May 18, 2025: 5th Sunday of Easter

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

MARY'S KITCHEN:

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.

GRAND IN THE HAND:

Winner of Holy Redeemer's Grand in the Hand Draw was Bernie Flynn. Congratulations.

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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 & 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.

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 May 10 - 11

Regular Sunday	1593.00
Loose Offering	185.40
Building Fund	590.00
Votive Candles	78.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	15.00
Ecclesiastical Students	215.00
Living with Christ	6.00

MASS INTENTIONS May 20 - 25

May 20	The Late Theresa Joyce	
May 21	The Late Theresa Joyce	
May 22	The Late Theresa Joyce & Greg Joyce	
May 23	The Power Family	
May 24	The Late Theresa Joyce	
May 25	Mass for the Intentions of the	
iviay 25	Parishioners	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 24 – Saturday		
Reader	Eucharistic Minister	
Joan Penney	Don Gallant	
May 25 – Sunday		
Reader	Eucharistic Minister	
Anna House	Calvin Gillis	
Communion to the Sick: Tony Griffin		

THE ROOF FUND In Memory PLAQUE:

Please contact Tony Griffin at 709-632-5755 to re-confirm your names and the name of the person you want on the plaque.

AGM: The annual general meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th at 7pm in the church meeting room.

MASS CHANGE:

On **Wednesday, May 21**st, mass will be held at 9:30a.m. as Father Lainey will be attending an Ecumenical meeting after mass.

BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624 MEETING:

The Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on **Tuesday May 20th** at 7:45 P.M. could Sir Knights please try to attend. Also we will be having our election of Officers.

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

ECUMENICAL EVENING of PRAYER & REFLECTION:

Once again, the ACW of St. Michael and All Angels, Park Dr will hold their annual Ecumenical Evening of Prayer and Reflection, to take place on **Tuesday, May 20th** at 7p.m. Our topic this year is "Service of Light".

A food item or monetary donation to the Food Bank will be collected. All are welcome.

Come out and enjoy our Service of light. Music will be provided by our Uncommon Praise. A fellowship hour will follow.

SACRED HEART BINGO:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding the next bingo on **Sunday, May 25th**, 2025. In the Sacred Heart Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00pm. Bingo will start at 2:00pm. See you there!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **June 4**th at 6:30pm in the church meeting room.

ICON – SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

An icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will arrive in our church on the weekend of **May 24, 2025** and it will be here until the 10th of June 2025. This has been organized by the Knights of Columbus and we thank them for their help.

GIFT CARD TREE VOLUNTEERS:

Please return your tickets and place them in the collection plate or return to the office. **Remember** to put your name on the envelope along with the dollar amount.

Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to help sell tickets, if you are available, please contact the office and we can arrange times for you to sell them.

Thank You.

DIVINE RENOVATION

– Bringing people to Jesus:

Priests and active parishioners across Canada want to see their parishes come alive. ...Our parishes exist to do more than just maintain the status quo – they exist to evangelize and bring people to Jesus.

Join us at the upcoming event and be inspired to dream of what is possible for your parish. It will be held on **Thursday, June 5, 2025** from 9:30am – 4:30pm at St. Stephen Church in Stephenville.

Let's come together for this event and see how we can help our parish.

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE PILGRIMAGE: OUR LADY OF LORDES PARISH GROTTO:

This year in July 2025 we will be having a pilgrimage, and it will start at 8am from Sacred Heart Parish Church to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Grotto on the Port au Port Peninsula. Rosary will be held in the Grotto weather permitting, followed by Mass inside the Church. Lunch will be held in the Parish Centre and a donation for the upkeep of the grotto will be gladly accepted.

To Register: There is a registration form in the back of the church, or you can call Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094.

Once we have a total number of participants, we will be able to figure out the cost to each of us for renting a bus, as this is about a 2 hour drive each way, instead of carpooling.

Reflection: Where love begins

It's easy to love at a distance, But not so easy to love at close quarters. It's easier to give a few pounds(dollars) to relieve famine in Africa than to relieve the loneliness of someone living next door. It's easy to love people who are far away, but not always easy to love those who are close at hand.

Yet, these are the people Christ asks us to love.

We must begin by loving the people near to us.

That is where our love must start. But, of course,

it doesn't have to end there. And it shouldn't.