:00pm. Bingo will resume in the fall. Much appreciation and thank you to all.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:
 Birthday greetings to Kay Musseau who will be celebrating her 90th birthday next weekend. A celebration will be held at Club 64 on **Sunday, June 15th, 2025, from 3-7pm.** The family wishes to extend an invitation to everyone at the parish, please come and celebrate with us.

TICKETS TO BE RETURNED:
 The Gift Card Tree only has 75 tickets outstanding from parishioners, **PLEASE drop them** off as soon as possible at the office. **Ticket draw June 15, 2025.**

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:
 The Ladies group would like to thank the following for their donation towards our May Bingo: Gerard Deveaux, Roger Dwyer, Maureen George, Sheila George, Tom George, Donna Gillam, Isabelle Gillis, Margaret Gillis Bill Griffin, Tony Griffin, Patsy Hall, Joe Hayes. John Hayes, Bob Hearn, Von Hickey, Kay Hynes, Christine Jewer, Dorothy Jones. Pat Jones, Claire Joyce. Eddie Joyce, Judy Joyce, Jocelyn Kennedy, Mike Leonard, Gail Leggo, Brenda Lewis, Elaine Lynch, Eileen Moore, Sherry Musseau and Rita Pye. If there are any names omitted, please call Madonna English or Pat Jones.
 The winner for May was Bob Hearn. We took in \$1012 in our May bingo of which \$1000 was given to the church.

SACREMENTAL PREPARATION:
 Sacramental Preparation will commence in September. Registration forms are now available at the back of the church or you can contact Julia Myles-Hackett at juliahackettmyles@gmail.com

MISSING ITEM: We are missing one of our portable organs from the church. Anyone knowing where it can be found, please contact the office.

NL HEALTH SERVICES – Volunteers Needed:
 Volunteers are needed Western Memorial Regional Hospital, Corner Brook Long Term Care, and Western Long-Term Care. Help is needed in: Palliative Care Unit, Recreation, Friendly Visiting, Cancer Treatment Unit, Gift Shops, Greeters Desk, Spiritual Care, Music/Entertainment. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Angela Fisher at 709-784-5369 or angela.fisher@nlhealthservices.ca Thank you.

Reflection: A new language

On Pentecost day the apostles spoke a new language.
 What was this new language?
 It was the language of peace rather than of war; the language of cooperation rather than of competition; the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance; the language of hope rather than despair; the language of tolerance rather than of bigotry; the language of friendship rather than of hostility; the language of unity rather than of division; the language of love rather than of hate.
 Through the gift of the Spirit, people of different languages learned to profess one faith, to the praise and glory of God.
 That is the real miracle of Pentecost, and it is a miracle which,

 thankfully, still happens.

