

November 28, 2021 – 1ST Sunday of Advent

**“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”
Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36**

My harshest judge: Me . . .

We can't get that photograph out of our minds. It might have been a picture or video of a lost child in Afghanistan or Haiti or Sudan, or a boy homeless on the streets of an American city, or a girl in desperate need of medical care her family can't afford. Those eyes could be the eyes of our own child; the crooked smile could be that of our own son or daughter or the child next door. It's clear that we've failed these children . . .

We recognize the number on our phone immediately. What trouble did he or she get into this time? We let the number ring through. Later, we learn what happened. If we had only taken the call . . .

We lost it. We were having a bad day — and decided everyone around us should have a bad day, too. It was a simple mistake, an innocent joke we took the wrong way, an accident. And we blew up. We took no prisoners. The silence after our blast was worse than the tears and awkwardness that followed. And we felt awful . . .

In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells the “Son of Man” coming in judgement, but in many ways, God's judgement has already come upon us. The theologian Gerhard Lohfrink writes in Is This All There Is? that we “pass judgement on ourselves in the face of the ‘victims’ we have created and implacably rise before our eyes in death: the many we have not helped, even though we could have; the many we could have consoled and did not; those for whom we could have been models of faith and were anything but; the many we overlooked, disappointed, shamed, despised, or led astray and misled; the many we exploited for our own purposes.” May this Advent season be a season of “judgement” in which we are able to see God in the faces of those we have hurt, let down or victimized — and may our “judgement” lead to our redemption before the God of mercy and forgiveness.

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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
To Register, please call the office Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.

Mass During Week: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Lohnes Complex First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, ***closed to public.***

Bible Study: Sunday at 7pm in parish meeting room.

Holy Hour of Adoration: Discontinued 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.

**Masks are again mandatory at all indoor public gatherings
As well please maintain physical distancing at all times.**



MASKS THAT COVER BOTH THE NOSE AND THE MOUTH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN ATTENDING SERVICES OR FUNCTIONS IN THIS CHURCH.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS
November 21st, 2021**

Regular Sunday	\$1570.00
Building fund	70.00
Advent Folders	85.00
Sunday Missals	55.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	20.00
World Mission Sunday	20.00
Shepherds, Fund	610.00
St. Vincent de Paul	630.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late John P. George
Wed. 7pm	Late David Blanchard
Thu. 7pm	Late Father Don Leonard
Fri. 2 pm Lohnes	Late Michael Basha
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from Mary Gallant.

ADVENT: Begins today, and it has a twofold nature. It prepares us for Christmas when we recall Christ's first coming among us. It is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

SUNDAY MISSALS: The new missals are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council meeting December 6th at 6pm.

WORKBOOKS: The workbooks for readers are now available at the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you would like to donate toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you may do so by putting your donation in an envelope (envelopes located at the church) with the name of your loved one and drop it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: is accepting applications for Christmas Hampers at the entrance to the Cathedral on December 1ST from 10:30am to 12:30pm and from 1:30pm to 4pm. Registrants will need the name, address and MCP numbers of all members of the family. Vaccine Passport required for in-person registration. Otherwise, registration may be made by phone at 638-9010. Hampers will be delivered on December 18th in the morning. Anyone wishing to sponsor a family this Christmas is welcome and should call 638-9010 to arrange and get details. Envelopes are available in the churches for anyone wishing to make a contribution to St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donation Boxes will be in the back of the Church for knitted goods, toys (new toys or good used toys), mitts, scarfs, socks, etc

PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you for your ongoing financial support. Please note this year's deadline for monies to be included on the 2021 tax receipt is Dec. 29th.

VAXPASS AND MASS: The Bishop has allowed for Parishes to use a hybrid of VaxPass masses and masses that do not require a VaxPass. We will use this for our Christmas schedule. The advantage is that with the VaxPass there is no limit on seating. You must still wear your mask. **THE 4:30PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WILL BE VAXPASS ONLY OR PROOF OF VACCINATION AND WILL NOT REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING. THE CHRISTMAS EVE 7 PM MASS AND THE CHRISTMAS DAY 11 AM MASS WILL NOT REQUIRE THE VAXPASS BUT WILL REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING AGAIN.** To help with this we will be scanning VaxPasses over the next number of weeks so that we can have a list of persons with the VaxPass.

CHRISTMAS MASS REGISTRATION: Please call the parish office to register as soon as possible. The following is our Christmas schedule:

Friday, December 24

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (**VAXPASS**)

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 25

11:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 26

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Friday, December 31

4:30 pm New Years Eve Mass - Curling

6:00 pm New Years Eve Mass - Benoits Cove

Saturday, January 1

11:00 am New Years Day Mass (**VAXPASS**)

Sunday, January 2

11:00 am Sunday Mass – Curling

HUMOUR:

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?
Stick with me and we'll go places!

BIBLE STUDY: Will be Sunday at 7 pm in the parish meeting room. All are welcome.

ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES: Several Offices at the CCCB have banded together to provide an Advent Video Series based on the Sunday Readings and the prayerful accompaniment in preparation for the Indigenous Delegation to Rome. Please do your best to promote this series in your parishes. The series can be accessed through the cccb.ca website or at the following link: In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

SHEPHERDS' FUND FOUNDATION: Thank you for your generous support of the Shepherds' Fund Collection. To date the total is \$735.00 Envelopes will continue to be available and donations will be accepted at any time.

CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING:

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we illumine this tree.
May the light and cheer it gives
be a sign of the joy
that fills our hearts.
May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



HUMOUR:

Why is a broken drum an excellent Christmas present? You can't beat it!

What do you get if you cross a Christmas tree and an iPad? A pineapple!

Why don't you ever see Father Christmas in hospital? Because he has private ELF care!