

APRIL 24, 2022: Second Sunday of Easter

[Jesus] said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” John 20: 19-31

Everyone into the pool . . .

In an essay in The Christian Century [July 14, 2021], editor and publisher Peter Marty writes about his four-year-old daughter Rachel’s first swimming lesson.

Even though she’s shivering, Rachel loves being in the water. But the hardest thing for her to learn is how to float. The instructor puts one hand beneath her spine and with the other hand supports her legs. The instructor coaches her to relax and to stay in a flat position — but as soon as the instructor withdraws his arms, the little girl reverts to a V-shape and sinks in panic.

“It’s a lot to expect a four-year-old to understand the physics of water enough to know that the human body can float on its surface. For this buoyancy to work, one has to be relaxed enough to trust the capacity of the water to keep one’s body mass afloat.”

But, over time, Rachel’s panic lessens, and she learns to float more easily — not because she suddenly grasps the science of buoyancy but” because she loved that strong, friendly guy in the pool and knew that he was fond of her.”

***The essence of faith is trust; to believe is to trust what God has done in Christ, to act as if it were true. As Barbara Brown Taylor writes in her book Always a Guest: “The word ‘believe’ is always a verb in John’s Gospel. To believe is to wash another’s feet. To believe is to abide in love. To believe is to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is not interested in what we think or feel. Jesus is interested in how we act.” For many of us, faith is a list of beliefs that we adhere to, believing (hoping?) that God will answer our prayers if we cling faithfully to these propositions. But affirming a list of “beliefs” is one thing — “believing” is to jump into the pool despite our fears and doubts. God invites us to trust our own experience of life to find our faith. Thomas neither doubts nor rejects he recognizes that each one of us possesses, within ourselves, the grace to seek God and discover for ourselves the truth about what God is doing in our lives. True faith is not passive acquiescence to a set of dogmas; faith is to be actively engaged in seeking God’s presence in every facet of our life, to be open in mind and heart to identifying the signs of resurrection and re-creation in our midst. In doing so, we experience the transforming life of God’s grace to the full.***

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Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

**Mass During Week:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.  
Friday at 10 am.

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

**Lohnes Complex**

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, **closed to public.**

**Bible Study:**

Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Beginning again Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**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 638-9010.

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**April 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Regular Sunday	\$2008.00
Building Fund	60.00
Lenten Folders	270.00
Development & Peace	65.00
Votive Candles	30.00
Good Friday	1008.00
Baptism Stipends	25.00
Easter Flowers	240.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Late Greg Joyce
Wed. 7 pm	Late Fred Hayes
Thu. 7 pm	Late Stella Cave
Fri. 10 am	Late Bill Baker
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Brian Griffin &Late Mary Wheeler
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**PARISH DUES:** We gratefully acknowledge Parish Dues paid by Vincent and Brenda Lewis.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study will resume on this Sunday in the Church meeting room at 7pm.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to William Francis Christopher, child of Philip and Katelyn Christopher, who was baptised in our parish this week. May he and his family enjoy his growth in faith.

**MAY DEVOTIONS:** Our Lady’s Group will lead the parish in praying the rosary on Sunday morning during May. This will begin at 10:30 on Sunday, May 1st. Local members of our Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary on the Saturday evenings of May. This will begin at 4:30pm on Saturday, May 7th.

**SYMPATHY NOTE:** We offer our condolences to the family of Fred Hayes whose funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday April the 19<sup>th</sup>. Let’s remember him and his family in our prayers. Rest in peace.

**DIVINE MERCY HOUR AND BENEDICTION:**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> :** In the year 1937, Jesus appeared to a polish nun, St. Faustina. He told her that she was to be used as His instrument to spread His divine mercy to the world. He also told her that the world would be given a special grace on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter Sunday. Please note a celebration marking this special Sunday will take place on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 pm at All Hallows Church with Bishop Bart Van Roijen presiding.

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE:** The Canadian Council of Churches (CCC), in collaboration with the Canadian Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, has issued an invitation to Christians in Canada to pray for peace in Ukraine and to ring church bells, at noon (local time) on April 24. Our parish will be taking part in this initiative after Sunday morning mass that day.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - SHARE LENT:** Development and Peace is accepting humanitarian donations for Ukraine and will be distributed through Caritas Ukraine, an affiliate of Caritas International. Any support for those who are suffering due to the war can place a donation in a blank envelope with the words “Help For Ukraine” written on it. Cheques should be made payable to Sacred Heart Parish so that the parish can send the entire amount to the Diocese for payment to Development and Peace. Tax receipts will then be issued by the Parish.

**SSVP:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes all parishes a very Happy Easter. We are thankful for the continuous support you lend to help those in need. Our next regular meeting will be held in the basement of the Cathedral on Wednesday, April 20th, at 7pm. New members are welcome. As you do your Spring clean-up, please remember that we are in dire need of mattresses, tables and chairs, sofas and living room chairs. We will gladly pick up any household material that is in good condition. **Also, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of April is the last weekend of the month and we will be taking up the Poor Box Collection at all Masses.** We look forward to your continued support. God's blessing on all of you.

**EASTER FLOWERS:**

Thank you to everyone who either contributed flowers and or money to purchase flowers for Easter. Money for flowers was donated by: Joan Hutchings, Colleen Boland, Catherine Musseau, Veronica Hickey, Valerie O’Connor, Gerry & Sandy Buckle, Julia Hackett Myles, Eileen Moore, Fr. Jim Robertson, Doug & Donna Beales, Theresa Murphy and family, and Yvonne and family.



**FLOWER IN MEMORIUM:** Flowers were donated in memory of the following persons and families: In memory of Dr. Dennis O’Connor, In memory of: The Late Thomas Griffin Sr., Late Brian Griffin, The Late Edward Buckle, In memory of Thomas, Edith, James & Freddy Hackett, Jack and Joan Hearn and Tracey Family, Dana Beales, Jerome and Elsie Beales, Deceased members of the Robertson and Pennell Family, Raymond, Laura, and Gaeton, and Dennis, Sheila, Tony, Chris, and Tom Murphy.

**KITCHEN PARTY:** Sponsored by Holy Redeemer Parish; Friday, April 29, 2022, beginning at 8:00 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion. Music by The Griffins and Woody & the Peckers. Bar and dance. Tickets \$10.00; available at the Parish Office, or info.hrp@nl.rogers.com and at the Door.

**VARIETY CONCERT:** Our parish will be having a Variety Concert on MAY 15 at St. Mary’s Anglican Church basement starting at 7:30 pm. Music by Midnight Crescent, Kyra Adey, Jim Parsons, and The Griffins. Admission is \$10.00.

**BISHOP O’REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624** will be meeting at All Hallows’ Parish Humber Road Corner Brook in the basement at 7:45 P.M. Tuesday April 19th could Sir Knights please try to attend.

**POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2022:**  
**For health care workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**HUMOR:**

