

MARCH 20, 2022: Third Sunday of Lent

The parable of the fig tree: “Sir, leave [the tree] for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”

Luke 13: 1-9

Her “gardening crew”

It took her a while to get her head around the diagnosis and the chemo protocol ahead. First, she told her family, then her closest friends. She loved them enough to tell them how scared she was; they loved her enough to respect her dignity and privacy — while getting organized.

Her mom and aunts, all wonderful cooks, prepared and packed a lunch for her to take on her treatment days, sparing her the day-old sandwiches and warm coffee from the hospital vending machines.

Her friends took turns texting her every day to make sure she was OK and if she needed anything. There was always someone available to run whatever errands she needed done, to walk her cocker spaniel Mulligan, to pick up whatever she needed at the grocery store or pharmacy. Most mornings she would find at her front door a bag of her favorite bagels or a new book a friend knew she would enjoy. The gang also set up outings with her, keeping in mind her “good” days and “bad” days: evening scrabble games, afternoon road trips to the beach. If she felt the need to slip away to nap, no problem; if she canceled at the last minute, everyone understood. Underlying the fun and casualness of it all was genuine love and caring — and that was idea.

Thankfully, she made it through the treatments and everything is now going well. It was a terrifying time. But in retrospect, what stands out for her about the past difficult year was not the infusions of nauseating drugs or the constant exhaustion but the aroma of her mom’s chicken and wild rice soup, the laughter over silly Scrabble game challenges, the warmth of the quilt two friends made for her — the assurance she was still loved and part of her circle of friends despite the feelings of pain and “unlovableness” she often felt about herself.

The love and care of this young woman’s family and friends mirror the faith of the gardener in today’s Gospel. Like the gardener who recognizes the potential of the struggling fig tree, they came together to help get her through her illness and treatment. Responding to God’s mercy and compassion that know no end, we are called to embrace the constant hope and trust of the gardener: to work and re-work our own small plots to realize its harvest of compassion and grace. Christ challenges us to be signs of hope and “cultivators” of promise for our world: to “plant” and nurture generosity and kindness in the simple offerings of our time, our abilities, our care for those “fig trees” struggling to realize their harvest.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Chris

Parish Information

Pastor: Monsignor Jim Robertson

Office Administrator: Joseph Stany Moothedan

Office Hours: Tuesday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am- 12:30 pm

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

To Register, please call the house Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.

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:

Church meeting room at 7:00 pm

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued 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.

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March 12-13th, 2022

Regular Sunday	\$1,382.00
Building Fund	1.00
Lenten Folders	60.00
Votive Candles	25.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
CMIC	40.00
Development & Peace - Ukraine	260.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 6 pm	Late Nellie, Joe & Jim Hayes
Wed. 7 pm	Late Tyler Pittman
Thu. 7 pm	Late Paul Robertson
Fri. 10 am	Dorothy Gregway
Sat. 4:30 pm	
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

CONDOLENCES: We offer prayerful condolences to the family and friends of Jim Power. May he rest in peace.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION: We have hired Joseph Stany Moothedan as our new Office Administrator. His work will begin on Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. It is anticipated that his office hours will be 8:30 am-4:30 pm Tuesday and Thursday as well as 8:30 am-12:30 pm Friday. This will be a probationary position, but we wish him well and look forward to working with him.

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible study program continues on Sunday 7:00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are invited to join us at Sacred Heart Church in celebrating the Stations of the Cross at **7:00 pm on the Fridays of Lent**. A different version of the stations will be used each week.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to donate to the purchase of flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, please put the name of your loved one and an offering in an envelope and drop it in the collection.

SACRED HEART PARISH CUSTODIAN: After discussion with the finance committee and parish council we are looking at the possibility of dividing this position into two parts. 8 hours per week will be dedicated to the church upkeep and cleaning, 20 hours per month will be dedicated to maintenance of the church building and parish grounds.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - SHARE LENT: Week 3 - The Power of Mobilized Citizens: One of Development and Peace's strengths is our ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. Our partners want businesses to not be able to perpetrate abuses in their countries with impunity. That is why our People, and Planet First campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign our petition for this at devp.org/act and spread the word. Thank you for supporting our campaign. For more information, contact Patricia Walsh-Warren at pwalsh@devp.org.

SSVP: Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are reminded of their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 16th, at 7 PM in the basement of the Cathedral. New members welcome

CONSECRATION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

OF MARY: Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25. Every Diocese in the world, and every Bishop, is asked to do the same at the same time it takes place in Rome. Bishop Bart will be at **Sacred Heart Church at 1:30 pm Friday, March 25**, to lead our Diocese in this act of consecration. PLEASE COME OUT AND PRAY FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA.

LADIES GROUP: A big thank you to the following people who took part in our February draw; Bernice Rowsell, Brian and Geniene Park, Jim Park, Christine Jewer, John Hayes, Gen Quigley, Donna Beales, Linda Tarbett, Carol Reid, Kim Preston, Veronica Stone, Victoria Murphy, Norm Poole, Patsy Payne, Tom Quigley, Maxine Staples, Joan Hutchings, Maureen George, Joan Penney, Valerie O'Connor, Rita Woodman, Peggy Young, Karen Roche, Jack Pennell, Glenda Neilson, Mary Jo Perrett, Marie Pennell, Bernadette Stone, Derm Travers, Fr. Jim Robertson, Edmund McGrath, Shirley McGrath, Annette Rowsell and Debbie Dolomont. The winner of \$50.00 was Karen Roche. The donors for March draw are those with last names starting with A through E. Thank you all for your continued support of our parish.

SSVP: We are in great need of beds, sofas, tables and chairs, etc. We have none at present. With Spring cleaning coming maybe people will call us and have us pick up some good used furniture and household effects. We would appreciate it if you could mention this over the Altar on the weekend. Have people call us at 638-9010. Thank you.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mary's Kitchen is now open to all, Friday's from 4 PM to 5:30 PM at Cathedral basement.

SSVP: Over the past number of months, we have not been collecting the Poor Box Collection because of the needs of other challenges. However, with the rapidly rising cost of groceries and other necessities of life, we feel now is the time to re-introduce the monthly collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Therefore, beginning on **Saturday and Sunday, March 26th and 27th**, we will be at the doors of the Church with our Poor Boxes asking for your generosity and support for those in need in our community. Thank you.

CHRISM MASS: The Chrism Mass is celebrated annually by the bishop and priests of a diocese in communion with their people. It is meant to publicly express the unity of the diocese and the unity of the priests with their bishop, as well as to celebrate the institution of the priesthood and priestly service. It is at this Mass that the sacred oils used in the celebration of sacraments are blessed: The Oil of Catechumens, which is used in Baptism, the Oil of the Sick, which is used in the Anointing of the Sick, and the Oil of Chrism, which is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination. The Chrism Mass will take place at **the Cathedral of the Most Holy Redeemer and of the Immaculate Conception, 15 Mount Bernard Avenue, Corner Brook, on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 pm.**

HUMOUR: Q: What does winter weight turn into? **A:** Spring rolls