

January 31st, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

[Jesus] taught as one having authority and not as the scribes . . .
Jesus rebuked [the unclean spirit] and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!”

Mark 1: 21-28

“Unmasked”

Facemasks have become part of our basic wardrobe and will continue to be for a while longer. They now come in fashionable colors and prints, emblazoned with cool images and advertising logos. We still don’t like wearing them — they’re uncomfortable, they’re hot, they make it hard to hear what someone is saying.

But we wear them. At least, most of us do.

Our masks have “unmasked” us.

These pieces of cloth make a statement. The way we see the world and our place in it is expressed in our half-hidden faces. Our wearing a mask during this pandemic is a sign of our humility before one another: that we’re concerned about one another enough to wear this uncomfortable face guard. It’s a sign of our love for those closest to us: that we will put our own comfort aside to protect them. It’s accepting our responsibility for the common good: the safety of the larger community must take precedence to my own wants and preferences and profit. The masks we wear “unmask” our true values and beliefs.

Our masks reveal something deeper that exists within us, the Spirit of God.

It’s that Holy Spirit of compassion and peace that enables us to take on the “unclean spirits” around us — and within us. We can cast out the “unclean spirits” of anger, fear and hurt that isolate us, that mire us in fear and selfishness, that blind us to the love of God in our midst. To cast out such demons requires refocusing our attention from what is missing in our lives to what we have been given, from lamenting our regrets and disappointments to finding meaning in what we can do for others. In our own acts of compassion and generosity — including wearing facemasks during this difficult time — we speak with the voice of Christ to “drive out” the unclean spirits that “possess” our minds and hearts and “dispossess” us of the things of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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- Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.
- Reconciliation:** By request
- Mass During the Week:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm
Friday at 10 am.
- Holy Hour of Adoration:** Discontinued until further notice.
- 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.

FACE MASKS: *These masks should be worn at all times. They may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing from others.*

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

January 24, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1344.00
E-transfer	175.00
Building Fund	15.00
Envelope Cost	15.00
Development and Peace	5.00
Good Friday	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late Robert McNeil
Wed. 7pm	Late Dolph & Martha Robertson
Thu. 7pm	Special Intention
Fri. 10am	Late Joan Hearn
Sat. 4:30	Late Jackie Wiseman
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from: Sheila George, John Hayes and Thomas and Karen George.

BIBLE STUDY: Sunday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2021: We thank you for your generosity in past years. The remaining envelopes for 2021 will be brought to the Parish office after this weekend. Please drop by the parish office to pick up your box of envelopes Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm.

RECEIPTS FOR 2020: Your 2020 receipts are now available at the parish office.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of the late John King. May he rest in peace.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Meeting Monday night at 6pm.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas". The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Blessed Virgin and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. There will be a blessing of candles at the beginning of the 7pm Mass on that day. People are invited to bring candles with them so that they can be blessed on that day. These candles then can be used in your homes and lit especially for times of prayer or anytime you wish to see the light shining in any darkness you may experience.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE - 2021

Is celebrated on the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple - February 2nd - 40 days after He was born, On this day, we remember with gratitude the men and women who have dedicated themselves to the solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and in so doing, have given themselves wholly to the Lord and His mission. Take a moment to thank, support and /or pray for those who have given themselves in our own Diocese and those whom the Lord is calling to serve His people in a complete surrender of their lives.

BLESSING OF THROATS- WEDNESDAY,

FEBRUARY 3rd: The blessing of throats will be offered following the 7pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church. On this feast of St. Blaise, all



are invited to stay behind after Mass for the blessing. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, instead of blessing each person's throat with candles, a general blessing will be given over the congregation.

LENT-ADVANCE NOTICE: Please remember that Lent begins with the celebrations of Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday takes place on February 17th. Easter Sunday this year is April 4th.

LADIES FUNDRAISING: Our draw for January will be 10% of the money received for the month. Draw will be made on Sunday, Jan 31st. Good Luck!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL: This is a privately funded school dedicated to educational excellence in a Christian environment. It is operated independently of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador by the Catholic School Foundation of Corner Brook Inc.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School **collects Coleman's Receipts** as a fund-raiser. They can be dropped off at the main door of our church in the box labelled "Coleman's Grocery Receipts".

ST VINCENT de PAUL: Poor Box Sunday for donations to help the Society of St Vincent de Paul to do their charitable work will be collected this weekend. Presently they have run short of beds, bed frames, couches, tables and chairs, dressers, and the like. If you are willing to donate such things that are in good shape please call our phone 638-9010 and they will gladly pick up. Please be generous to help this charitable program.

HUMOUR:

