November 20, 2022: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

"Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:35

When a man became king, he was anointed with oil as a sign that God had chosen him to lead. When Jesus was executed, it looked like God hadn't chosen him to do anything. The leaders and one of the criminals thus mock Jesus by calling him God's chosen one and Messiah. Messiah is the Hebrew word for anointed one. The title in Greek is Christ. Pain and shame Roman philosophers considered crucifixion so barbaric that Roman citizens were not allowed to be executed in this way. The empire used crucifixion to warn its conquered peoples not to challenge its authority. The soldiers at a crucifixion might encourage people to shout insults at the person being crucified. By offering Jesus's wine, the soldiers in this scene might have been crudely pretending that they were servants offering wine to their king. Who they represent the first criminal echoes the taunts of the rulers and soldiers, but the second man is like the crowd. The crowd first takes a passive role but then becomes repentant after Jesus dies. The second criminal is also like the outcasts whom Jesus welcomed during his public ministry. Save yourself! Early in Luke's Gospel the devil tempted Jesus to save himself. Now Jesus is tempted again. He withstands this last temptation in order to save all who accept the salvation he brings. He lives out his own teaching that those who lose their lives will save it. The rulers only understand salvation in political and physical terms. Jesus offers a salvation that is far greater. Here he calls it Paradise, a word rarely used in the New Testament. The word recalls the Garden of Eden where people lived in perfect peace (in Hebrew, shalom) with God, each other, and all creation. Others mock Jesus because he doesn't seem able to save anyone, yet they mock him at the very moment he saves everyone. The second criminal is a concrete example of what's happening: when he confesses his sinfulness and his belief that Jesus is bringing about God's kingdom, Jesus saves him immediately.

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Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leader's jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

<u>Pastor</u>: Monsignor Jim Robertson <u>Office Administrator</u>: Joseph Stany Moothedan <u>Office Hours</u>: Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am- 2:30 pm

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Weekend Masses:	Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am		
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, <i>closed to public.</i>		
Bible Study:	Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.		
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.		

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Regular Sunday		\$1425.25
E-transfer		0.00
Shepherd's Fund		20.00
Building Fund		30.00
All Souls Day		110.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7 pm	Late Serena Callahan	
Wed. 7 pm	Late Gary MacGregor	
Thu. 7 pm	Late Yvonne Moore	
Fri 10 am	Late Wayne and	
	Joanne Brake	
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Edward and	
	Wayne Callahan	
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nov 26				
	John Carroll			
Don Gallant	Joe Byrne			
Nov 27				
Caluia Cillia	Anna House			
Calvin Gillis	Amelia Dicks			
Communion to the Sick – Joan Penney				

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Eli Sandy Fitzpatrick son of Devon James Fitzpatrick & Chelsey Hickey who was baptised in our parish on November 6th. May he and his family enjoy his growth in faith.

CONDOLENCES: We offer our condolences to the families of the Late Josephine Elford and Late Serena Callahan whose funerals we celebrated recently. May their souls and the souls of the all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

<u>BIBLE STUDY:</u> We will continue this Sunday at 7pm at the parish house. All are welcome.

SUNDAY MISSALS: Missals are available at the church or parish office for \$5 each.

PARISH OUTREACH:

- As you enter the church you will find a container of blank forms that may be used to ask for special remembrances for that mass. Please state on that piece of paper the intention you wish prayed for.
- 2. A prayer list for the sick will be reintroduced into the parish bulletin. To have the sick prayed for, you must call the parish office before Thursday 3pm. That name will be published in the bulletin. Please ask the permission of that person to publish that information in the bulletin. That information will only be in the Bulletin for that week. Each week a new list will appear based on those who called in that week. This is meant for those with serious illnesses only.
- 3. **Parish outreach home visitation** will begin with a committee formed by Marie Pennell (709-338-5090), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411). Please call Marie, Pat, or Gerard if you wish them to bring communion and make a pastoral visit to your homes.
- 4. **Ministry to those in need** is a concern of the parish. There are persons who may need special help in these times of increased cost of living. While there may not be much we can do, please make this need known to our local St. Vincent de Paul or the parish office.

CHANGE IN LOCATION OF WEEKDAY MASSES:

Due to the high cost of furnace oil, weekday Masses are now held in the parish meeting room at Sacred Heart Church. Masses will continue to be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7pm and Friday at 10am.

SNOW SHOVELLING: We are in dire need of a person to provide snow shovelling services at the parish house. If you can provide this service, please call Fr.Jim so we can outline tasks and pay. Thank you.

ROOF CAMPAIGN: I apologize for any misunderstanding for requesting funds for the parish roof. Any contributions of any size would be great fully received and will help with this major improvement to the church.

THE WORD AMONG US: These periodicals, which are used as a daily prayer book are costing us more. We regret to ask for a donation of \$3.00 per book per month.

BINGO: Congratulations to John Carroll on winning the \$50.00 prize for October. The deadline for entries for the Nov draw is Nov 20. The draw will take place on Sunday, Nov 27. Those with last names beginning with F to N are asked to give a donation. Each \$10.00 donated will give you one entry for the draw. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

<u>4 YOUTH</u>: On November 21 we celebrate the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we celebrate the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way and that Mary placed her entire self at the service of God. Perhaps a good way for us to honour Mary on this feast day would be to spend some extra time in prayer.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER STOCKING STUFFERS:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is once again collecting socks, gloves, caps, scarves, etc as stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A collection box can be found at the rear of the Church. As well, if you or your family would like to sponsor a hamper or contribute in some way, please call the Society at 638-9010. Thanks for your continued generosity!"

HAMPER REGISTRATION: The society of St. Vincent de Paul: will be conducting Christmas Hamper Registrations at the entrance to the Cathedral on Mt. Bernard Ave on the following days and times: 10:00 am to 12 noon & 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Friday November 25th, Wednesday November 30th, and Friday December 2nd. Please bring IDs for each family member and address. You may only apply for one hamper; cross-referencing will be done with the Salvation Army to prevent duplication.



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