

**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 4, 2022: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."**  
**Matthew 3:1**

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

***In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.***

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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](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**

**November 19<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Regular Sunday	\$1681.75
E-transfer	0.00
Shepherd’s Fund	160.00
Building Fund (Roof)	1250.00
SSVP	180.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Late Agnes Alves
Wed. 7 pm	Special Intention
Thu. 7 pm	Late Noseworthy boys
Fri 2 pm	No Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Leo, Ellen & Sadie Parsons
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Dec 10</b>	
Gerry Buckle	Elizabeth Carew Don Gallant
<b>Dec 11</b>	
Basil English	Bernadette Stone Veronica Hickey
<b>Communion to the Sick – Tony Griffin</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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**BINGO:** The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their contributions towards our November Bingo Draw: Debbie Allen, Christine Chadderton, Alvina George, Sheila George, Tom George, Linda Greene, Isabelle Gillis, Margaret Gillis, Brenda Griffin, Tony Griffin, Patsy Hall, John Hancock, Veronica Hickey, Joan Hutchings, Kay Hynes, Janet Jackson, Pat Jones, Judy Joyce, Gail Leggo, Elaine Lynch, Eileen Moore, Helen McCarthy, Margaret McCarthy, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Marie Pennell, Father Jim Robertson. The winner of \$50.00 was Alvina George. Next Bingo names to donate are N to the end of alphabet.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING:**

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER STOCKING STUFFERS:**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again collecting socks, gloves, caps, scarves, etc as stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A collection box can be found at the rear of the Church. As well, if you or your family would like to sponsor a hamper or contribute in some way, please call the Society at 638-9010. Thanks for your continued generosity!"

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a Parish Council meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**RELIGION (SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS):**

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

**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.

**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?

**ARCHBISHOP HOWLEY COUNCIL 2581:**

Will meet at All Hallows Parish on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm, could Brother Knights please make a special effort to attend as this is our last meeting before Christmas.