

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Background on the Gospel Reading:**

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead, he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

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**The Solemnity of the Most Holy**  
**Body and Blood of Christ**

**Sacred Heart Parish**

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

**Weekday Mass:**

10 am – Tuesday to Friday

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

**Lohnes Complex\***

First Friday of each month - 2 pm

**\*Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

**Bible Study:**

**To resume in September.**

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Postponed 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 709-638-9010.

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on May 25 & 26

Regular Sunday	1751.00
Loose Offering	90.00
Building Fund	60.00
Votive Candles	40.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
In Memorium	225.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	65.00
Living with Christ	3.00

MASS INTENTIONS June 4 - 9

Tue. 10am	Deceased Parishioners
Wed. 10am	Deceased Parishioners
Thur. 10am	The Late Stephanie Wynn
Fri. 2pm 6pm	The Lohnes Complex Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. 4:30 pm	The Late Yvonne Robertson
Sun. 11 am	The Late George Hynes The Late Bernedetta & Anthony George

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

June 8	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Lynette Taylor	Elizabeth Carew
June 9	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Marie Pennell	Donna Mitchell
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

**NOTICE:** Father Lainey will be away from June 18 - July11th. We will take mass request only for July 6 & 7.

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART - POTLUCK:**  
We will be having our celebration for **the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 7<sup>th</sup>**.  
Mass will be at 6pm, followed by potluck at the Sacred Heart Elementary School, through the side door. Bring a friend, invite people who have not been to Church for a while for any given reason. It’s time to rejoice and be together. Registration is at the back of the church.

**MASS SCHEDULE JUNE 18 – JULY 11:**  
There will be no mass from June 18 – June 30, we will have **Liturgy of the Word services** on June 22, 23 and June 29 and 30 at Sacred Heart and Our Lady Star of the Sea. Bishop Bart Van Roijen will preside over mass at Sacred Heart Church on July 6 and 7 and at Our Lady Star of the Sea on July 6.

**SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION**  
This past weekend (May 25-26) Society of St. Vincent de Paul members took up the Poor Box collection at both masses at Sacred Heart Parish. A total of \$531.90. Thank you for your continued support.

**ARCHBISHOP HOWLEY COUNCIL 2581:**  
There will be a meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road on Tuesday June 4th at 7:45 P.M. We ask that all Brother Knights please try to attend. We will also be having our election for the 2024-2025 Executive.

**Sacred Heart Cemetery Masses:**  
Mount Cecelia Cemetery - Curling -  
Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00 pm.  
Old RC Cemetery - Benoit’s Cove  
Thursday, August 1st at 7:00 pm.  
In the event of rain, the masses will be held inside the churches.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**  
All volunteers at Sacred Heart who serve in High-Risk Ministries (i.e. dealings with vulnerable people, finances, etc...) are strongly encouraged to complete The Training Course for Insurance Purposes as directed by the Diocese. Kudo’s go out to Elizabeth Carew, Debbie Dolomount, Patricia Jones, and Carol Ann O’Keefe who have taken the time and interest to complete said course. We truly appreciate all that our volunteers continue to do for the Parish.

**SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:**  
**Book Sale:** There will be a book sale on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. to 2p.m. in the church parking lot, weather permitting.

**THANK YOU:** to the following for their donation towards the May Bingo: Arlene Beales, Coleen Boland, Christine Chadderton, Sheila George, Tom George, Donna Gilliam, Isabelle Gillis, Bill Griffin, Brenda Griffin, Tony Griffin, Patsy Hall, John Hancock, John Hayes, Joe Hayes, Veronica Hickey, Kay Hynes, Dorothy Jones, Pat Jones, Eddie Joyce, Judy Joyce, Kathleen MacDonald, Ann McHugh , Christine Moore, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Julia Hackett Myles, John Noseworthy, Marie Pennell, Kim Preston, Rita Pye, Ann Randell and Mona Specker.

The winner for April draw was Nora Burton and the winner for May Draw was Patsy Hall.

June will be our last bingo draw.  
Names ending from O to the end.

**UNITED IN SONG:**  
7:00 PM Saturday, June 8th at All Hallows Church, 109 Humber Road, Corner Brook.  
Join us for a special evening of choral music featuring the Shallaway Youth Choir from St.

John’s and the All Hallows Church Choir.  
Admission is a food item for the Food Bank Network, and a free-will offering/donation to Mary’s Kitchen which is sponsored by Saint Vincent de Paul.

**Spring into Action’ Food Drive**  
Thursday, June 6,  
2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.: Volunteers to accept donations at all grocery store locations *or*  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.: Drive-thru at the Salvation Army Temple.  
The Food Bank Network is partnering with the Knights of Columbus and holding a food drive to feed families during the summer. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be accepting your non-perishable food donations at all grocery store locations. You can also drive-thru with your donations at the Salvation Army Temple, lower level. Thank you for your continued support.

***Reflection: Before the Blessed Sacrament***

Outside the church the noisy traffic flows past. People rush hither and thither.  
But I have left that world behind  
and I am here before you, Lord.  
I do not exclude my brothers and sisters.  
I bring them with me,  
for I know that they are equally dear to you.  
I have nothing. Yet I know that because I have you, I have everything.  
I close my mind and open my heart, and so I am at peace.  
Here I experience my true worth, which consists, not in my possessions or achievements, but in knowing that I am loved by you.