

May 21, 2023: Ascension of the Lord

"The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

Loyolapress.com

**May 21, 2023
Ascension of the Lord**

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Office Administrator: Chelo Escalona

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-12pm

465 Curling Street
Corner Brook, NL, A2H 3K8
Tel: (709) 785-5025
curlingparish@hotmail.com

e-transfers: sacredheartrcparish@gmail.com
Password "Church"
www.sacredheartrcparish.ca
Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm.

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

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

Post-poned until further notice.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned 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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

May 13th – May 14th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$1,673.25
Loose Offering	113.00
Building Fund	50.00
Votive Candles	25.00
Ecclesiastical Students	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. 7 pm	Deceased Members of Griffin and Buckle Families
Thur. 7 pm	Late John Hearn
Fri. 2 pm	Late Percival & Mary Joyce
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Mary Gallant and Late Leo & Mary Wheeler
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 27	
Jacqueline Neville	Don Gallant
May 28	
Basil English	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the sick – Eileen Moore	

MARY’S KITCHEN: During the month of May our parish is asked to serve at Mary’s kitchen each Friday. We need 5 volunteers each week to serve a meal, and 5 people to provide desserts. This is a great way to get involved in helping those less fortunate. If you are willing to help in any way, please call Veronica [709 639 7216] to let her know which Friday you are available. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of the church. Thanks in advance for your kindness.

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.

VOLUNTEER DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST NEEDED: The Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador is looking for someone who is interested in working with archival records. Some experience with archival or library records would be helpful. Please respond to: diocese@nf.aibn.com or by phone (709) 639-7073 ext. 221. Thank you.

HEALING MASS: “To the thirsty I will give water” (Revelation 21:6) The Newfoundland Catholic Renewal together with the Catholic Renewal Services of Canada and **Father Joshua Grandmaison C.C.** of Ottawa will be offering an evening of healing and a message of hope across NL. Celebration of the Mass followed by healing ministry, will be held at **Holy Redeemer Cathedral on Thursday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

ADVANCE NOTICE: May 20th/May 21st and May 27th/May 28th Father Lainey is the only priest available and will also be serving the hospital and Long-Term Care. Bishop Bart and Father Terry will be away. Provisional arrangements have been made.

ST. BRENDANS

There will be NO weekend mass celebration.

ALL HALLOWS

May 21st - Mass at the regular time

May 28th - Liturgy of the Word

SACRED HEART

Liturgy of the Word

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Liturgy of the Word

HOLY REDEEMER CATHEDRAL

No change - Weekend Masses will be celebrated at the regular time.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Cemetery Masses:

Mt. Patricia Cemetery - Monday, July 24th at 7:00 pm

Townsite Cemetery - Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 pm In the event of rain - the mass will be held at Holy Redeemer Cathedral

Mount Cecilia Cemetery (Sacred Heart Parish) - Monday, July 31st at 7:00 pm.

Old RC Cemetery - Benoit’s Cove - August 1st at 7:00 pm

In the event of rain, the mass will be held at the respective churches.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 22nd in observance of Victoria Day, and also on May 24-26 as our administrator will be away. Please email curlingparish@hotmail.com for requests.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to advise parishioners that it will be discontinuing regular monthly Poor Box collections until the fall. Those who wish to continue to support St. Vincent de Paul over the summer can do so using the envelopes provided in the back of the church and by placing your donation in the regular Sunday collection. We thank you for your continued and generous support of the Society’s charitable activities.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: will take place on Wednesday, **May 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 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 Holy Redeemer Cathedral office at 634-5161 to register.

HUMOUR:

A priest and a minister go fishing together normally. Today they decided to invite the preacher. So after awhile when they were fishing, the priest said he forgot something, so he climbed out of the boat and walked on the water to get and came back. Another couple hours later, the minister said he forgot something, too, so he went out of the boat, walked on the water, got it, and came back. A bit later, the preacher said he forgot something, so he climbed out of the boat and fell into the water. Then, the priest asked the minister, "Do you think we should tell him where the stones are?"