

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



### Parish Information

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[www.sacredheartrcparish.ca](http://www.sacredheartrcparish.ca)

Diocesan website: [rcchurch.com](http://rcchurch.com)

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

**Weekday Mass:**

10a.m. - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday\*.

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

**Lohnes Complex\***

First Friday of each month - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

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

**Bible Study:**

**No study on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Later date to be determined.**

**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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**March 9 & 10, 2024**

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| Regular Sunday     | 1720.00 |
| Loose Offering     | 66.75   |
| Parish Dues        | 50.00   |
| Lenten Folders     | 110.00  |
| Building Fund      | 40.00   |
| Mass Stipends      | 60.00   |
| Living with Christ | 4.00    |
| St. Anne's Oil     | 11.00   |
| Candles            | 25.00   |

**MASS INTENTIONS March 19-24**

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| Tue. 10am    | No Mass this day.   |
| Wed. 10am    | No Mass this day.   |
| Thur. 10am   | Parish Community  |
| Fri. 10 am   | Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt<br>The Greene & Hackett Families |
| Sat. 4:30 pm | Late Bride Greene   |
| Sun. 11 am   | Late Theresa & Francois Deveaux                           |

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

| <b>March 23</b>                                |                             |
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| <b>Reader</b>                                  | <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> |
| Linda Tarbett                                  | Don Gallant                 |
| <b>March 24</b>                                |                             |
| <b>Reader</b>                                  | <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> |
| Basil English                                  | Calvin Gillis               |
| <b>Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville</b> |                             |

**LENTEN ENVELOPES:** Are available at the back of the church during Lent.

**DONATED IN MEMORY:** Thank you to Robert and Sherry Luff Musseau for donating funeral urn palls in memory of his brothers; Gary, and Gregory Musseau.

**MASS SCHEDULE – Holy Week**

**Holy Thursday** – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 – **Mass of the Lord's Last Supper**  
 4:30 p.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish  
 7:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

**Good Friday** – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 – **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**  
 3:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish  
 5:00 p.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea  
 7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross  
 – Sacred Heart Parish

**Holy Saturday** – March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 – **Easter Vigil – The Lord's Resurrection**  
 9:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

**Easter Sunday** – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
 – **The Lord's Resurrection**  
 9:30 a.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish  
 11:00 a.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** Will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on March 21ST at 7pm. There will be no Bible Study on that evening.

**MASS OF THE SACRED CHRISM:**  
 You are all cordially invited to the Mass of the Sacred Chrism on Wednesday, **March 20 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral.**

This Mass brings together people from around the diocese, in union with the bishop and the priests, for the blessing of the holy oils that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments. All church **CHOIRS** are invited to sing for the Mass of Chrism.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Due to weather last week has been rescheduled for Tuesday March 19th at 6pm at Sacred Heart Parish Church Meeting Room.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - SHARE LENT 2024:**  
 The campaign is: Create Hope for a world of peace and justice by Reaping Our Rights. You can donate online or during the **Solidarity Sunday Collection** on **March 17<sup>th</sup>**, your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world.

**SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:**  
**Bingo & Bake Sale:**  
 Our bingo and bake sale will be on **March 17th**, St. Patrick's Day due to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at Sacred Heart Elementary School. DOORS open at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts at 2:00 pm.

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY :**  
**NEXT MEETING:** The next general meeting for members of Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is on Wednesday, March 20 at 2pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. Those wishing to become more active as a community volunteer are more than welcome to come along to the meeting; we would love to see you!

**FEBRUARY MONTH:** During the month of February, 22 furniture deliveries were made to those in need, including 9 mattresses, 5 dressers along with sofas, chairs and more. Mary's Kitchen was also very active, serving 98 adults and 2 children with 76 volunteer hours. We continue to be very appreciative and thankful for your support.

**LIVING WITH CHRIST:** We are now ordering our own books and they are available for sale in the back of the church. The first issue has arrived for April. The Triduum is also available.

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT GATHERINGS/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Archbishop Howley Council # 2581 of Corner Brook will be holding a series of these gatherings during Lent 2024. These will take place on Saturday March 23rd at 10am., lower level of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer. This is for all Knights and men of our neighboring parishes from Deer Lake to Benoit's Cove. Come along and share our Faith, coffee and doughnuts.

**Reflection                      A grain of wheat must die**

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God. Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.  
 Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.  
 Every act of kindness involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God's image, is born and nurtured.

It is by giving what we receive;  
 it is by forgiving that we are forgiving;  
 it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

