

February 4, 2024: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

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**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** 2023 tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

**BIBLE STUDY:** The next bible study will be held on Thursday February 8th, 2024 at 7pm.

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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:**

**NEW HOURS:**

10a.m. - Tuesday, Wednesday, 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 8<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](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

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

Regular Sunday	1727.50
Loose Offering	95.00
Envelope Cost	10.00
Building Fund	80.00
Votive Candles	73.00
In Memorium	20.00
Mass Stipends	90.00
Baptism Fees	100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00
Indian Residential School Healing Fund	10.00

**MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 6-11, 2024**

Tues. 10am	Late Joan Hearn Late Jack Neville
Wed. 10am	Special Intention -Novena to St. Jude
Thurs. 10am	Special Intention -Novena to St. Jude
Fri. 10am	Parish Community
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Jack Hearn
Sun. 11am	Late Father Jim Robertson

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>February 10</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Don Gallant	Marie Pennell
<b>February 11</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Veronica Stone	Donna Mitchell
<b>Communion to the sick – Joan Penney</b>	

**LADIES COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting is this Wednesday February 7 at 1:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Church meeting room.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday February 7 at 6pm at Sacred Heart Parish Church Meeting Room.

**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.

**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.

**SACRED HEART BINGO:** The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation to the January Bingo: Debbie Allen, Stella Anthony, Donna Beales, Evelyn Beales, Diane Bennett, Loretta Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Marjorie Blanchard, Cathy Bolt, Dorothy Brake, Edward Brake, Judy Brake, Jean Brown, Eileen and Karen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Nora Burton, Hilda Butt, Joan Butt, Joe Byrne, Roberta Canning, Liz Carew, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Jane Coleman, Catherine Coles, Lynn Coombs, Margaret Daley, Gertrude Daye, Amelia Dicks, Jerome Dicks, Theresa Dobbin, Debbie Dolomount, Jennifer Dolomount, Barbara Ann Dunphy, Madonna English, Evelyn Ezekiel, Isabelle Gillis, Linda Greene, Veronica Hickey, Kay Hynes, Dorothy Jones, Jocelyn Kennedy, Florence King, Eileen Moore, Glenda Neilson, Barbara Neville, Valerie O’Connor, Marie Pennell, Margie Pennell, Ria Pye, Assumpta Roche, Tom Quigley and Mona Specker. The winner for November was Coleen Thistle and the winner for January was Gertrude Daye.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road on Tuesday February 6th at 7:45 P.M. could Brother Knights please try to attend.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL :**

**Poor Box Collection:** Sacred Heart Parish collected \$450.15, thank you to everyone who donated.

**Furniture Donations:** Due to high demand, St. Vincent de Paul is in great need of used beds, dressers, tables/chairs and other furnishings. Please keep us in mind when you are downsizing or replacing household furniture. Call us at 638-9010.

***Reflection***

***A lonely place***

Jesus often went off to a lonely place to pray.

Yet the same Jesus who prayed in lonely places said, “When you pray, go into your room, and pray to your Father in secret.”

This means that the lonely place is not necessarily a place far away, or that by “room” he means four walls that separate us physically from others.

The room is the room of or innermost heart.

This room is with us at all times. We should make it a place to which we can go to find rest and spiritual recovery when the world is too much with us.

Then we will discover that the inner room is not empty after all, but is occupied by the God of love who dwells in us all.