

February 23, 2025: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:

The 2024 receipts are available at the back of the church. They are listed by last name. If you do not see yours or have an issue, please call the office at 709-785-5025. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next parish council meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the church.

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Sacred Heart Parish  
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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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.**

Lohnes Complex\* 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

February 15 & 16, 2025

Regular Sunday	845.00
Parish Dues	100.00
Building Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	5.00
Sunday Missals	5.00
Mass Stipends	30.00

MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 25 – Mar. 2

Feb. 25	The Late Denise Bruce Special Intentions Mass
Feb. 26	The Late David Basha
Feb. 27	The Late Alexis Dunphy
Feb. 28	The Late Alvina George
Mar. 1	The Late James Moore Special Intentions Mass
Mar. 2	The Humpries Family The Late Eliza Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 1	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Lynette Taylor	Joe Byrne
March 2	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Amelia Dicks	Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Sick – John Carroll	
ASH WEDNESDAY – March 5	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	Eileen Moore

SACRED HEART BINGO CANCELLED:

Please remember our Bingo on February 23rd is cancelled. Our next Bingo will be March 30th. Thanks

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The service for the World Day of Prayer will be hosted at All Hallows Catholic Church on Humber Road in Corner Brook on **Friday, March 7 at 2:00 pm**. A luncheon will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY SOCIAL:

The parish will be having a **St. Patrick’s Day social** from **7 to 10 PM on Friday, March 14th** at Sacred Heart School. If you will be joining us, please sign your name on the paper at the back of the church and bring a tray of sandwiches with you.We will have live entertainment and great conversation. Hope to see you there!

ALL HALLOWS CARNIVAL BINGO:

Is on **Sunday, February 23 at 2:00** at All Hallows Parish. Merchandise Bingo. Two (2) cards for \$ 5.00. Excellent Prizes. Come early and bring a friend!

ALL HALLOWS CARNIVAL BRUNCH:

**Carnival Brunch** will be held n **Sunday, March 2**, at All Hallows from 9:00 to 1:00. Cost is \$12.00. Brunch includes eggs, bacon, beans, sausages, pancakes, toast, juice, tea and coffee.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Signs of Hope: For *the desire of young people to give birth to new sons and daughters*, as a sign of the fruitfulness of their love ensures a future of every society. This is a matter of hope: it is born of hope and it generates hope.  
*Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis*

ASH WEDNESDAY:

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025** is Ash Wednesday, mass will be held at 7pm on this day. There will be no morning 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. Don’t forget to ask relatives, friends, and businesses to donate. We will need **volunteers** to sell tickets during March/April and you contact the office at 709-785-5025 if you wish to help. Thank you.

PLENARY INDULGENCE:

Among the conditions required to receive a plenary indulgence is prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a gesture of deep communion with the Successor of Peter and with the universal mission of the Church. This act is not merely a formal requirement but a privileged opportunity for the faithful to spiritually partake in the great challenges and hopes that the Pope carries in his heart for the good of humanity. To foster and encourage this dimension of prayer, **we have put a poster in the church with a QR code on it**. It is your one step way to access this spiritual tool and use it at any time of the day.

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:

Collection will take place during the weekend masses of **March 1-2**. SSVP volunteers and friends will be available at the end of each mass to accept your donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**TICKET DRAW: “A Grand In The Hand”:**  
The Knight of Columbus are having a “*Grand In The Hand*” Ticket Draw on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Only 200 tickets to be sold at \$10 per ticket. It’s a great chance to win a \$1,000.00. For tickets, please call Brian at (709) 630-0611 or Gary at (709) 660-6316

Reflections:

Giving

There are those who give but only on condition that they receive something in return and receive it immediately.

There are those who give on condition that they receive something in return later on and with a handsome profit.

And there are those who give without expecting anything in return now or ever: they scatter the seeds of the heart without looking for any harvest.

[They] are imitating the generosity of God, who bestows his love on good people and bad, and grants mercy to saints and sinners.