

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, December 17** – Reconciliation (Our Lady Star of the Sea, **after 6 pm mass**)

**Monday, December 19 @ 7:00 pm** – Reconciliation (Sacred Heart)

**Saturday, December 24 @ 4:30 pm** – Christmas Eve Mass (Sacred Heart)

**Saturday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Mass (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

**Sunday, December 25 @ 11:00 am** – Christmas Day Mass (Sacred Heart)

**December 18, 2022: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

“All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the Prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.”  
**Matthew 18:24**

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18). The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story.

In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

***The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].” Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.***

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am- 2:30 pm

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

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

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

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

**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](http://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**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Regular Sunday	\$2071.00
E-transfer	0.00
Building Fund (Roof)	265.00
SSVP	650.00
Christmas Flowers	130.00
Christmas Offerings	20.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Late Agatha Poole
Wed. 7 pm	Late Bride Greene
Thu. 7 pm	Late Serena Callahan
Fri. 10 am	No Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Jerome & Elsie Beales & Daphne Brake
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Dec 24	
Joan Penney	Art Hall Barbara Neville
Dec 25	
Mike Leonard	Calvin Gillis Joe Byrne
<b>Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney</b>	

**E-TRANSFER:** We think we resolved the problem with the E-transfer, and we encourage you to try that process again.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Missals are available at the church or parish office for \$5 each.

**PARISH DUES:** Parish dues were received from Bernice Rowsel, Christine Jewer, and Regina Brown.

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2023:** Boxes are available for pick up at the church. If you don't have a box and wish to obtain a box of envelopes, please register at the parish office.

**SNOW SHOVELLING:** We are in dire need of a person to provide snow shovelling services at the parish house. If you can provide this service, please call Fr.Jim so we can outline tasks and pay. Thank you.

**CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES:** Daily mass will be held in the parish house on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7pm and Friday at 10am.

**ADVENT FOLDER:** Advent offering envelopes are available at the church. We ask you to generously support this Advent collection. Please think of them as a replacement of the folder with a suggested offering of \$20.

**RELIGION (SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS):** Registration Sheets for religion program are available at the church. You will be contacted at the first meeting.

**K of C:** Bishop O'Reilly Assembly 0624 will be meeting at All Hallows' Parish on Tuesday December 20th at 7:45 P.M. could Sir Knights please try to attend.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** If you would like to donate toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting your donation in an envelope (envelopes located at the church) with the name of your loved one and drop it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office. A complete list of donors would be published after Christmas as well we will publish for whom flowers may have been donated.

**AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON WHAT MATTERS**

**MOST:** Seeing and hearing the ongoing discussions the Catholic community of Corner Brook have been having, both formally and informally, the Pastors of Corner Brook (Fr Lee, Fr. Jim and Bishop Bart) have come together to develop a way in which we can all listen to each other to identify and address the key issues in our community, In order to reflect Pope Francis' invitation to be more synodal, the process will involve small groups in order to make sure everyone is involved as both speakers and listeners. It is also hoped that, by working together towards an agreement on the most salient issues facing our community, we will work together to follow-up on the recommendations. **Timeline: January 2023** - Introduction of discussion groups: Organized by individuals, groups within the parish and the parish itself. Discussion groups should consist of no fewer than three and no more than six (to allow for healthy discussion and a reaching of consensus). Reports of each discussion group should be sent to your parish.

**After Easter 2023** - A second round of discussions, may be needed to reach a greater consensus on the three important things that we will address (We want to make sure that the number of things remains manageable to ensure that followup happens).

**September 2023 (and beyond)** - Working together the issues that need addressing, while continuing to have more discussions as the work unfolds.

**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:** 1). What do you see as the three most important issues that need to be addressed by the Catholic Community in Corner Brook? (Come to an agreement in your small group, before moving to question 2. 2). What are some ways that we, as a Catholic Community in Corner Brook, can address them?

**PARISH OUTREACH:**

1. **A prayer list for the sick** will be reintroduced into the parish bulletin. **To have the sick prayed for, you must call the parish office before Thursday 3pm.** That name will be published in the bulletin. Please ask the permission of that person to publish that information in the bulletin. That information will only be in the Bulletin for that week. Each week a new list will appear based on those who called in that week. This is meant for those with serious illnesses only.
2. **Parish outreach home visitation** will begin with a committee formed by Marie Pennell (709-338-5090), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411). Please call Marie, Pat, or Gerard if you wish them to bring communion and make a pastoral visit to your homes.



