

December 12, 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Luke 3: 10-18

Holy the mountain, holy the leaking pipe . . .

One spring break, a couple and their two young children made a trip to the Grand Canyon. They had no words to describe what they experienced: awe, timelessness, grandeur. It was the world at its most perfect. They felt humbled by the immensity of it all, but also grateful that they were a small part of this great cosmos God set into motion.

So beautiful . . . !

Then they came home.

Their first morning back, Mom bit into a piece of toast and a filling fell out. Later she received a call that her mother had a bad fall and was in the hospital. With the phone still in her ear, she walked into the kitchen and saw water pouring out of a pipe below the sink. Then her daughter called from her room upstairs: the toilet was overflowing. When she got to her office, she discovered her organization’s website had gone down — after several phone calls she discovered the domain name had lapsed.

All that in one morning.

Less than twenty-four hours earlier, they had been standing before the magnificence of the Grand Canyon.

Later that day, after the plumber left, Mom sat down and breathed a sigh of relief. Mom is Rabbi Naomi Levy. In her book *Hope Will Find You*, she reflects on what that 24-hour plunge from God’s grandeur to harsh reality had taught her:

“It’s so much easier to be holy on a mountaintop than it is to be holy in the daily grind of life, in the little and not so little crises of life.” Scripture, she writes, asks us “to be holy living in this world. It ask[s] us to honor our parents, to care for the weak, to love one another, to be honest in business . . .

“Yes, an ordinary day is filled with all sorts of challenges and confrontations and disappointments. We can let these setbacks stop us in our tracks. We can allow them to shake us. Or we can see them as opportunities for living a holy life.”

That, Naomi Levy says, is our challenge: “To find holiness in each day . . . to find holiness in this broken, breath-taking world.” It’s the same challenge John the Baptist preaches in today’s Gospel: to discover the love of God, not in cathedrals, but in our own home; to welcome the Messiah into our Galilees not with great rituals of devotion but by simple justice and charity to others; to transform the world in holiness not by revolution but by treating one another with respect and dignity.

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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

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:

Sunday at 7pm in parish meeting room.

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 you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**Masks are again mandatory at all indoor public gatherings
As well please maintain physical distancing at all times.**

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

December 5, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1467.05
Building fund	180.00
Votive Candles	20.00
Advent	205.00
Sunday Missals	53.00
In Memorium (Michael Basha)	100.00
Shepherds, Fund	10.00
Christmas	50.00
Flowers	85.00
Wage Subsidy	373.05
Saint Anne's Oil	7.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late William & Winnifred Lynch
Wed. 7pm	Late Thomas Griffin SR. & Late Brian Griffin
Thu. 7pm	Late Mary Alice Murphy
Fri. 10 am	Late Father Don Leonard
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Jackie Griffin
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2021: Are now available for pick up at the church.

PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your ongoing financial support. Please note this year's deadline for monies to be included on the 2021 tax receipt is Dec. 29th, 2021.

SUNDAY MISSALS: The new missals are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEAN UP:

We will be cleaning the church just before Christmas. The date has been set for December 13th beginning at 9:30 am. Get your buckets and cleaning cloths ready!

CONFIRMATION: Welcome to Bishop Van Roijen who is visiting Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday December 12th. We welcome Bishop Bart, and we pray for those to be confirmed. We also congratulate Bishop Bart on his 2nd Anniversary of Ordination to the Episcopacy and installation as Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador.



CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Brady Butt, Heidi Butt, Keira Clarke, Zachary Etheridge, Hailey Hackett, and Theodore Fewer-Snooks who are confirmed at the 11 am Sunday Mass. May they and their families continue to feel the growth of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

THANK YOU: A special thank you is extended to Julia Hackett-Myles for her work with our children and youth. It is she who has prepared our children for receiving the sacraments over the years. We are deeply appreciative of her outstanding work. Also thank you to our musicians and leaders of song who have helped in these celebrations.

VAXPASS AND MASS: The Bishop has allowed for Parishes to use a hybrid of VaxPass masses and masses that do not require a VaxPass. We will use this for our Christmas schedule. The advantage is that with the VaxPass there is no limit on seating. You must still wear your mask. **THE 4:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WILL BE VAXPASS ONLY OR PROOF OF VACCINATION AND WILL NOT REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING. THE CHRISTMAS EVE 7 PM MASS AND THE CHRISTMAS DAY 11 AM MASS WILL NOT REQUIRE THE VAXPASS BUT WILL REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING AGAIN.**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: Please call the parish office to register as soon as possible for the Christmas masses and services:

Monday, December 20

7:00 pm **Reconciliation Service/Confessions**

Friday, December 24

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (**VaxPass**)

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (**Filled**)

Saturday, December 25

11:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 26

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Friday, December 31

4:30 pm New Years Eve Mass - Curling

6:00 pm New Years Eve Mass - Benois Cove

Saturday, January 1

11:00 am New Years Day Mass (**VaxPass**)

Sunday, January 2

11:00 am Sunday Mass – Curling

SANITIZING THE CHURCH: We need volunteers to help sanitize the church after the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve mass. This will require 5 to 10 people for 5 minutes to wipe down the contact surfaces. Please speak with Father Jim if you can help.

COMMUNION MINISTERS: We will be returning to having a minister of the bread at communion. If you are a Communion Minister and wish to serve in that ministry again, please call the parish office so your name can be included in our schedule.

LADIES GROUP BINGO DRAW: The bingo draw for December will take place **earlier** this month, Sunday, Dec 19. Parishioners with last names starting with A through E will be asked for a donation. **Please have your entries in by Dec 16.** *The Ladies Group would like to thank you for your support and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.*

TREE OF GIVING: The tree at the back of the church is decorated with tags, each listing a food item to be donated to the food bank. We encourage you to take a tag from the tree & bring back that item next week to place in our donation box or under the tree. Please remember Covid restrictions; when you take a tag DO NOT PUT IT BACK & respect people's space. On behalf of the many families that need help this year, we thank you for your generosity.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Christmas hampers will be distributed on December 18th in the morning. In this regard, all donations for hampers including knitted goods and the like will be accepted up to this Sunday. We are very thankful for the generous support we have received from you, and we know those who receive hampers will be very grateful and blessed. To our members who have worked so tirelessly throughout the year we say thank you and may God bless us all as we strive to do His work to help those in need. To all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year with the hopeful prayer that this pandemic may soon end.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:

We pray in solidarity with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. May we continue to grow in truth and reconciliation.

HUMOUR: What do gingerbread men use when they have broken legs? Candy Canes.

Who is never hungry at Christmas? The turkey he is always stuffed.