

**January 8, 2023: Epiphany of the Lord**

“When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. Matthew 2:1

The appearance of the star and the visit of the Magi point us to the role of Jesus as Messiah. Miraculous events begin even at his birth.

Some scholars think that Matthew embellished a true story to make the point that Jesus came for the Gentiles also. The other Gospel accounts do not mention the Magi. However there is no evidence to the contrary.

Matthew shows us Jesus as a baby, weak and vulnerable. This is in contrast to the powerful Herod, who is so insecure at the news of a rival king that he orders every male child murdered. Even as an infant, Jesus shows us that political power will be at odds with the Kingdom of God.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

***We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.***



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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](http://www.rcchurch.com) you will find a link to family connections.  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

**December 30<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$3276.00
Building Fund	285.00
Roof	1500.00
SSVP	120.00
New Year's Day	337.00
Chrismtmas	90.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7 pm	No Intention
Wed. 7 pm	No Intention
Thu. 7 pm	No Intention
Fri 10 am	No Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Bridget & Jordan Blanchard
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Jan 14	
Jerome Dicks	Art Hall Elizabeth Carew
Jan 15	
Anna House	Veronica Hickey
<b>Communion to the Sick – Eileen Moore</b>	

**E-TRANSFER:** We think we resolved the problem with the E-transfer, and we encourage you to try that process again.

**PARISH DUES:** Parish dues were received from Joe Byrne, Denise Bruce, John & Joe Hayes, Maxine Staples, Nora Burton, Veronica Hickey, Linda Cashin, Marina Cashin.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Bible study will continue this Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the parish house. Everybody is welcome.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next regular meeting will take place on Monday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the parish house.

**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, Gerard Deveaux, Pat Moore, and Tony Griffin, 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.

**INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL**

**RECONCILIATION COLLECTION:** Many people welcomed Pope Francis' pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022. He came to express sorrow for the wrongs committed against the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and to begin the long road to healing by asking for forgiveness. As part of that healing process, the Catholic Bishops of Canada have pledged to raise \$30 million to fund cultural, linguistic and healing initiatives for indigenous communities adversely affected by schools operated by a variety of Catholic entities. All money raised in a diocese will fund projects in that diocese. With your help, the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador would like to support the Innu Peoples of Labrador's efforts to strengthen their culture and language among their young. Please support our Indian Residential School Reconciliation Collection on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES:** Daily mass will be held in the parish house.

**BINGO:** The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for the December Bingo Draw: Edward, Brake, Alvina George, John Hayes, Bill Griffin, Bob Hearn, Veronica Hickey, Christine Jewer, Clara Joyce, Edmund McGrath, Shirley McGrath, Ann McHugh, Barbara Neville, Barbara O'Blenis, Genee Park, Jim Park, Mary Ann Park, Patsy Payne, Marie Pennell, Mary Jo Perrett, Kim Preston, Rita Pye, Gen Quigley, Linda Randell, Carol Reid, Assumpta Roche, Karen Roche, Annette Rowsell, Bernice Rowsell, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Lynette Taylor, Derm Traverse and Rita Woodman. Please contact Pat Jones or Veronica Stone if any name was omitted.

**ROOF REPORT:** As you can see, most of the works have been completed. This work ensures that our properties are well protected for now and for sometime into the future. Thank you to everyone who supported this work.

**RELIGION (SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS):** Registration Sheets for religion program are available at the church. You will be contacted at the first meeting.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** In order to mark this event, the Bay of Islands Ministerial Association will be holding an ecumenical service on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at All Hallows Church. It is our church's turn to host the event. All are welcome.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ARCHBISHOP HOWLEY COUNCIL 2581:** will meet at All Hallows Parish Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm. Could Brother Knights please try to attend.

**SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** As we enter 2023, we look back on 2022 and wonder if things will remain the same or if things will be better or worse. We pray that things will be better and that normality as EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we knew it comes back. However, that may not be the case and that will mean that the Society of St Vincent de Paul will be called upon even more that it was this past year. We have been fortunate to have had a small group of active members carry us and perform many outstanding deeds of charity without remuneration or even thanks in some cases. But they aren't there for praise, they are there to share and show love and mercy. We are asking for consideration by non-judgmental people within our community who have deep unselfish feelings for their neighbours, some of whom they don't yet know, to think about joining our Society. We meet again on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. We need your help and input to make this year a positive and successful one. Thank you.

