

April 28th, 2024: 5th Sunday of Easter

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass:

10 am – Tuesday to Friday

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

Lohnes Complex*

First Friday of each month - 2 pm

***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:

Thursday, May 2nd at 7pm.

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 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 20 & 21, 2024

Regular Sunday	1673.00
Loose Offering	106.00
Building Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	20.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	20.00
Ecclesiastical Students (Seminary)	265.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS April 30 – May 5

Tue. 10am	Late Brian Griffin Late Mary Wheeler
Wed. 10am	Late Rose Temple
Thur. 10am	Parish Community
Fri.	Lohnes Complex only @ 2pm
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Dolores White
Sun. 11 am	Late Greta Gillard

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 4	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Gerry Buckle	Art Hall
May 5	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Mike Leonard	Amelia Dicks
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

BIBLE STUDY: Next bible study class will be held on Thursday May 2nd at 7pm.

DONATION: Thank you to Debbie Dobbin Coll, a former parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish for her generous donation of \$3000 to help repair the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SACRED HEART BINGO:

Today April 28th we will be holding bingo at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts at 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

DAY OF MOURNING CEREMONY:

Today, April 28th is the National Day of Mourning Ceremony that is being held at the Cathedral at 2:00 pm. The ceremony is held yearly to honor workers killed/injured in industrial accidents, or those who have died from exposure to hazardous industrial chemicals and dusts. Families, Unions and Government officials and others will have an opportunity to lay a wreath.

GAZA CEASEFIRE WALK & PRAYER SERVICES:

In order to promote a worldwide peace initiative, Bishop Bart will be walking 42 km from York Harbour to the Cathedral (the length of Gaza) on Monday, April 29th, beginning at the Roost at 11:30 a.m. At the conclusion of his walk, he will hold a prayer service at the Cathedral at 7 p.m. All those who would like to pray for peace and immediate humanitarian aid in the region are encouraged to attend. This initiative is meant to grow a grassroots movement for peace in our world. During the month of May each person is encouraged to walk 42 km, either cumulatively (over a number of days) or shared among a group of friends. If you would like to participate in having your 42 km walk recognized, please visit the KairosCanada.org.

PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING:

There will be a special meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the fund-raising policy on May 8th at 6pm at Sacred Heart Church.

WANT TO FURTHER DEVELOP YOUR PRAYER

LIFE? In this year dedicated to prayer, come join Bishop Bart on Wednesday, May 8th & May 15 at 7:00 at All Hallows Church, lower level, as he provides insight and guidance as we accompany each other on this journey to a closer relationship with God.

THE SEARCH PROGRAM: We will be having a meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish Church to review what we have learned. Looking forward to seeing you.

FINANCIAL REPORT: If you have any questions regarding our year end financial report for 2023, please contact Ken Hynes.

ROSARY IN MAY: The Knights of Columbus are inviting everyone to participate in this great prayer during the month of May. It will be at our Cathedral church on Monday 7pm. This will be in the new form for public recitation as presented by St. Pope John Paul 11. With the sign of peace at the end, it takes on the form of a little liturgy complete with prayer, chants, and action! Do come and join us on these Monday evenings, earmarked for renewal in our understanding of the mystery of Faith!

OUR LADY OF MERCY HISTORICAL CHURCH,

PORT AU PORT: Come vote online so that Our Lady of Mercy Church on the Port au Port Peninsula has a chance to win a Historical grant to upgrade their Parish. You can vote multiple times in the next two weeks, please go to the website below and vote for Our Lady of Mercy Church. <https://nextgreatsave.nationaltrustcanada.ca/2024>

Let us support our Catholic Heritage Sites. Thank you."

NATIONAL FAMILY & LIFE WEEK:

National Family and Life Week (NFLW) this year will take place from May 13-19, 2024. The theme for this year is "Love hopes all things," which is taken from Saint Paul's hymn on love in 1 Corinthians 13.7: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

This description of love is also at the heart of Pope Francis's reflection on the dynamics of spousal and family love in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, chapter 4. Through this theme, families are encouraged to cultivate, deepen, and renew Christian hope by drawing on scriptural reflection, family prayer, and the Sacraments. **Note:** Our parish will be having a Blessing of Married Couples on Saturday, May 18th at 4:30p.m. More information to follow.

Reflection: The vine and the branches

Lord, you said:
"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Separated from me you can do nothing,
But united with me you will bear much fruit."

Thank you, Lord,

for the bond you formed with us.
And thank you for the bond that exists among us because of our union with you.

Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches to share with one another.

Grant that we may never be separated from you, so that we may produce in the world the fruits of faith, hope and love.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.128