

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Nothing that enters a person from outside can defile that person; the things that come out from within are what defile.”  
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“We’ve gathered you here this evening . . .”

From the commercial, you think this company is your best friend. They understand your problem. They know the struggles you are dealing with. They’ve been there, too, and they want to help. They have the product or service that will make your life so much better, because they care about you — yes, *you!* But once you swipe your credit card, the relationship is pretty much over — save for the warranty printed out in four-point type.

We’ve all been to one of those dinners. The president and alumni staff of your *alma mater* come to town. You go mainly to see your old college buddies. While you catch up, the college staff is setting up “the presentation.” Then the president speaks. He or she extends greetings from everyone on campus and expresses their continued pride in their many successful graduates (including, you —yes, *you!*). And the “presentation” is underway: *This is the future we see for our college — our college. We want you to continue to be a part of the future of your alma mater.* The evening is no longer about catching up with old pals or free drinks, but an appeal for your — yes, *your* — support.

We owe it to one another as responsible citizens to meet the candidates. Many of us voters make it a point to spend time listening to those seeking elected office. We’re impressed with the candidates’ ideas, dedication and earnestness. They project empathy and understanding; they identify with us and our dreams and wants for our families. But the cynical and jaded side of our brain remains aware that what comes out of many politicians’ mouths are determined by what tests well with focus groups and what plays best in polls. In the end, it’s not really about *us*.

***Too often our words express concern and compassion for others — but it becomes clear that the words are prompted by another agenda. Compassion and mercy, empathy and generosity begin in our hearts, in the place where God dwells; conversely, avarice, bigotry and pride come from a heart in which self-centeredness has replaced the holy. As Jesus makes clear in today’s Gospel, the kind of human being we are begins in the values of the heart, the place where God dwells with us — but the evil we are capable of, the hurt we are able to inflict on others, the degrading of the world that God created begins “within,” as well. May God open our spirits and consciences to listen to the voice of God speaking in that sacred space within every heart, calling us to understanding instead of judgment, forgiveness instead of vengeance, respect instead of ridicule, reconciliation instead of division.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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**(Summer) Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 2pm.**

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am  
***To Register, please call the office Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.***

**Mass During Week:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.  
Friday at 10 am.

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

**Bible Study:** Discontinued for the summer.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Discontinued 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](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**Masks are no longer mandatory but are still encouraged.  
As well please maintain physical distancing at all times.**

## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

August 22, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1732.00
Building Fund	30.00
Cemetery Fund	50.00
Votive Candles	35.00
Mass Stipends	20.00

## MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late Molly Brake
Wed.	Funeral
Thu. 7pm	Late James Gallant
Fri. 2pm Lohnes	Late James O'Quinn
Sat. 4:30pm	Special Intention
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks from Vincent and Brenda Lewis.

**WELCOME:** Sacred Heart Parish warmly welcomes anyone who may be visiting our Parish this weekend. Whether you are visiting us just by chance or returning home, you're always a part of our family.

**CONDOLENCES:** We offer our prayerful condolences to the families of the late Cameron Carew and Kathryn Kays. May they rest in peace.

**INSURANCE:** We have received our bill for insurance. The total bill for the property, contents and liabilities of the church, the house and the priest vehicle amounts to \$10,295.86. We need your help paying this large bill. Any contributions you can make towards the cost will help free up monies for other projects. Please be generous.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

**COVID 19 REGULATIONS:** They are constantly changing covid-19 regulations. The latest changes acknowledge that we are responsible adults. The church wants to treat us the same way. We never want to return to the strict Covid-19 guidelines. ***So we are encouraging mask use whenever you are not able to physically distance. You should be wearing your mask when entering, leaving, or moving around in our church when social distancing may be difficult to maintain. This includes when you come forward to receive communion.*** You can wear your masks all the time if you wish, it is perfectly acceptable. Handshaking, exchanging material and speaking in close proximity to each other is discouraged. Please continue to do all you can to stop covid-19 and help us to find a new normal. Contact tracing is still required and a list will still be kept to everyone who attends services. We encourage you to call the office to preregister. Also please make use of the hand sanitizer and other tools that will help us to respond to Covid-19. Thank you for your cooperation.

**VOTIVE CANDLES/VIGIL LIGHTS:** With the change in covid-19 regulations the regulations on touching common surfaces are lifted. You are invited to light votive candles in the votive candle stand as you offer prayers for your needs or the needs of others. We ask a donation of \$4 per candle.

**FAMILY MATTERS:** On September 16 at 7pm at All Hallows Church, Corner Brook there will be a 1-hour session on Family Matters. The presenter will be Dr. Anne Jamieson, she is a wife, mother, author, teacher, and life-long learner. She loves to share stories and practical tips for joyful sharing of the faith. Not all lessons come from books. How we live, play, eat, talk to one another, celebrate, and forgive are all ways we teach our children about our deepest beliefs - who and whose we are. Join us as we consider how the 'stuff' of our lives matters. It's not about one more job for already busy parents, grandparents, catechists. It's about being more intentional in all we do. If people can attend in person, it would be great, if not they can join us on FB with the link below or they can just search Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador to find us. I have heard Anne several times. She is very practical and down-to-earth.  
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## WHAT IS THE SEASON OF CREATION?

The Season of Creation is a monthlong prayerful observance that calls the planet's 2.2 billion



Christians to pray and care for God's creation. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment — not just "distant" nature, but, crucially, the place where we live — and the ways in which our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both humans and other creatures.

The ecumenical steering committee that plans and promotes the season each year put it this way:

***The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.***

It's a time of prayer, contemplation and, increasingly, calls to action.

The Season of Creation spans 34 days.

It begins Sept. 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It concludes Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

As it happens, the season aligns with the fall harvest season — a time when the state of the Earth might be front of mind for many people.

**PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION:** Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the gospel.