

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**“There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee . . . ”**

John 2: 1-11

Abraham’s table

A year ago, 12-year-old Abraham Olagbegi was diagnosed with a rare blood disease. He underwent a successful bone marrow transplant and an intense schedule of chemotherapy. Abraham, now 13, is out of the hospital and his prognosis is promising.

Over the course of his illness, Abraham learned he had been selected for Make-A-Wish, the charitable organization that makes the dreams of seriously ill children come true.

Abraham wanted a long-lasting wish, and he had an idea that he shared with his mom, Miriam.

“I remember we were coming home from one of his doctor appointments and he said, ‘Mom, I thought about it, and I really want to feed the homeless,’” Abraham’s mom remembers. “I said, ‘Are you sure, Abraham? You could do a lot . . . You sure you don’t want a PlayStation?’”

But she really wasn’t surprised by her son’s selflessness. Prior to his diagnosis, Abraham and his family regularly volunteered in their community handing out hot meals to the homeless.

Abraham’s “wish” was granted: Beginning this past September, on the third Saturday of each month for the next year, “Abraham’s table” provides meals for 80 homeless people in Poindexter Park in Jackson, Mississippi. The Make-A-Wish Mississippi chapter helps Abraham collect donations from local business and organizations.

And when his “wish” is completed this August, Abraham wants to turn “Abraham’s Table” into a nonprofit organization to continue what he began with his “wish.”

“When the homeless people get the plate, some of them would come back and sing to us and thank us,” Abraham says. “It just really feels good, it warms our hearts — and my parents always taught us that it’s a blessing to be a blessing.”

***In his “first sign” in the Gospel of John, Jesus’ changing simple water into choice wine is a fitting sign of what Jesus has been sent by God to do: to transform our world from the brokenness of sin and the deadness of self-centeredness into God’s banquet table of generosity, hope and healing. “Abraham’s Table” is an extension of God’s table at which the “watered-down wine” of fear and self-centeredness is replaced with the “new wine” of compassion and gratitude for the life God has given us, of honor and respect for every human being as a child of God, of the justice, mercy and peace of God, the Host of the great Wedding Feast.***

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**Sacred Heart Parish**

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Dianne Russell

**Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 2pm.**

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

***To Register, please call the office Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.***

**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:** Cancelled due to Covid regulations.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:** Discontinued 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.

**Masks are again mandatory at all indoor public gatherings**  
**As well please maintain physical distancing at all times.**



**MASKS THAT COVER BOTH THE NOSE AND THE MOUTH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN ATTENDING SERVICES OR FUNCTIONS IN THIS CHURCH.**

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Regular Sunday	\$959.00
Building fund	30.00
Envelope Contributions	45.00
New Years Day	20.00
Christmas	50.00
Votive Candles	20.00
Word Among us	5.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	Late Brian Canning
Wed. 7pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Thu. 7pm	Late Gerald Rowsell
Fri. 10 am	Late Michael Basha
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Mary Alice Murphy
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks from Margaret McCarthy.

**RECEIPTS FOR 2020:** The receipts for 2021 contributions are currently being worked on and will be available very shortly.

**VAXPASS MASS:** On the weekend of January 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening masses will be restricted to those who have had given us proof of vaccination. **Sunday morning mass will not require proof of vaccination, meaning their may be people attending Sunday morning mass that have received vaccinations.** Mask wearing, hand sanitization and social distancing are still required at all masses.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION:** Dianne Russell has resigned her position as Office Administrator as she has gained new permanent employment elsewhere. We are now accepting applications for this position. This is a 20 Hour per week position. If interested, please contact the Parish Office to obtain a Job Description.

**COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:** We are now limited to a total of 50 people for any gatherings in the church. This includes people who are active with the church services; Priest, readers, musicians etc. **Anyone attending a mass or service for any reason must be pre-registered to enter the church.** Please call the office (785-5025) during office hours or email curlingparish@hotmail.com to add your name to the upcoming weekend registration list. Remember masks must cover both the nose and the mouth and be worn at all times when attending services or functions in this church.

**PARKING LOT AND PERSONAL SAFETY:** The parish has hired a contractor to be responsible for snow clearing and sanding/salting of the parking lot. If at anytime you think the lot may be slippery, please do not risk any harm to yourself. As much as we would like to see you in church, sometimes you must use your discretion and stay at home. Be safe.

**LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING:** Happy New Year everyone! Thank you for your past support. Our monthly draw this month will be held on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners with last names beginning with F through N will be asked for a donation this month. The deadline for entries will be Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. As always, anyone is welcome to enter the draw. Good luck everyone.

**HOW WILL THE CHURCH'S SYNOD ON COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION WORK?** In order to facilitate as much participation in the discussion process as possible, Pope Francis has asked that a special document be prepared that contains both the purpose of the Synod, the way it will be organized and the various areas of discussion under consideration. This document is available from the Vatican by typing, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" in your Search Engine. By using this common tool, bishops from around the world are encouraged to involve as many people as possible in discussion groups throughout their Diocese. This process will conclude on June 1, 2022. Each country, in turn, will synthesize the results from each participating diocese and send it to Rome. In receiving the collected work from around the world, Rome is charged to write an initial report that will initiate a second round of discussion and a second, more definitive, report, which, together with all that has preceded it, will be the matter for a formal gathering in Rome in 2023. The whole Synod will conclude with the issuing of a formal document that will include a reflection on our lived experience, how it is working and pastoral recommendations for the future.

**ST. VINCENT DU PAUL:** Due to the recent restrictions imposed by the government, we have had to cancel Mary's Kitchen on Fridays until the level of concern is reduced. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its regular monthly meeting in the basement of the Cathedral on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. New members welcome. Members are continuing the work of the Society during these difficult times, and we ask for God's blessing for the work they do.

**BREAKING DOWN WALLS: YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH & MENTAL HEALTH:** Young people from around Atlantic Canada are invited to join a special Facebook Live Event addressing issues around young people and their mental health on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (AST) 7:30 (NST). Special guests for this Bell Let's Talk event will include Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bishop of Antigonish; Joe Townsend, Community CARES Youth Outreach (Sydney Mines); Paige Cox, Author of "The Berlin Project: Breaking Down Walls", and John Ratchford, Faith Witness. Anyone can join the session through the website for the Diocese of Antigonish [antigonishdiocese.com/](http://antigonishdiocese.com/) or the Facebook page [facebook.com/antigonishdiocese](https://facebook.com/antigonishdiocese). This event is a collaborative effort, hosted by the Diocese of Antigonish and sponsored by the Atlantic Association of Catholic Youth Ministers.

**PRAYER FOR HEALING:** Lord our God we trust in your care for us. We pray you give us strength to combat covid-19. We ask your help in freeing us of fear and in helping us follow the guidelines that will help us contain this virus. Be with our health care professionals in combating this illness. Keep us safe. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

