

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me . . .”

Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

The good even among the most evil . . .

In his 27 years as a Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent and columnist for The New York Times, Nicholas Kristof’s travels have taken him to some of the most horrific wars and dangerous corners of the world. But in a recent column, Kristof writes that even in the most violent conflicts, “side by side with the worst of humanity, you find the best.”

Kristof witnessed that firsthand in the genocide in Darfur in 2005.

“In Darfur, it was hard to keep from weeping as I interviewed shellshocked children who had been shot, raped or orphaned. No one could report in Darfur and not smell the evil in the air. Yet alongside the monsters, I invariably found heroes.

“There were teenagers who volunteered to use their bows and arrows to protect their villages from militiamen with automatic weapons. There were aid workers, mostly local, who risked their lives to deliver assistance. And there were ordinary Sudanese like Suad Ahmed, a then-25-year-old Darfuri woman I met in one dusty refugee camp.

“Suad had been out collecting firewood with her 10-year-old sister, Halima, when they saw the janjaweed, a genocidal militia, approaching on horseback.

“Run!” Suad told her sister. ‘You must run and escape.’

“Then Suad created a diversion so the janjaweed chased her rather than Halima. They caught Suad, brutally beat her . . . leaving her too injured to walk.

“Suad played down her heroism, telling me that even if she had fled, she might have been caught anyway. She said that her sister’s escape made the sacrifice worth it.

“Even in a landscape of evil,” Kristof writes. “the most memorable people aren’t the Himmlers and Eichmanns but the Anne Franks and Raoul Wallenbergs — and Suad Ahmeds — capable of exhilarating goodness in the face of nauseating evil.”

***Our faith in the Gospel Jesus enables us to see the Spirit of God in the most difficult and challenging times. The Spirit of God is “upon” us when we rise to challenge injustice and raise up God-inspired good in the midst of the darkest evil. God’s Spirit opens our hearts to the possibilities for creating God’s Kingdom in our midst: “glad tidings” for the poor, sight to the blind and light to the lost, justice for the oppressed, and a time of peace and fulfillment for all.***

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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 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Regular Sunday	\$1285.30
Building fund	90.00
Envelope Contributions	20.00
Advent Folders	20.00
Sunday Missals	5.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
St. Vincent de Paul	220.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	Late Michael Blackmore
Wed. 7pm	Deceased Members of the Joyce Family
Thu. 7pm	Special Intentions
Fri. 10 am	Late Roy Reid
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Frank & Mary Mullins
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks from Veronica Hickey and Thomas & Karen George.

**RECEIPTS FOR 2021:** The receipts for 2021 are ready and are available at the church.

**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:** 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.

**SACRED HEART PARISH CUSTODIAN:** Jerome Dicks has resigned his position as parish Custodian. We thank him for all he has done for us. We are accepting applications for this position. Please call the 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 SAFTEY:** 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:** Our monthly draw is on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners with last names beginning with F through N. The deadline for entries will be Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone is welcome to enter the draw. Good luck everyone.

**HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH'S SYNOD ON COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION:** Parish Pastoral Councils in each parish will be asked to organize a special meeting in January to discuss the five questions prepared for this Synod. In the last question they will be asked how they can best organize similar discussions throughout the parish, with as many different groups as possible. Opportunities to get involved in a Synod discussion group should begin as early as January and will extend to the end of May. Service Organizations, Ministry Groups, Family Groups, Single Groups, Children and Youth, Seniors, Movements within the Parish, and any other formal or informal grouping of people may also take the initiative to organize a discussion group around the same questions. The Diocese is also planning to organize a limited amount of Zoom discussion groups, especially with youth and young adults. Sessions with youths will be advertised throughout the diocese and will require appropriate supervision and parental oversight/permission. We ask that each discussion group submit a synthesis to the diocese, outlining the most salient points and insights that came out of their discussion. The Synthesis can be sent to: Attention: Denise Rumboldt, 469 Curling St., Corner Brook, NL, A2H 3K8.

**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

**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 26th 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Our mass intentions are low again. It's a good time to request yours.

**HUMOUR:** What do you call it when a snowman throws a temper tantrum? A meltdown.

