

January 19, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said:

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world . . .”

“Harriet”

Among the year’s most powerful and rousing movies is Harriet, the story of Harriet Tubman, one of the most extraordinary freedom fighters in American history. She’s played with passion and grit by actress Cynthia Erivo.

She was born Araminta Ross on a farm in Buckstown, Maryland, in 1849. As a young woman of 27, she is promised her freedom in the will of the owner of her estate. The heirs, however, renege on that promise and plan to sell Araminta — “Minty” as she is called — “down river” to a plantation in the Deep South where she would be forever separated from her husband and family. Despite the odds against her, Minty pulls off a daring escape, even leaping from a bridge when she is cornered by the dogs and men on horseback who are quite literally hunting her down. At great risk, Minty makes it to Philadelphia, building a new life for herself with the help a supportive community of black abolitionists. As many emancipated slaves would do, Minty takes a new name to mark her new life as a free woman: Harriet.

But Harriet can’t rest easy, knowing that her people continue to endure doomed lives as slaves. So she returns again and again to Maryland’s Eastern Shore, often in disguise, to guide other slaves — including her parents and sister — to freedom. The dangers increase with each trip — but so does Harriet’s guile and resourcefulness.

Harriet Tubman would make 13 missions and guide 70 slaves to freedom, becoming one of the most successful conductors on the “Underground Railroad.”

Harriet’s success in bringing slaves to freedom makes her a marked woman in slave states. As slaveholders increase the bounty on her, Harriet’s friends in Philadelphia urge her not to return to Maryland. But Harriet will not hear of it.

“God’s time is always near,” Harriet Tubman responds. “He set the North Star in the heavens; He gave me the strength in my limbs; He meant I should be free . . .”

“Now I’ve been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave.”

In her crossing to freedom, Harriet Tubman realizes God’s call to her: to bring other slaves to freedom and to work to end the institution of slavery. In Baptism, we “cross over” to the life of God; we are re-born in God’s grace and called to take on the work of God’s Christ: to testify to God’s presence in our midst, to proclaim the justice and peace of Jesus’ Gospel, to stand with the poor, the rejected and the forgotten — with the certain hope and assurance that the Spirit of God — our own “North Star” — leads us. Harriet Tubman mirrors the prophetic witness of John the Baptist, who gives his life to proclaim the presence of the “Lamb of God” in our midst. Like John the Baptizer, we have been called in Baptism to “testify” to the presence of the Lamb of God in our midst. Our “testimony” can be declared in less vocal but no less effective vehicles: in our unflinching compassion for others, in our uncompromising moral and ethical convictions, in our attempts (however small and simple) to bring forgiveness and reconciliation to those around us, with the vision and commitment of “prophets” like Harriet Tubman.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

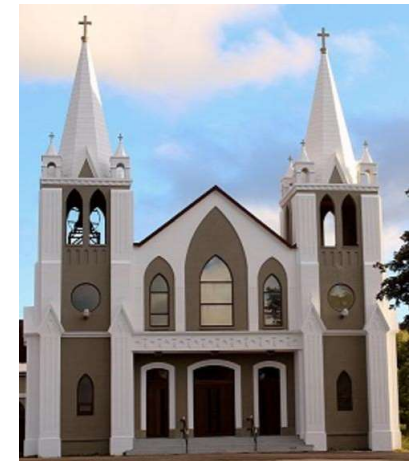
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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: By request

Mass During the Week: Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
First Fridays - 2 p.m. at the Lohnes Complex

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

Holy Hour of Adoration: Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Marriages: Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul: To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 12, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1700.30
Initial Offering	20.00
Building Fund	60.00
New Years Day	10.00
Christmas	20.00
Advent Folders	40.00
Votive Candles	34.00
Sunday Missals	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Father Bernard Buckle
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Mary Park
Thur, 7 p.m.	Special Intention
Fri, 10 a.m.	Late Jack Neville
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Late John & Nora Griffin
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

January 25	
Basil English Victoria Murphy	Margaret Dalley Joe Byrne Joan Penney
January 26	
Sherry Lynn Brake Donna Eldridge	Brain Sparkes Elizabeth Carew Don Gallant
Communion of the Sick	
John Carroll	

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: This takes place this Sunday January 19th. Adoration begins at 2 pm and concludes with Benediction at 3 pm. Come pray with us.

PARISH DUES: Received January 12, 2020 with thanks from: Karen Buckle.

READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS

SCHEDULES: The schedules for February and March will soon be available. Before we do the schedule for Easter, we need to be sure who will be present for the Holy Week Liturgies. If you are **not** going to be here during the week off April 4th to the 12th please let Tony Griffin at 632-5755 or Carol Reid at 785-2587 know at your earliest convenience.

4 YOUTH: Today is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time forms the largest part of the church’s liturgical year. It is the time in the liturgical year which is not part of a special season (Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter). Why is it called Ordinary Time? Well, its not because it’s unimportant or routine or boring! It’s called Ordinary Time because the weeks are numbered. (The Latin word ordinalis refers to numbers in a series). During Ordinary Time the Scripture reading focus on the events of Jesus’ life between His birth and His death and Resurrection. This is Year A of the three-year cycle of Sunday Readings, so on most Sundays, we will hear about the life of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. During Ordinary Time we reflect on the way that Jesus lived and the things that He taught so that we might become more like Him.

PARISH MISSION- ADVANCE NOTICE: Our parish will be taking part in a special mission during Lent. Retired Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie will be with us on the weekend of March 28th, 29th and will lead us in a mission from March 29th to 31st. This will be a tremendous time to celebrate our faith with an Archbishop who has undergone great spiritual healing and has assisted many others in that same journey.

NET MINISTRIES: Sacred Heart and Holy Redeemer parishes are co-sponsoring events with NET Ministries for the weekend of **March 20th - 21st**. This is a great event for all youth in grade seven and higher. More specific details to follow. Confirmation candidates are expected to take part in these Net Ministries activities.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: (Sunday, January 19th to Sunday, January 26th) celebrates the unity of all Christians in Christ and our desire to be more fully one in matters of faith and love. During this week, Christians are encouraged to gather together to pray for greater unity and give expression to it. The Bay of Islands Ministerial Association is inviting everyone to a gathering on Tuesday, **January 21st** at 7:00 pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Park Drive.

CONVERSION OF ST PAUL: On January 25th, the Church celebrates the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Saul of Tarsus had vowed to wipe out the new Christian Church. He was on his way to Damascus to arrest any followers of Jesus that he could find there when he and his companions were struck down by a divine light and Saul was blinded. Three days later, Jesus sent His disciple Ananias to restore Saul’s sight. Following this encounter with Jesus, Saul was baptized, changed his name to Paul and was instructed in the Christian faith. He spent the rest of his life spreading the Gospel to the Gentiles, enduring brutal physical pain, persecution and finally martyrdom. The conversion for St Paul shows us that God can transform anyone’s life when they believe in Jesus and open their hearts to Him.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019: Tax Receipts for 2019 will be available next week.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: The Poor Box collection will take place next weekend, **January 25 & 26, 2020**. Please support generously their very worthwhile work.

BINGO THANK YOU: It is only with the support of parishioners that our Parish Bingos can be the success that they are. Thank you to Evelyn Beales, Mary Collier, and Lynn Coombs **at the January 5th bingo**.

BINGO: There will be bingo at the Sacred Heart Gym on February 2nd, at 2 p.m.



There is a volunteer list on the bulletin board located at the back of the Church. Volunteers in the sections G through M on this list are asked to donate items. All your donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you want your name added to or removed from this list.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION-Promotions of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

HUMOUR:

