

January 29, 2023: 4th Sunday in ordinary time

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.....”Matthew 5:1-2

In today’s gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. These show us that the promise of a “universal blessing” which was made to Abraham will be fulfilled in Jesus. Unlike the world, God blesses those who are without power and influence. So, God’s blessings are for all, but we must work for the virtues which Jesus lists here. We must be poor in spirit, meek, merciful, peacemakers, and more. This is also not the way of the world. But this is the Kingdom which we must strive for.

Today’s reading is the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew’s Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus.

Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls “blessed” and “happy” are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus’ blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. “Blessed” is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favored. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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SOMETHING TO THINK:

I open my eyes, what do I see?
Our good Lord smiling down at me.
I see a hive of busy bees,
working as quickly as can be,
to make wholesome honey for you and me.
A bright, bold sun without a cloud in sight,
Wild birds soaring up high in flight.
Happy, singing skylarks flying from tree to tree,
Singing sweetly for you and me.
Among the tall, great trees,
to share with all those like you and me,
Who wish to be set free.

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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

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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 you will find a link to family connections.

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

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January 21st – January 22nd, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1732.25
Building Fund	65.00
Roof	100.00
Reconciliation Day Fund	85.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Michelle Jones
Wed. 7 pm	Late Bridget & Jordan Blackwood
Thu. 7 pm	Late Bridget Blackwood
Fri 2 pm (Lohnes Complex)	Late Joseph Bennett
Sat. 4:30 pm	Intentions of Robert Neville, Late Joseph, Garfield & George Locklyn,
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Feb 4	
Gerry Buckle	Barbara Neville Veronica Hickey
Feb 5	
Basil English	Calvin Gillis Elizabeth Carew
Lohnes Complex – Barbara Neville	

PARISH DUES: Gratefully received from Jerry & Linda Griffin, Ken & Sharon Bennett, Rita Pye and Kathleen MacDonald.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our condolences to the family of Late Isabel Power (mother of Debbie Allen) and Michelle Jones. Let us remember them and their families in our prayers. Rest in peace.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study will continue this Sunday January 29th at 7pm at the parish house. Everybody is welcome.

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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemass Day):

There will be a blessing of candles at the beginning of 7:00 pm Mass on Thursday, February 2nd at the parish house. Each person will be given a candle when they enter the church. Before the blessing of the candles, a designated person will pass the flame to the rest of the congregation, encouraging everyone to pass the flame to the next person. Then the candles will be blessed. Anyone wishing to bring a candle from home to be blessed may do so.



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.

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.

SSVP: Our Vincentian mission is to “live the Gospel by serving Christ through people in need with Love, Respect, Justice and Joy”. Our Team of 25 people are very active in the Community and last year we visited 260 homes, serving 362 Adults, 136 Children, with 540 Volunteer Hrs at a cost of \$13,237.25. At Mary’s Kitchen we served 1,050 Adults, 109 Children, with 713 Volunteer Hrs at a cost of \$6,402.02. Gave out 93 Hampers at Christmas with 216 Volunteer Hrs at a cost of \$9,723.91, and we had 384 Furniture Donations to our warehouse, and made 346 deliveries for a total of 730 with a total of 1,237 Volunteer Hrs at a cost of \$4,750.80. Let us be as Christ to one another throughout this year, and we Thank You for your continued support. There will be a Poor Box Collection next weekend in all the Churches.

