

**March 3, 2024: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

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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 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.**

**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:**

**To be announced.**

**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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**February 24 & 25, 2024**

Regular Sunday	1711.50
Loose Offering	79.05
Building Fund	75.00
Lenten Folders	65.00
Votive Candles	62.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	10.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	45.00

**MASS INTENTIONS March 5-10, 2024**

Tues. 10am	Parish Community
Wed. 10am	Parish Community
Thurs. 10am	Late Jim Hayes Late Nina Parsons
Fri. 10am	Late Gertrude Dowden
Sat. 4:30pm	Parish Community
Sun. 11am	Late Jim Hayes

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

<b>March 9</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Joan Penney	Art Hall
<b>March 10</b>	
<b>Reader</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
Wayne Dicks	Amelia Dicks
<b>Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore</b>	

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

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

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE**

**WORKSHOP - SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN:**

There will be a workshop with guest speaker Patricia Walsh-Warren of the Share Lent Campaign on Thursday March 7th at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Parish. All are invited to attend. There will be no Bible Study at this time.

**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 Saturdays March 2nd., 16th., and 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.

**THE SEARCH:** This is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. The next meeting will be held Wednesday evening from 7pm – 8:15pm, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Parish Church.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road on Tuesday March 5th at 7:45 P.M. could Brother Knights please try to attend.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 12 at 6pm at Sacred Heart Parish Church Meeting Room.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - SHARE LENT 2024:**

The upcoming campaign is: *Create Hope for a world of peace and justice by Reaping Our Rights.* You can donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) 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. You can find information on this campaign at the back of the church.

**SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:**

**Monthly Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 13th, at 1:30 pm in the Meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish. All ladies are welcomed to attend.

**Bingo:**

Thank you for attending our last bingo and helping with your donations and time. It was greatly appreciated.

**Next Bingo & Bake Sale:**

Our next monthly Bingo will be on March 17th, St. Patrick’s Day due to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at Sacred Heart Elementary School.

We are having a **Bake Sale** the same day as the bingo. If you wish to contribute to the bake sale you can drop off your goodies on the Fri, Sat., and Sunday. During the week of March 24th at the Church.

The Bake sale will take place at the school same place as the Bingo. DOORS open at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts at 2:00 pm.

**FEBRUARY BINGO:** The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation towards February Bingo: Coleen Boland, Don Gallant, Donna Gillam, Alvina George, Sheila George, Tom George, Brenda Griffin, Bill Griffin Jerry Griffin, Tony Griffin, Patsy Hall, John Hancock, John Hayes, Von Hickey, Bob Hearn, Kay Hynes, Dorothy Jones, Pat Jones, Jocelyn Kennedy, Florence King, Gail Leggo, Brenda Lewis, Kathleen MacDonald, Margie McCarthy, Ann McHugh, Rhonda McGraw, Victoria Murphy, Bob Musseau, Kay Musseau, Julia Hackett Myles, Marie Pennell, Kim Preston, Linda Randell, and Linda Tarbett. The winner for February month was Kathleen MacDonald. Last names beginning with O to Z can continue to donate cash or merchandise towards the bingo. As always your help is much appreciated.

**Reflection**

**The house of God**

The following prayer was found written over the door of a church:

“Lord, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet.

Make this house a house of prayer and a gateway to your kingdom.”

*Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.82*