

July 9, 2023: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

He continued: "All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- Matthew 11:25-30

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Rev. Lee Lainey (beginning August 1st, 2023)

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm.

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

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

Post-poned until further notice.

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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

July 1st – July 2nd, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,139
Loose Offering	35
Building Fund	110
Bingo Proceeds	60
Mass Stipends	30
St. Vincent de Paul	40

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. 7 pm	Late Jack & Joan Hearn
Thur. 7 pm	Late Patricia Buckingham O'Brien Late Jackie Griffin
Fri. 2 pm	No Mass Intention
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late John & Dan O'Brien Mary Joyce
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 15	
Linda Tarbett	Elizabeth Carew
July 16	
Veronica Stone	Anna House
Communion to the sick – John Carroll	

COFFEE TIME: Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue 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.

BINGO DRAW: Thanks so much to Patricia Meade, Patsy Payne, Maxine Staples, and Lynette Taylor for your donation to the June Bingo draw. Because the draw has already been made, your name will be added to the September Draw.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER: Workshop for caregivers supporting seniors is being offered on **July 26th - 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm** at St John the Evangelist Anglican Church on Main Street. There is limited seating for register early - **deadline is July 24th.** For more information call 634-4321 or email cmhi.mhp@gmail.com

PARISH OUTREACH: 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.

FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: The regular meeting of the Family Support Group for members and caregivers of individuals living with mental illness will meet on **Sunday, June 25th at 2:00 pm - Summit Place - 112 Premier Drive.** Guest Speaker - Deon Hancock. For more information call 634-4117 or 634-4322.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Will take place on **Wednesday, July 26th at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral. This is for the parents and god-parents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with the understanding that there will be a well-founded hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. We offer a walk through of the liturgy with an opportunity for question and discussion. Call the office at 634-5161 to register.

DIOCESE OF CORNER BROOK AND LABRADOR: “Dear Fr. Lee Lainey; By virtue of this letter, I appoint you as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Curling, and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Benoit’s Cove, effective on **August 1st, 2023** with all the faculties, duties, and rights and privileges accorded by the norms of law. Thank you for your generous service to the people of Holy Redeemer Cathedral, All Hallows and St. Brendan’s Chapel, and pray that the next few weeks will be marked by fond farewells as well as time for rest and relaxation. Please be assured of my prayers during this time of transition, and my support in your ongoing ministry”. -Bishop Bart van Roijen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally, and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

“Share the Words” Hope: Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women’s League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope.

CEMETERY MASSES: **Mt. Patricia Cemetery** - Monday, July 24th at 7:00 pm, **Townsite Cemetery** - Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 pm, **Mount Cecilia Cemetery** (Sacred Heart Parish) Monday - July 31st at 7:00 pm, **Old RC Cemetery** - Benoit’s Cove - August 1st at 7:00 pm. In the event of rain, the mass will be held at the respective churches.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION: **July 26th** is the Feast of St. Anne and the Corner Brook Aboriginal Women’s Association and the Benoit’s Cove Native Women’s Association will take a special role in preparing for and celebrating this feast. This mass will take place at **5:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish with Bishop Bart van Roijen** as Presider. Both Women’s Association, in traditional regalia will provide hymns and songs. Following the Mass there will be a feast at St. Mary’s Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

SUMMER PRAYER: Creator God, we thank you for making this beautiful world and for calling us to be your people. Help us to enjoy these summer days. Let this be a time of refreshment and joy and bring us rest. Give us your grace to witness, to serve you each day, and to grow in your love. Father, we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HUMOUR: A Religious Education teacher decided to have her Year I class learn Psalm 23, one of the most quoted texts from the Bible. She gave the kids a month to memorize the whole chapter. One of the girls was really excited about it, but she simply couldn’t memorize the Psalm. Although she practiced hard, she could hardly get past the first few lines. So the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the Parish Priest and the congregation, and that little girl was really nervous. When her turn came, she stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, “The Lord is my Shepherd and that’s all I need to know!”