

December 25, 2022: Nativity of the Lord

“And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours. When the Angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.” Luke 2:1

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In chapter two of his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul tells us that we should take on the same mind that was in Christ, he who did not cling to his equality to God, but emptied himself completely by becoming one of us, taking on our flesh by the help of Mary, born into poverty and want, his birthplace among shepherds and animals, his bed, a manger where animals came to eat.

Look for him not in palaces or mansions, or in riches, success or fame. Look for him, rather, in the hidden parts of your life, where you see suffering, sorrow, poverty and want. Find him among the working poor, the migrants, the lonely and those who mourn. Seek him among those who tend to the wounds of our world. Christ never comes preaching success, riches or power. He comes bringing love, healing, forgiveness and the mercy of our God.

Open your home, your workplace, the places where people gather in your community. Make room for him whatever you do. His coming is lived out in the context of relationship, our relationship with him, but also with others. Let us not, therefore, lock our doors, shutting ourselves off from his mercy and love, but let us, with him, go out into this broken world, in a spirit of healing and forgiveness, and witness to his coming with our lives.

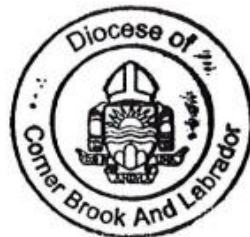
Merry Christmas to you and yours, and to all he sends to you. His birth, life and death are God's greatest gifts; his resurrection is our greatest hope.

Faternally in Christ,



Bishop Bart van Roijen

Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador



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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Joseph Stany Moothedan

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 you will find a link to family connections.

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

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

December 17th – December 18th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1432.50
E-transfer	0.00
Building Fund	20.00
Roof	700.00
SSVP	400.00
Christmas Flowers	210.00
Christmas Offerings	40.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Dolph & Marth Robertson
Wed. 7 pm	No intention
Thu. 7 pm	Late Margaret Jacobs
Fri 10 am	No Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	No intention
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Dec 31	
Linda Tarbett	John Carroll Veronica Hickey
Jan 1	
Amelia Dicks	Wayne Dicks Elizabeth Carew
Communion to the Sick – John Carroll	

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

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.

PARISH DUES: Parish dues were received from Shirley Mcgrath, Joe & Margie Pennell, Mary Ann Park, Thomas Quigley, Gertrude Daye and Marian, Ed, and Debbie Dobbin.



In the birth of God's Christ, the sacred is no longer some abstract concept of theological theory: at Christmas, the love of God takes on a human face; the Word of God becomes "enfleshed" in Mary's little boy, enabling us to transform our hearts in that love and re-create our world in that Word of justice and compassion. The real "work" of Christmas before us in the weeks and months and years — and lifetimes — ahead is to continue to make that love "incarnate" in our own lives and in the lives of those we love
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

A complete list of donors would be published after Christmas as well we will publish for whom flowers may have been donated.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: As we near the end of the year, are reminded that the **Poor Box Collection will be taken up at Masses on the last weekend of the year, December 31st /January 1st.** The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank our parishioners for their generous support over the past year. We have been blessed with much success in moving and welcoming new people to our community as well as supporting those in need of food and household items. Mary's Kitchen continues to be very active each Friday of the year. We could not have accomplished as much without the community supporting us. God bless everyone and may the New Year be one filled with many blessings and good health. To our active members, we say thank you for your tireless and unselfish devotion to being Christ's disciples and seeing Christ in all we serve. May you be rewarded by God for your good works.

LADIES GROUP- CHRISTMAS MANGER DRAW:

Many thanks to our ladies group for their ticket raffle. The gift, donated by Joe Byrne in memory of Marie, raised \$1000.00. This amount will be used in the roof campaign. The winner of the manger scene was Lorraine Compagnion.

CHURCH CLEANING:

We owe a tremendous dept to those who came forward and worked so hard at cleaning our church for the Christmas Season. Their work shows their pride in our parish. It makes this house a welcoming beautiful and clean house of God.

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

ROOF REPORT: As you can see, most of the works have been completed. This work ensures that our properties are well protected for now and for sometime into the future. Thank you to everyone who supported this work.

RELIGION (SACREMENTAL PROGRAMS):

Registration Sheets for religion program are available at the church. You will be contacted at the first meeting.

Merry Christmas I would just like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. We give thanks for the families that could gather, and we pray for the families, that because of Covid 19, could not gather. Wherever we are we celebrate the same joy of Christmas. That joy of Christ birth. It gives us hope for this life and for the life to come. Celebrate today your love for your family wherever they may be. Spread hope. Be of good cheer. And know that you are special to the Lord. May the greatest of blessing come upon you this Christmas. Thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon me. Merry Christmas one and all - Father Jim

