

March 19, 2023: 4th Sunday of Lent

“Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe”. And he worshipped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind”. Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “IF you were blind, you would have no sin. But now that you say, ‘We see’, your sin remains.”

John 4:42

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today’s Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin.

That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man’s blindness—his own or his parents’. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man’s disability, God’s power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus’ time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week’s Gospel about Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman, today’s reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man’s encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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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 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 7 pm.

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

Lohnes Complex

Bible Study:

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Reconciliation:

Marriages:

Baptisms:

Family Connections:

St. Vincent de Paul:

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, ***closed to public.***

Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

Post-poned until further notice.

By request.

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

March 11th – March 12th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1771.25
Building Fund	50.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	5.00
CMIC	30.00
Sunday Missals	10.00
St. Vincent De Paul	20.00
In Memorium (Annie Griffin) (Mary Gardiner) (Fr. Jim Robertson)	235.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 7 pm	Late Agatha Poole
Tue. 7 pm	Late Mary Gallant
Wed. 7 pm	Late Serena Callahan
Thur. 7 pm	Late.
Fri. 7 pm.	Late Annie Griffin
Sat. 4:30 pm	Special Intention (St. Jude)
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

March 25	
Don Gallant	Joe Byrne Joan Penney
March 26	
Veronica Stone	Anna House Margaret Dalley
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

BIBLE STUDY: Bible study on Sunday is cancelled for this week.

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - SACRED HEART & OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISHES:

HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper April 6th, 2023

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

GOOD FRIDAY - Celebration of the Lord's Passion April 7th, 2023

3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

5:00 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Stations of the Cross - Good Friday

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

EASTER VIGIL: Saturday, April 8th, 2023

9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

EASTER SUNDAY - The Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea

11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Standing for the Land in Honduras - Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities. Development and Peace - Caritas Canada supports Equipo de Reflexion, Investigacion y Comunicacion (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights investigator at ERIC.

TICKETS: The date for the ticket draw is fast approaching. Anyone who still has tickets out are asked to return them as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support.

THE HOUSING COALITION ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS (CCHH):

is having a Chili Luncheon to help fight homelessness and raise awareness about housing in our province on Thursday, March 23rd from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Westmount Club at 10 Herald Ave for a cost of \$10.00. Take out is also available but you must fill out a form to avail of this service. The forms can be found on the tables at the entrances.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Free 8 week in-person or online program is being offered on Tuesdays, beginning April 18th 10:00 am to noon at 110 Healthcare Crescent - Western Long-Term Care. Pre-registration is required by April 12. Call Sandra at 784-2700 Extension 2669. Grief and bereavement are a normal part of life but can also be a difficult journey to navigate. To learn more - visit <https://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/grief-andbereavement/>

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate to Easter Flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you can put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one, please include your name as well and put it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Ladies group will be leading the stations of the cross each Wednesday throughout lent beginning at 6:30 this March 8th, 2023. We encourage all the parishioners to join us.

MARRIAGE COURSE - FOR 2023: will be held on Friday, April 22nd 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

LENTEN FOLDERS: Due to a shortage of Lenten folders, we will be using ADVENT FOLDERS. Please use these in place of Lenten Folders.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: This preparation will take place on Monday, April 24th at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral. This is for parents and Godparents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - March 19th, 2023 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.

THANK YOU: I would like to thank Sacred Heart Parish and its parishioners for your support and kindness. Please remember me in your prayers. God Bless.

