December 19, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1: 39-45

Blessings on your Elizabeth . . .

In just a few days you and your family will gather to celebrate another Christmas. May it be a warm and festive time for your family.

And may it be an especially happy time for the Elizabeths in your clan: the mothers and sisters and cousins and aunts who are always the first to come to the aid a family member in need, who instinctively know the right and encouraging thing to say in times of sorrow, of mourning, of trauma – and who know that sometimes the best thing to offer is simply to listen quietly. Our blessed "Elizabeths" have been there and have seen it all; their advice is always spot on; they maintain a sense of optimism and hope no matter what; they inspire by the quiet, humble



peace of their lives and radiate joy by their very presence.

Mary's cousin Elizabeth is that kind of blessing for her family. Her joy and trust in God enables her pregnant teenage cousin to realize and embrace what God has called her to do. It's easy to imagine that today's Gospel is not the only time the two cousins will meet and talk as they raise the sons God has entrusted to them. So, as your family prepares to gather next week, give thanks to God for the Elizabeths among you — and let them know how much they matter to you. And may each of us, in our own way, become an Elizabeth for those we love.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

<u>Pastor</u>: Monsignor Jim Robertson <u>Office Administrator</u>: Dianne Russell **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 <u>Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm</u>.

<u>Mass During Week</u>: 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: 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.

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.

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PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from Mary Ann Park, Tom Quigley, Joseph & Margie Pennell, and Vivian Donahue.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: During Christmas week the office will be **closed Tuesday**, **December 28**th, **and Wednesday December 29**th. Reopening Thursday December 30th.

BAPTISM: Congratulations to the family of Remy Elliott Hackett whose baptism was celebrated this past weekend. May he live a long and faithful life and his family show their love for him by their faithful witness.

<u>CONDOLENCES</u>: We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of the late Robert & Elaine Mathews. May they rest in peace.

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: You must call the parish office before 2pm Wednesday December 22nd to register 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 - Benoits Cove **Saturday**, January 1

11:00 am New Years Day Mass (VaxPass)

Sunday, January 2 11:00 am Sunday Mass – Curling

VAXPASS AND MASS: The 4:30pm Christmas Eve mass will be VAXPASS ONLY OR PROOF OF VACCINATION AND WILL NOT REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING. The Christmas Eve 7pm mass and the Christmas Day 11am mass WILL NOT REQUIRE THE VAXPASS BUT WILL REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING. Facemasks MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

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 Minster and wish to serve in that ministry again, please call the parish office so your name can be included in our schedule.

<u>PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS:</u> 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.

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING: Thanks to the following people for your donation for the November Bingo Draw; Bernice Rowsell, Mona Specker, Alvina George, Gen Quigley, Derm Traverse, Florence King, Don Gallant, Mary Gallant, Karen Roche, Maureen George, Fr. Jim, Mary Jo Perrett, Agatha Poole, Glenda Neilson, Barbara O'Blenis, Assumpta Roache, Linda Garbett, Maxine Staples, Marie Pennell, Brian Park, Jim Park, Mary Park, Cathy Bolt, Dorothy Brake, Joe Hayes, Veronica Hickey, Joan Penney, Rita Woodman, Carol Reid, Jen Quigley, Jack Pennell, Annette Rowsell, Kim Preston, Ed Brake, Rose Marie Snooks, and Edmond McGraw.

BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624: There will be meeting at All Hallows' Parish Humber Road Corner Brook December 21st at 7:45 P.M. downstairs could Sir Knights please try to attend. Also bring your VaxPass with you please.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Be a Knight before Christmas. Join the Knights of Columbus Today! Become an online member for free. Now through June 30, 2022, enter promo code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership VISIT www.kofc.org/joinus. For more info, please contact the Grand Knight at your local knights of Columbus Council, or Gerald Butt, at 709 596 6200 or gerard.butt @gmail.com Annual dues of \$30 will apply on your membership anniversary. Local council dues vary.

