

May 19th, 2024: Pentecost Sunday

Background on the Gospel Reading:

The season of Easter concludes with today’s celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today’s first reading. The account in today’s Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John’s Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus’ act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God’s act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for “spirit” can also be translated as “breath.”

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church’s sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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YOUTH GROUP: Calling all youth from ages 12-18! Join us on May 25th at 6:00 pm in the lower level of the Cathedral for a discussion on our Faith, fun games, and snacks! Ideas for the future of this group will be discussed and led by our youth supported by volunteers from the parish. Please contact angie.dolomount@gmail.com or 631-4543 for more information.

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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.

Weekday Mass:

10 am – Tuesday to Friday

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

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm

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

Bible Study:

Thursday, May 23d at 7pm.

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 you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
on May 11 & 12

Regular Sunday	1400.00
Loose Offering	213.75
Building Fund	35.00
Votive Candles	40.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Living with Christ Booklets	9.55
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00
Baptism fees	10.00
Development & Peace	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS May 21-26

Tue. 10am	The Late Ellen Lupascu
Wed. 10am	Deceased Parishioners
Thur. 10am	Deceased Parishioners
Fri. 10am	Deceased Parishioners
Sat. 4:30 pm	The Late James & Freddy Hackett
Sun. 11 am	The Late Bernedette & Anthony George

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 25	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	Marie Pennell
May 26	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Tony Griffin	Eileen Moore
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

BIBLE STUDY: Next bible study class will be held on Thursday May 23rd at 7pm.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:
The Sacred Heart Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 20th, 2024 for Victoria Day.

BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY 0624 MEETING:
There will be a meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on Tuesday May 21st at 7:45 P.M. We ask that all Sir Knights please try to attend.

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
The council will be meeting on May 28th, at 6pm. This will be the final meeting until September.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART - POTLUCK:
We will be having our celebration for **the Feast of the Sacred Heart on June 7th**.
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 will take place at a later date.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:
Monthly Meeting:
This Wednesday May 22nd, at 7:00 pm in the Meeting room at Sacred Heart Parish. Please note the time change. This is for the convenience of members who work during the day. Hope to see a wonderful turnout.
Last Bingo:
Our **final bingo** until September will be held on May 26th at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Bingo starts at 2:00 pm. Cash and merchandise prizes to be won. Let's make this the biggest one yet. Hope to see you all there.
Book Sale: There will be a book sale on June 8th in the church parking lot, weather permitting. Time to be determined.

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION will be held at all parishes for the weekend masses of May 25-26th. On behalf of our society, many thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Activity Report: During the month of April, 33 furniture deliveries were made including 20 mattresses, 10 dressers, 7 kitchen tables and various other household items. Mary's Kitchen served 120 adults with a total of 100 volunteer hours. Special thanks to Sacred Heart Parish for their time and commitment last month. And as always, thanks to everyone for your ongoing support and generosity.

SSVP General Meeting: The next meeting is Wednesday, May 22nd at 2pm in the lower level of the Cathedral. New members are always welcome. Please note this will be the **last general meeting** until September.

AN EVENING OF HEALING: Bishop Bart Van Roijen together with the Newfoundland Catholic Renewal will be offering an evening of healing. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bart Van Roijen with healing ministries to follow after Mass. It will be held at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. To help offset the cost of traveling expenses for the NCR, a goodwill offering will be taken up.

ADVANCE NOTICE - CEMETARY MASSES:
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.

Holy Redeemer Cemetery Masses:
Mt. Patricia Cemetery – N. Shore Highway
Tuesday, July 23rd at 7 pm.
Townsite Cemetery – Corner Brook
Wednesday, July 24th at 7 pm.
In the event of rain, the masses will be held inside the churches.

ROSARY IN MAY AT THE CATHEDRAL:
Come join us to pray the new Rosary on Monday evening at 7pm. We will gather each Monday evening during May. The Knights of Columbus are inviting everyone to participate. This new rosary combines scripture, chanting, and action - a little liturgy in itself. The Holy Father, St. John Paul 11, suggested these norms during the communal prayer. When prayed well, it makes the prayer more meaningful and fruitful. Please come and have a fresh experience of one of our oldest, and newest prayers!!

Reflection: Be guided by the Spirit of God

Do not let yourselves be guided by the spirit of self-indulgence. Look at the legacy self-indulgence produces: bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness, revenge, fornication, idolatry, and drunkenness. These are ugly things, and make life miserable. Rather, let yourself be guided by the Spirit of God. Look at the legacy the Spirit brings: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are beautiful things, and make life joyful. They are a foretaste of the joy of heaven. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.