

April 30, 2023: 4th Sunday of Easter

"Jesus is the gate for his sheep."

John 10:1-10

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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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.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex. Starts **May 5, 2023.**

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 22nd – April 23rd, 2023

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| Regular Sunday | \$1,374.00 |
| Loose Offering | 94.95 |
| Building Fund | 25.00 |
| Votive Candles | 50.00 |
| In Memorium (Late Annie Griffin) | 20.00 |
| Lenten Folders | 60.00 |
| Development & Peace | 10.00 |
| Good Friday | 50.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 20.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat. 4:30 pm | Late Serenna Callahan |
| Sun. 11 am | Parish Community |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| May 6 | |
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| Linda Tarbett | Joan Penney |
| May 7 | |
| Anna House | Calvin Gillis |
| Communion to the sick – John Carroll | |

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.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AT LOHNES COMPLEX:

The monthly first Friday Mass at Lohnes Complex will begin on **May 5, 2023, at 2pm.** Mass intentions can be offered for this mass.

THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEE FOR FAMILY AND LIFE:

warmly extends an invitation to families, parishes, dioceses, and faith communities to celebrate together the National Family & Life Week from **May 7-14, 2023.** A Pastoral Toolkit has been prepared to support dioceses and eparchies to promote National Family and Life Week (NFLW) The theme chosen for this year is Jesus' words, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34) The Pastoral Toolkit includes the following: Message from the CCCB President Catechesis for Families and Parishes Daily Prayers and Activities for Families and Parishes Social Media Campaign of Daily Saints Pastoral suggestions for Mass Official Logo Promotional Video Communications Toolkit For more information, contact Michelle Dabrowski at m.dabrowski@cccb.ca

VOLUNTEER DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST NEEDED:

The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador is looking for someone who is interested in working with archival records. Some experience with archival or library records would be helpful. Please respond to: diocese@nf.aibn.com or by phone (709) 639-7073 ext. 221. Thank you.

IN SYMPATHY: Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Leo Fagan who died this week, and Sister Annette Hawco, rsm. She was a long-term member of the Sisters of Mercy (almost 100 years old and eighty years professed. Let us remember them at prayer.

LAY VISITORS' SEMINAR: Tuesday, May 2nd. 10am., at Holy Redeemer Cathedral. We need people to assist with visitation specially to Long Term Care here in Corner Brook. Participation is welcome from All Hallows, Cathedral, Sacred Heart, and Star of the Sea Parishes. If you think you might like to participate in this outreach ministry, kindly come to this gathering; or contact your parish leadership. Remember, "I was sick, and you visited me." Matthew 25:36.

LADIES GROUP: Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their contribution towards the March Draw: Debbie Allan, Linda Basha, Donna Beales, Marjorie Blanchard, Diane Bennett, Loretta Bennett, Coleen Boland, Cathy Bolt, Dorothy Brake, Edward Brake, Regina Brown, Eileen Buckle, Karen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Nora Burton, Hilda Butt, Joe Byrne, Roberta Canning, Elizabeth Carew, Cathy Carroll, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Christine Chadderton, Lynn Coombs, Gertrude Daye, Vivian Donahue, Debbie Dolomount, Evelyn Ezekiel, Alvina George, Christine Jewer, Eileen Moore, Marie Pennell, Danielle Preston, Carol Reid, and Gen Quigley. If any names are omitted, please call Pat Jones at 785-7461 or Veronica Stone at 639-7216.

Please note that some people have already given donations for May month. Their names will be listed towards the end of May or the first week in June. The names for the next bingo will be for last names beginning with F to M. The winner will be announced next week.

MARY'S KITCHEN: During the month of May our parish is asked to serve at Mary's kitchen each Friday. We need 5 volunteers each week to serve a meal, and 5 people to provide desserts. This is a great way to get involved in helping those less fortunate. If you are willing to help in any way, please call Veronica [709 639 7216] to let her know which Friday you are available. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of the church. Thanks in advance for your kindness.

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.

SPRING CONCERT: May 7th at 8:00 pm at the All Saints Anglican Church on Clarence Street - Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from choir members or the door.

HUMOUR:

"It must be Spring. I can't see out the window."

