

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Background on the Gospel Reading:**

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses. Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

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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:

10 am – Monday to Thursday

**Daily mass is cancelled 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.**

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](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

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**April 6 & 7, 2024**

Regular Sunday	1312.00
Loose Offering	113.10
Building Fund	225.00
Votive Candles	54.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Living with Christ	9.00
Baptism fees	10.00
Development & Peace	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	55.00
Easter Flowers	40.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	80.00
Ecclesiastical Students (Seminary)	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS April 16 - 21**

Tue. 10am	Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt
Wed. 10am	Parish Community
Thur. 10am	Parish Community
Fri. 10am	Parish Community
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Greta Gillard
Sun. 11 am	Late Laura Wells

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>April 20</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Janet Jackson	Joe Byrne
<b>April 21</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Veronica Stone	Margaret Dalley
<b>Communion to the sick – Joan Penney</b>	

**BIBLE STUDY:** No bible study this upcoming week, the next meeting will be announced at a later date.

**EASTER FLOWERS – IN MEMORY OF:**

The Late Michael Gordon Hayes,  
from Jerry and Linda Griffin.  
The late Frank, Mary & Michael Mullins,  
from Patricia Payne.

**POTLUCK BRUNCH: SACRED HEART PARISH**

Brunch will be held today **Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>** after mass at Sacred Heart Elementary School. To all our Parishioners, you are invited to attend our first Parish Brunch since before Covid19. Remember there is no Coffeetime today, we will be going directly to Brunch at the school. Hoping to see you there!!

**ECUMENICAL EVENING OF PRAYER & RELECTION FOR WOMEN:**

Will be hosted by St. Michael's ACW, 5 Park Drive, on Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:00 pm. This is open to all women including the surrounding areas... please join us as we sing, pray and listen to what happens "When God Answers." Please bring a donation for the Bay of Islands Food Bank; either monetary and/or groceries. Join us after the service for light refreshments in the downstairs hall. If you and your group plan on attending, please contact Ruby at 709-632-2290 or Terri at 709-634-6714 to let us know how many people are coming with you. Thank you and we hope to see you soon!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6pm in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish Church.

**SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:**

Our next bingo will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts at 2:00 pm.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

The next general meeting for members of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will take place on Wednesday, April 17 at 2pm in the lower level of the Cathedral.

Did you know that volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to gain perspective on your own situation, and that it can make you more appreciative and grateful for what you have? Feel free to come along to the meeting and explore the many rewards of being a Vincentian.

**CHASE THE ACE HOLY REDEEMER PARISH:**

Each Wednesday – Ticket sales start 6pm to 7:45pm, draw time is 8pm. You must be present at the time of the draw to win! **Located** at Immaculate Heart of Mary School Gym, 112 Humber Rd., Corner Brook. **TICKETS \$2.00 each – 22 cards remaining.**

The **ACE OF SPADES** was **NOT** drawn so the next progressive jackpot is **\$9,558**. Winners last week: the Ticket draw was Derek Hamlyn (ticket #15852) who drew the Jack of Spades and won \$396 and the 50/50 draw winner was Joan Dicks who won \$516.50.

**OUTREACH:** If you know of someone who is ill and would like to receive Holy Communion please call the Parish office.

**MARY’S KITCHEN, Sacred Heart Volunteers:**

Don't forget that April is the month for Sacred Heart to help out each Friday at 3:30 -5:30 pm at Mary's Kitchen. This year there are only 4 volunteers and 2 desserts required. Men and women can go in the same time slot. You can sign up at the back of the Church if you are interested. This is held in the basement of the Cathedral and sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society.

***Reflection: The wounds of love***

Those who care about others  
pick up a lot of wounds.  
There may be no great wounds,  
only a multiplicity of little ones—  
a host of scratches, wrinkles and welts.

But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds:  
the furrows left on the mind  
and the heart by hardship,  
worry and anxiety,  
disappointments, ingratitude,  
and betrayal.

These wounds are not things  
to be ashamed of.  
They are badges of honour.  
They are proof of our love,  
Jesus didn't hide his wounds.  
Neither should we.  
By his wounds we are healed.