

April 7th, 2024: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 6pm in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish Church.

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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.

Weekday Mass:

10 am – Monday to Thursday

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 April 11th 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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March 29, 30 & 31, 2024

Regular Sunday	1490.00
Loose Offering	187.25
Building Fund	23.00
Lenten Folders	585.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Living with Christ/Miselette	46.85
Catholic Missions in Canada	40.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	1035.00
Poor Box Collection	533.00
Easter Flowers	70.00

MASS INTENTIONS April 9 - 14

Tue. 10am	Late Cheryl Buckle Joseph Late Molly Brake
Wed. 10am	Late Michael Mullins
Thur. 10am	Novena to St. Jude
Fri. 10am	Parish Community
Sat. 4:30 pm	Parish Community
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 13	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Noseworthy	Elizabeth Carew
April 14	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin	

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET SUNDAY:

Will be held on Sunday April 7th at 3pm at All Hallows Church. All are welcome.

OFFICE HOURS:

Please note the office is closed on April 8th.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsmen of Jesus Christ, the faithful intercessor of all who invoke to you. I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg you to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause your name to be invoked. Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Marys, 3 Glory be to the Father for 9 consecutive days. Saint Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen.

EASTER FLOWERS – IN MEMORY OF:

The Late Cameron Carew,
from Elizabeth Carew.
The Late Edith Leonard,
from Mike and Linda Leonard.
The late Hearn & Tracey Families,
from Eileen Moore.

POTLUCK BRUNCH: SACRED HEART PARISH

Brunch will be held **Sunday April 14th** after mass at Sacred Heart Elementary School. To all our Parishioners, you are invited to attend our first Parish Brunch since before Covid19. You can register for this at the back of the Church at both Masses this weekend or call/email the office during the week up until April 11. You are being asked to bring a dish and the school will be open for any drop offs early Sunday morning around 10 am before mass starts. Remember no Coffeetime after mass as we will be going directly to Brunch at the school. Hoping to see you there!!

BIBLE STUDY: Will resume on April 11 at 7pm in the meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:

Monthly Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 10th, at 1:30 pm in the Meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish. All ladies are welcomed to attend.

Bingo & Bake Sale:

Thank you for attending our last bingo/bake sale and helping with your donations and time. It was greatly appreciated and because of you a great success. The bake sale brought in \$1054, and the Bingo was \$1354. All proceeds go to the Parish. We would like to thank Jean and Emery Beales for their donations and apologize if we missed anyone else.

Next Bingo:

Our next bingo will be held April 28th at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts at 2:00 pm.

MARY'S KITCHEN, Sacred Heart Volunteers:

April is the month for Sacred Heart to help out each Friday at 3:30 -5:30 pm at Mary's Kitchen. This year there are only 4 volunteers and 2 desserts required. Men and women can go in the same time slot. You can sign up at the back of the Church if you are interested. This is held in the basement of the Cathedral and sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Society.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Poor Box Collection was held during the Easter Weekend masses. We collected \$493. Our society would not exist without your ongoing support, and we are very appreciative and grateful. God Bless!

ECUMENICAL EVENING

OF PRAYER & RELECTION:

Will be hosted by St. Michael's ACW on Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:00 pm. This is open to all women including the surrounding areas... please join us as we sing, pray and listen to what happens "When God Answers." Please bring a donation for the Bay of Islands Food Bank; either monetary and/or groceries. Please join us after the service for light refreshments in the downstairs hall. If you and your group plan on attending, please contact Ruby at 709-632-2290 or Terri at 709-634-6714 to let us know how many people are coming with you. Thank you and we hope to see you soon!

Reflection:

The first Christians

Defending the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian, Aristides, a non-Christian, said of them:

‘These Christians love one another.

They never fail to help widows.

They save orphans from those who would hurt them.

If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing.

If they see a stranger, Christians take him into their homes and treat him as a brother.

And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs. If it is possible, they bail him out.

If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast several days to give him the food he needs.

We are dealing with a new kind of person.

There is something divine in them.’