

August 30th, 2026: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel continues the story that began in last week’s Gospel. Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus’ prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called “rock” would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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own bank – call us for our banking info.

Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11:00 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. ***Sept. to June**
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 you will find a link to family connections.
St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
August 22 & 23, 2026

Regular Sunday	1290.00
Loose Offering	53.50
Building Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	46.60
Mass Stipends	20.00
Oil Furnace Donation	20.00
Venezuela Earthquake Relief	60.00

MASS INTENTIONS
Sept. 1 - 6, 2026

Sept. 2 - Wed.	The Late David & Violet Dicks
Sept. 4 - Fri.	Lohnes Complex – 2pm
Sept. 5 - Sat.	The Late Gerard Murphy
Sept. 6 - Sun.	The Late Michael Buckle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sept. 5 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	John Carroll
Sept. 6 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore	

LOHNES COMPLEX MASS:

We will be starting our mass again at the Lohnes Complex on **Friday, September 4th, 2026 at 2pm**. Remember there will be no morning mass on this day.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting of Parish Council will be **Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

COLLEGE LIFE - MASS:

From Bishop Bart van Roijen:

We would like all students, and parents of students, throughout the diocese, know that there is a **Catholic presence at Grenfell Campus in Corner Brook. Mass** is celebrated **every second Tuesday** of the month at **11:30 a.m.** in the multi-faith room, **beginning on Tuesday, October 13th**, followed by a faith discussion over lunch. This is a great way to connect with new friends, remain grounded in your faith and be involved. Please **look for our booth**, manned by some of our students, at the **“Get Involved Fair”** on **September 16th** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PASTORAL RENEWAL:

Update from Bishop Bart van Roijen:

Among the five conversations that will begin this Fall, the Diocesan Parish Renewal Committee will lead the conversation on possible changes to the structures and operations of our diocese, parishes and Parish Pastoral Councils that will enhance conversations and participation within each parish.

By trying to move away “from behind closed doors”, where many conversations and decisions are presently made, this ongoing conversation between bishop, priests and laity, and within each parish, acknowledges the gift, voice and activity of the Holy Spirit at work in each and every person and the need for collaboration and co-responsibility in building a vibrant Christian community.

Conversations will also focus on the renewal of the parish as a place of hospitality, healing and mercy, a place of discernment and formation and a place to encounter Christ as a pilgrim people.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP MEETING:

New Members Welcome.

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will meet on **Thursday, September 3rd, at 7:00pm** in the Community Room at the church. If you'd like to get more involved in our parish, please join us at the September meeting. Come and meet some wonderful ladies and find ways to support our parish when needed.

SEPTEMBER DANCE:

Our fundraising dance is **Friday, September 11th, 2026 (doors open at 8pm**, music starts at 9pm) at the Royal Canadian Legion, **\$15.00 advance tickets** and \$20.00 at the door (only 200 tickets available). **Midnight Crescent** will be playing this event, and it is open to 19 years of age and up. All proceeds go towards the church’s new heating system. **Tickets available** at the parish office (709-785-5025) or from Elizabeth Carew at 709-660-3509 or Marie Pennell at 709-388-5090 or marie.pennell.mp@gmail.com

WALK-A-THON: September 19th, 2026:

Our walk-a-thon will take place on **Saturday, 10:30 a.m., September 19th, 2026**.

We will be walking along the trails in Curling from the church parking lot.

There is a **registration form** at the back of the church for those interested in participating. Once you sign-up please take a sponsor sheet. Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish. Remember we can issue a tax receipt for anyone who sponsors you.

GRAND IN THE HAND:

Get your tickets from Knights of Columbus for the grand in your hand. **Draw date is September 8th, 2026** and tickets are \$10 each. Please contact Garry at 709-660-6316 or see any member of the Knights of Columbus.

SEPTEMBER BINGO:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding their 1st bingo since June on **Sunday September 27th, 2026, at 2-4pm**. at the **Sacred Heart Elementary School** in the cafeteria. Doors open at 1pm. Remember this is a scent free area. Thank you.

REFLECTION:

Gaining and losing

There is a way of losing by gaining.
You can win an argument but lose a friend.

Through competition and promotion
I may advance in my profession,
but in terms of relationships,
I am impoverished.

My energies are so focused on efficiency
and success that I haven’t time to grow
emotionally and to develop my capacity
for relationships.

In one’s drive to attain power,
a person may sacrifice friendship and loyalty,
so much so that one ends up alone.

Lord, let me never forget your haunting
words: *“What good will it do you to gain
the whole world if you lose your soul?”*