

**February 11, 2024: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Exert from the

**“Message of His Holiness Pope Francis XXXII World Day of the Sick”**

“It is not good that man should be alone” (cf. Gen 2:18). From the beginning, God, who is love, created us for communion and endowed us with an innate capacity to enter into relationship with others. Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received. We were created to be together, not alone. Precisely because this project of communion is so deeply rooted in the human heart, we see the experience of abandonment and solitude as something frightening, painful and even inhuman. This is all the more the case at times of vulnerability, uncertainty and insecurity, caused often by the onset of a serious illness.

In this regard, I think of all those who found themselves terribly alone during the Covid-19 pandemic: the patients who could not receive visitors, but also the many nurses, physicians and support personnel overwhelmed by work and enclosed in isolation wards. Naturally, we cannot fail to recall all those persons who had to face the hour of their death alone, assisted by healthcare personnel, but far from their own families...

At the same time, it needs to be said that even in countries that enjoy peace and greater resources, old age and sickness are frequently experienced in solitude and, at times, even in abandonment. This grim reality is mainly a consequence of the culture of individualism that exalts productivity at all costs, cultivates the myth of efficiency, and proves indifferent, even callous, when individuals no longer have the strength needed to keep pace. It then becomes a throwaway culture, in which “persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected, especially when they are poor or disabled, ‘not yet useful’ – like the unborn, or ‘no longer needed’ – like the elderly” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 18)....

To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness! Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others. The condition of the sick urges all of us to step back from the hectic pace of our lives in order to rediscover ourselves.”...

To read the full message from Pope Francis please go to:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20240110-giornata-malato.html>

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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 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.**

**Weekday Mass:**

**HOURS: - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday – 7pm**  
10a.m. - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday\*.

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

**\*Lohnes Complex**

First Friday of each month - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

**\*Note: No mass at the church on this day.**

**Bible Study:**

**Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Postponed 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 709-638-9010.

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**January 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Regular Sunday	1516.00
Loose Offering	77.15
Envelope Cost	5.00
Building Fund	133.40
Votive Candles	36.00
In Memorium	15.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	10.00
Development & Peace	20.00
Indian Residential School Healing Fund	30.00

**MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 13-18, 2024**

Tues. 10am	Special Intention - Novena to St. Jude
<b>Wed. 7PM</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Late Gary Wells
Thurs. 10am	Parish Community
Fri. 10am	Late Brian Griffin
Sat. 4:30pm	Parish Community
Sun. 11am	Late Father Jim Robertson Late Edward Callahan

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>February 17</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Jacqueline Neville	Eileen Moore
<b>February 18</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Amelia Dicks	Bernadette Stone
<b>Communion to the sick – John Carroll</b>	

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday, mass will be held at 7pm on this day. There will be no morning mass and no “The Search” session on this day.

**32<sup>ND</sup> WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (February 11)**

Pope Francis’ message:

**“It is not good that man should be alone” – Caring for the sick by caring for relationships.**

The Holy Father reminds us to renew our commitment to prayer and accompaniment of the sick. Pope Francis reminds us of the fundamental importance of human relationships in the process of healing and comforting the sick.

Pope Francis’ message urges us to care for relationships with compassion and tenderness, while recalling the example of the Good Samaritan who approached his neighbor with deep compassion. The Holy Father also stresses that the sick, the fragile and the poor must be at the heart of the Church and at the center of pastoral concerns.

The World Day of the Sick offers us another opportunity to pray for all those who suffer and reflect on our commitment to them.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Archbishop Howley Council # 2581 of Corner Brook will be holding a series of faith development gatherings during Lent 2024. These will take place on designated Saturdays, 10am., at the lower level of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer. This is for all Knights and men of our neighboring parishes from Deer Lake to Benoit’s Cove. Come along and share our Faith, coffee and doughnuts. Our gatherings during Lent will be Saturday, February 24th. March 2nd., 16th., and 23rd.

**LENTEN ENVELOPES:** Are available at the back of the church for anyone who needs them during Lent.

**BIBLE STUDY:** The next bible study will be held on Thursday February 15th, 2024 at 7pm.

**NOVENA TO ST. JUDE**

Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsmen of Jesus Christ, the faithful intercessor of all who invoke to you. I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg you to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause your name to be invoked. Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Marys, 3 Glory be to the Father for 9 consecutive days. Saint Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen.

**SACRED HEART BINGO:** The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank everyone who attended our last bingo. The proceeds were \$1662.00. Thank you to all who donated. Our next bingo will be February 25, 2024. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo will start at 2pm. Names beginning A to E can continue to donate cash or merchandise towards the bingo.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** The service for the World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the ladies of The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 25 Main Street, Corner Brook on Friday, March 1st at 2 pm. A lunch will be served following the service. All are welcome to attend.

**PARISH FUNDRAISER:** Dennis Blackwood Designs has generously donated time and material to create Window Catcher/Tree Ornaments. They are \$5.00 each and available in the porch of the parish on Saturday and Sunday until sold. 100% of proceeds go directly to the parish. Contact Joan Penney for further information.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - SHARE LENT 2024:**

The upcoming campaign is: *Create Hope for a world of peace and justice by Reaping Our Rights*, calls you to stand with small scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the earth. Join us on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm (ET) for the national launch webinar with our guests from the global south. Register at devp.org/events. For more information contact Patricia Walsh Warren at pwalsh@devp.org.

**LIVING WITH CHRIST:** Our parish will now be ordering the Canadian edition of Living with Christ. They should arrive by the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. The cost will be \$3.00 per book.

**Reflection**

**Touching**

Many of us are afraid to touch other people.  
We give a few pennies to a beggar,  
but make sure there is no contact between us,  
not even eye-contact.

Jesus didn’t stand off or keep his distance.  
He wasn’t afraid to touch others.  
He touched lepers, sinners, sick people and  
even the dead.

Physical contact is precisely what gives people,  
especially sick and wounded people,  
a sense of warmth and joy.

By the very act of touching another person,  
we accept that person exactly as he or she is.

Lord, give us a warm heart and kind hands.

*Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.193-194*