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I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." John 10: 11-18

<u>Trust walk</u>

A minor miracle that literally stops traffic on a busy city street:

An elderly man and woman wait at the corner. They are incalculably old — white hair and bent over, with shaking hands and unsteady limbs. They move cautiously toward the curb, then step down together. The man takes the woman's arm, holding it closely and tightly as she shuffles into the street, despite his own unsteadiness.

The light changes before they make it across. Cars begin honking. But the man never wavers, never takes his eyes or his arm from his wife. He carries her and supports her, even though his own legs are not as sure or as steady as he would like.

And she leans on him with total faith and confidence, as if he were the very rock of safety itself. Her trust makes him stronger than he realizes. Together they make it across, through the traffic, buoyed up by each other and their faith in each other's love.

The impatient drivers and preoccupied passers-by miss the miracle that has taken place in their midst: perfect trust and steadfast love right there before them in the couple's linked arms and shaking hands.

The Gospel of the good shepherd is told on a busy city street: the trusting love of a long-married couple struggling through a world moving so fast mirrors the care of Jesus the compassionate shepherd. The work of "good shepherding" is entrusted by the Risen Christ to every one of us. To be a disciple of Jesus is not simply to be a "hired hand" who acts only to be compensated, who is concerned only with his/her own welfare. To follow Jesus is to recognize and honor the sacred dignity that everyone possesses because they, too, are embraced in the limitless love of God. "Good shepherding" is neither dominating or patronizing nor is it for the weak and self-absorbed; "good shepherding" is selfless and generous work that realizes with gratitude that we are sometimes the "shepherd" able to serve and lead and sometimes we are the struggling and lost in need of "good shepherding" ourselves. Christ calls each one of us to imitate his loving servanthood in the image of the "good shepherd": to bring compassion and healing to the sick, the troubled and abused; to bring back the lost, the scattered and the forgotten; to enable our brothers and sisters to move beyond their fears and doubts to embrace the mercy and love of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

<u>Pastor</u>: Monsignor Jim Robertson <u>Office Administrator</u>: Dianne Russell <u>Office Hours</u>: Monday to Friday 9am - 1pm.

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Weekend Masses:	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. <i>To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday</i> <i>between 9 am and 1 pm.</i>	
Reconciliation:	By request	
Mass During Week:	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm Friday at 10 am.	
Holy Hour of Adoration:	Discontinued until further notice.	
Marriages:	Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.	
<u>Baptisms</u> :	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.	
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.	
FACE MASKS: These masks should be worn at all times. (as per newest Government Regulations). Always remain 2 meters distant from others.		

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Regular Sunday	\$2175.80
Building Fund	70.00
Lenten Folders	40.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	20.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Development & Peace	40.00
Good Friday/Holy Lands	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	NO MASS
Wed. 7pm	Special Intention
Thu. 7pm	Late Pat Joyce
Fri. 10am	Late Mike Power
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Joe Gallant
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Bart will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people of Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, May 2nd at the 11 a.m. mass. Confirmation for the young people of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish will take place Saturday, May 8th at the 6 p.m. mass. Please pray for our candidates: Jillian Andrews, Matthew Eddison, Logan Etheridge, Emily Jackson, Adam Lamswood Shawna - Marie Stuckless, and Madison Wareham. May they and their families be open to the movement to the Spirit within them.

THE RECONCILIATION SERVICE AND <u>REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION</u>: Tuesday April 27th at 6pm.

FIRST COMMUNION: The children of Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 9th at the 11 a.m. mass.

<u>BIBLE STUDY</u>: Continues this Sunday at 7pm. All are welcome.

VOTIVE CANDLES: are available for parishioners. The cost is \$5. Please speak to servers about getting candles lit.

EASTER FLOWERS: Thank you to Veronica Hickey who donated in memory of the Joyce Family.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

<u>APRIL 25</u>: The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

MAY DEVOTIONS: May is the month of the blessed virgin Mary. as the mother of God, we believe she plays a roll in obtaining blessings and graces for us. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and of at the hour of our death. AMEN.

The Ladies Group will lead the Rosary in church at 6:30 pm Tuesdays during the month of May. Father Jim will be leading the Rosary on Sunday at 6 pm during the month of May. Come join us in prayer.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – April

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

PARISH CLEAN UP: The City of Corner Brook has set the weeks of May 3-7 and May 10-14 for spring clean up 2021. The Men's Group of our parish has set Wednesday, April 28th (or next good day) as the day to clean up the parish properties. That includes raking of leaves, replacement of sods, picking up garbage, etc. As many hands as possible are asked for, for that day. All men and women parishioners and friends of the parish are encouraged to help us with this project.



MOUNT PATRICIA SPRING CLEAN UP: May 2nd to May 8th the cemetery care takers will be in the cemetery cleaning up from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm and can provide you with garbage bags. Bring gloves for picking up debris. Please remember to be compliant with all public health guidelines.

EASTER SEASON: The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing. (GNLY, no. 22)

The Easter candle is a reminder of the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God. It remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo until the end of the day on Pentecost Sunday. It is lit in all of the solemn celebrations during the Easter Season.

By ancient tradition, the Old Testament is not read during the Easter Season. When there are three readings, the first is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles* or *Revelations*, the second from the Epistles. LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING: Now is the time to get your donations in for the May draw. Parishioners with last names beginning with G through M will be asked for a donation, but anyone can donate at any time. For each donation of \$10 you get one entry for the draw. You may drop off your donation in my mailbox at 86 Allen's Road or to Pat Jones at 11 Noseworthy's Lane, or to the parish house. Please stay safe, follow the medical guidelines. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN – ARISE: Arise Catholic Ministry for Women is offering a retreat for all women throughout Canada. The retreat takes place on May 1st but can be enjoyed any time afterwards, if needed. Small groups of women (usually bubbles of three to five) are encouraged to meet in someone's home and engage with both the presentations and one another for spiritual enrichment. A pamphlet is available at the parish office or go to *arisecatholicmovement.ca*. Thank you for spreading the news to women who might be looking for spiritual enrichment.

HUMOUR:

