

April 16, 2023: 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

"Thomas believes because he sees Jesus."

John 20:19-31

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

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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

Mass During Week: Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Bible Study: Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Post-poned 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 638-9010.



RECEIVED WITH THANKS

April 6th – April 9th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,565.00
Building Fund	30.00
Lenten Folders	581.00
Bingo Proceeds	980.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	5.00
Development & Peace	20.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	1,036.25
St. Vincent de Paul	30.00
Easter Flowers	45.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Thu. 7 pm	Laura Wells
Sat. 4:30 pm	Annie Griffin
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 22	
Lynette Taylor	Art Hall
April 23	
Amelia Dicks	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

SACRED HEART PARISH VARIETY CONCERT:

A tribute for Fr. Jim Robertson by Joan Penney at the Concert this Sunday night at 730pm. See you at the Sacred Heart School Auditorium!

EASTER FLOWERS

in MEMORY of:

John and Nora Griffin

George and Sarah Joyce

By Jack and Clara Joyce

Joseph and Annetta Hackett

by Kathleen MacDonald

Jack & Joan Hearn by Eileen Moore

Dorothy and David Brake

Dr. Denis “Tony” O’Connor

by the O’Connor Family

Joyce Family by Veronica Hickey

Michael, Lawrence, Ada and Reanie George

by Sheila George

Dana Beales as request by the Family

Aloysius Joy by Elizabeth Joy

Will & Elizabeth Dobbin, David Dobbin, Dorita

Gow, Paulette Buckle

by Ed Dobbin, Debbie Hull & Marian Rose

Joan Barriault by John Barriault

Thomas and Annie Griffin

by Gerry & Sandy Buckle

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

ORIENTATION WORKSHOP: Holy Redeemer Parish will be holding a Liturgy of the Word Orientation Workshop on **Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.** at the lower level of the Cathedral.

MARCH BINGO DRAW: Thank you to all the donors who gave to Sacred Heart Ladies Bingo Draw. They are as follows: Cathy Bolt, Dorothy Brake, Edward Brake, Nora Burton, Margaret Byrne, Gertrude Daye, Tom George, Brenda Griffin, Veronica Hickey, Edmund McGrath, Shirley McGrath, Ann McHugh, Barbara O’Blenis, Valerie O’Connor, Brian Park, Jim Park, Mary Ann Park, Patsy Payne, Margie Pennell, Marie Pennell, Joan Penney, Danielle Preston, Rita Pye, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Karen Roche, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Brian Sparkes, Mona Specker, Maxine Staples, Veronica Stone, Linda Tarbett, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse, Rita Woodman, Christina Jewer, and Peggy Young. If any names are omitted, please contact Pat Jones @709-785-7461 or Veronica Stone @709-639-7216. The names for the next Bingo will be last names from A to E.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**, in the **basement of the Cathedral** at **7:00 pm**. New members are very welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Free 8 week in-person or online program is being offered on Tuesdays, **beginning April 18th 10:00 am to noon** at **110 Healthcare Crescent - Western Long-Term Care**. **Pre-registration is required by April 12**. Call Sandra at 784-2700 Extension 2669. Grief and bereavement are a normal part of life but can also be a difficult journey to navigate. To learn more - visit <https://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/grief-andbereavement/>

BAPTISM PREPARATION: This preparation will take place on **Monday, April 24th at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral. This is for parents and Godparents. Call the office at 634-5161 to register.

MARRIAGE COURSE - FOR 2023: will be held on Friday, April 21st 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 22nd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Bishop O’Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on **Tuesday April 18th at 7:45 P.M.** could Sir Knights please try to attend.

St. Bonaventure's Military Tribute Dinner **May 9th, 2023, at 6:00 pm** at **Legion Branch 56 Pleasantville**.

Contact Brother Gerry Puddister 709 685 4785
Contact Brother Brian Kennedy 709 727 5288
Contact D E Long SW 709 764 5402

HUMOUR:

Man: What is a million years like to you?

God: Like one second.

Man: What is a million dollars like to you?

God: Like one penny.

Man: Can I have a penny?

God: Just a second.