

May 2nd, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.”
John 10: 11-18

Trust walk

A minor miracle that literally stops traffic on a busy city street:

An elderly man and woman wait at the corner. They are incalculably old — white hair and bent over, with shaking hands and unsteady limbs. They move cautiously toward the curb, then step down together. The man takes the woman’s arm, holding it closely and tightly as she shuffles into the street, despite his own unsteadiness.

The light changes before they make it across. Cars begin honking. But the man never wavers, never takes his eyes or his arm from his wife. He carries her and supports her, even though his own legs are not as sure or as steady as he would like.

And she leans on him with total faith and confidence, as if he were the very rock of safety itself. Her trust makes him stronger than he realizes. Together they make it across, through the traffic, buoyed up by each other and their faith in each other’s love.

The impatient drivers and preoccupied passers-by miss the miracle that has taken place in their midst: perfect trust and steadfast love right there before them in the couple’s linked arms and shaking hands.

The Gospel of the good shepherd is told on a busy city street: the trusting love of a long-married couple struggling through a world moving so fast mirrors the care of Jesus the compassionate shepherd. The work of “good shepherding” is entrusted by the Risen Christ to every one of us. To be a disciple of Jesus is not simply to be a “hired hand” who acts only to be compensated, who is concerned only with his/her own welfare. To follow Jesus is to recognize and honor the sacred dignity that everyone possesses because they, too, are embraced in the limitless love of God. “Good shepherding” is neither dominating or patronizing nor is it for the weak and self-absorbed; “good shepherding” is selfless and generous work that realizes with gratitude that we are sometimes the “shepherd” able to serve and lead and sometimes we are the struggling and lost in need of “good shepherding” ourselves. Christ calls each one of us to imitate his loving servanthood in the image of the “good shepherd”: to bring compassion and healing to the sick, the troubled and abused; to bring back the lost, the scattered and the forgotten; to enable our brothers and sisters to move beyond their fears and doubts to embrace the mercy and love of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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<u>Weekend Masses:</u>	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. <i>To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.</i>
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request
<u>Mass During Week:</u>	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm Friday at 10 am.
<u>Bible Study:</u>	Sunday at 7pm. All are welcome.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Discontinued until further notice.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months’ notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

These masks should be worn at all times. (as per newest Government Regulations). Always remain 2 meters distant from others.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

April 25th, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1523.20
E-transfers (April)	360.00
Building Fund	40.00
Cemetery Fund	20.00
Votive Candles	60.00
Bingo	357.00
Sunday Missals	20.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	100.00
Development & Peace	20.00
Good Friday/Holy Lands	10.00
Ecclesiastical Students	280.00
St. Vincent de Paul	35.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Special Intention
Wed. 7pm	Late Gregory Joyce
Thu. 7pm	Late Frances Lewis
Fri. 10am	Special Intention
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Patricia McNeil
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

WELCOME: We welcome Bishop Bart Van Roijen as he celebrates confirmation with the young people of Sacred heart Parish.

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from Vivian Donahue.

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION: Please call the office during office hours to register for weekend masses. **If you commonly attend these masses, you still must call each week and register.** This is so we can not only keep a record for contact tracing but also manage spacing for your safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Bart will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people of Sacred Heart Parish on Sunday, May 2nd at the 11 a.m. mass. Confirmation for the young people of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish will take place Saturday, May 8th at the 6 p.m. mass.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate the young people of our Parish who celebrate confirmation on Sunday May 2nd. Confirmation is a time for our family to celebrate the growth and faith of their children. May our youth and their families continue in that faith.

Please pray for our candidates: Jillian Andrews, Matthew Eddison, Logan Etheridge, Emily Jackson, Shawna - Marie Stuckless, Adam Lamswood, and Madison Wareham. May they and their families be open to the movement to the Spirit within them.

FIRST COMMUNION: The children of Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 9th at the 11 a.m. mass. This year we welcome Liam Cormier and Danika Fewer-Snooks and we pray for their families who celebrate this sacrament.

EASTER FLOWERS: Thank you to Jack Barriault for his donation and Julia Hackett Myles who donated in memory of Thomas and Edith Hackett.

PARISH CLEAN UP: Thank you to those who came out on Friday April 30 and did a fantastic job at cleaning up the parish property. such activity shows to the community our pride as a parish and our service to the greater community.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Parish council meeting, Monday, May 3rd at 6pm in the church meeting room. Please wear masks.

MAY DEVOTIONS: May is the month of the blessed virgin Mary. as the mother of God, we believe she plays a roll in obtaining blessings and graces for us. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and of at the hour of our death. AMEN.

The Ladies Group will lead the Rosary in church at 6:30 pm Tuesdays during the month of May. Father Jim will be leading the Rosary on Sunday at 6:30 pm during the month of May. Come join us in prayer.

MOUNT PATRICIA SPRING CLEAN UP: May 2nd to May 8th the cemetery care takers will be in the cemetery cleaning up from Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm and can provide you with garbage bags. Bring gloves for picking up debris. Please remember to be compliant with all public health guidelines.

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISING: Congratulations to MARJORIE BLANCHARD on winning \$48.00 in our April draw. Now is the time to get your donations in for the May draw. Parishioners with last names beginning with G through M will be asked for a donation, but anyone can donate at any time. For each donation of \$10 you get one entry for the draw. You may drop off your donation in my mailbox at 86 Allen’s Road or to Pat Jones at 11 Noseworthy’s Lane, or to the parish house. Please stay safe, follow the medical guidelines. Thank you for your continued support.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Are available for parishioners. The cost is \$5. Please speak to servers about getting candles lit.

COVID-19 VACCINATION AVAILABLE - for Clinically Extremely Vulnerable - 16 years and older: Western Health is now inviting individuals identified as clinically extremely vulnerable to book appointments for COVID-19 vaccination www.gov.nl.ca/covid-19/vaccine/clinically-extremely-vulnerable/ To book an appointment <https://portal.healthmyself.net/nlwesternhealth/forms/IgA>

FAMILY CONNECTIONS – DIOCESE OF CORNER BROOK AND LABRADOR: The diocese does have a resource to help families discuss and live the faith. At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections. In that you will see ideas about the discussion of scripture for that weekend and how to live it as a family. This is a great resource for parents to use with their children.

Two lessons from this week’s readings:
1. When branches break away from trees, they die. They cannot survive without the life-giving sap that flows from the centre of the plant to its branches. Jesus uses this simple example to tell us that, without him, we cannot have fullness of life, that we will eventually die.
2. If you want better and more fruit, you need to cut away the branches that do not bear fruit. This allows for new branches to grow. God’s Word is meant to teach us what parts of our lives need to be cut back and what parts of our lives need to be given a chance to grow. God wants us to produce the best and the most fruit possible.

HUMOUR: A man speaks from behind the curtain and says: “Knock, knock.” His Wife answers: “Who’s there?” He replies: “The love of your life.” Quickly she answers: “Liar, Chocolate can’t speak!”