

**February 5, 2023: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

**“Jesus said to his disciples: “ You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.....” Matthew 5:13**

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus’ time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew’s Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus’ call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today’s Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as “a city set on a mountain” that cannot be hidden!

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No less an authority than Christ himself calls his true followers the "salt of the earth." and the "light of the world." These are titles of honor, surely, and of the greatest distinction. Christ is putting his true follower on almost a level with himself. He was the light of the world; he was the salt of the earth. He it was who gave men the knowledge of the true nature of God, as shown by the Incarnation. He it was who gave this life its flavor, who gave this life its meaning, its preservation. By his death and resurrection, he took away the sting of death, and removed its eternal corruption, by the guarantee and promise of a resurrection to an eternal life.

In true humility, we can all say that we are far from worthy of any such honorable titles. Yet in all sincerity too, many if not the majority among us, are doing their little bit of Christ's work, in cultivating their own small corner of his vineyard. The parents who teach the Christian way of life to their children by word, and especially by example, are spreading the Christian faith. The workmen, whether in office or factory, who show that they are Christians by their honesty, charity for their fellowmen, their respect for God, and the things of God, in their speech, are spreading their Christian faith. All those who show moderation in their personal expenditures and donate some of their savings to help their brothers, their fellow men who are in need, these are true disciples of Christ and are cooperating with him in bringing God's children back to their Father who is in heaven.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

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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**

**January 28<sup>th</sup> – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$1681.75
Building Fund	60.00
New Years Day	10.00
Reconciliation Day Fund	40.00
SVDP	32.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Wed. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Thu. 7 pm	Intentions of Donor
Fri. 10 am	Intentions of Donor
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Annie Griffin
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>Feb 11</b>	
Art Hall	Bernadette Stone Veronica Hickey
<b>Feb 12</b>	
Wayne Dicks	Amelia Dicks Marie Pennell
<b>Lohnes Complex – Tony Griffin</b>	

**PARISH DUES:** Gratefully received from Karen Buckle, Sheila George, and Marie Pennell.

**CONDOLENCES:** We offer our condolences to the family of Late Annie Griffin. Let us remember Annie and her family in our prayers. Rest in peace.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study will continue this Sunday. Everybody is welcome.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a parish council meeting at the parish house on Monday, February 6th at 6:00 pm.

**PARISH OUTREACH:** There is a committee formed to help the parish to provide outreach to parishioners who are not always able to attend our services. This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

**COFFEE TIME:** Our Parish outreach Committee will be starting a coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

**MARRIAGE COURSE FOR 2023:** will be held on Friday, April 22nd 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** The upcoming campaign is: Stand for the Land to Create Hope. We will Stand for the Land in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are defending their territories in the Global South by protecting their lands and waters, the environment and human life. Be sure to discover this Share Lent campaign at our national launch webinar on February 25th. To register - devp.org/events

**CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE:** The Catholic Women’s League is a National organization of over 70,000 Catholic women. Spiritual development is the essence of the Catholic Women’s League through its mission to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the world. As a group we are a respected advocate at all government levels. Holy Redeemer CWL Council is impacted by challenges which National and Provincial are experiencing – decline in membership, an aging membership, reluctance of people to take on leadership of the CWL, etc. In an effort to strengthen the National and local voice of the organization we are inviting women in our own and neighbouring parishes to become members of the CWL. Please join us. Let’s keep our voice strong. For more information, please contact Colleen Downey Thistle (639-8527), Rose Joyce (634-1228) or go directly to www.cwl.ca.

**RECEIPTS AVAILABLE:** Receipts are available for pick up at the parish office. Due to disruptions in the office, mistakes could be possible. Receipts will be available at church next weekend. If there are any errors, please contact the parish office and we will try to resolve the problem.

**RELIGION (SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS):** Registration Sheets for religion program are available at the church. You will be contacted at the first meeting.

**CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES:** Daily mass will be held in the parish house.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARCHBISHOP HOWLEY COUNCIL 2581:** will meet at All Hallows Parish on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Ladies group are looking for volunteers to sell tickets at Dominion Store. The following is a list of times booked for selling tickets; Thurs, Jan 26/Sat Feb 4/Thurs Feb 9/Thurs Feb 23/Sat Mar 4/Thurs Mar 9/ Thurs Mar 23. Time is available each day from 9am to 5pm. We are looking for people to do a half day or a full day if possible. Contact Veronica at 639 7216 if you are able to help in raising funds for our parish.

**BINGO:** The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for the January Bingo Draw: Linda Basha, Donna Beales, Joe Byrne, Helen Cook, Diane Bennett, Loretta Bennett, Sharon Bennett, Marjorie Blanchard, Coleen Boland, Regina Brown, Hilda Butt, Joan Butt, Roberta Canning, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin, Lynn Coombs, Gertrude Daye, Amelia Dicks, Victoria Murphy, Marie Pennell, Joan Penney and Veronica Stone. If there are any names omitted, please contact Pat Jones or Veronica Stone. This month winner was Gertrude Daye. The names for February month will be letters from G to M (last name).

