

October 31st, 2021 – 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

At the request of Bishop Bart, all parishes are asked to distribute information on the truth and reconciliation commission. This information will help us understand the relationship of the Federal Government, the Catholic Church and the First Nations of Canada. Hopefully this information will also generate discussion that allows us to deal with our failures and build for better results.

We are sorry... and we apologize... (Part 8)

We can expect that there will be burial grounds on most, if not all, land in close proximity to residential schools. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission drew on the efforts of many investigators and consultants, including Dr. Scott Hamilton, a professor in the department of Anthropology at Lakehead University, who worked from 2013-15 identifying residential-school-related gravesites around Canada.

Of particular concern to Dr. Hamilton is the fact that many news reports described the Kamloops gravesite as a mass grave, a term most often used to describe sites associated with war crimes or massacres in which people all killed at one time are buried en masse in a site that is then hidden. In fact, deaths at Residential Schools accrued year over year, with “wild fluctuations” that probably reflected periodic epidemics, Dr. Hamilton said. The high death rates continued until the middle of the 20th century, when they finally fell to match those in the general population.

Hamilton said the “mass grave” description “misses the point with the Residential-School story”, a story that unfolded over more than a century and in which appalling conditions led to high death rates due to disease, the most devastating of which was tuberculosis.

Faith communities, including Catholic entities, who operated residential schools should have done more to respect those who died, providing information to family members and respecting the dignity of every child entrusted to their care. Church leaders have spoken publicly about the need to dialogue with Indigenous leaders to ensure appropriate memorials are constructed to remember and honour those who died, including names of the deceased whenever possible.

(For a more detailed understanding of what happened, please read the Truth and Reconciliation Report: nctr.ca/records/reports, and scroll down to “Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future”.)

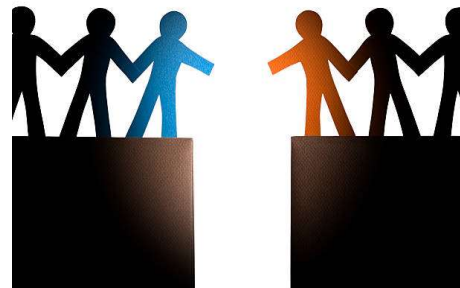
Prayer of Healing and Reconciliation

O God, Creator and Father of us all,
Healer of all our sorrows and afflictions,
we come to you today to express our sorrow
at the wrongs that have been afflicted
on the First Peoples of this land.

Send us your spirit of truth and love,
so that we may grow in wisdom and knowledge of the past
and understand the wrongs that were done.

Grant us the courage and strength to work together, as your children, in faith, hope and love,
towards reconciliation and healing in our Church and in our Land.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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.

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October 24, 2021

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| Regular Sunday | \$1843.00 |
| In Memorium (Gerry Rowsell) | 10.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | 60.00 |
| Saint Anne's Oil | 7.00 |
| All Souls | 50.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tue. 7pm | Thanksgiving |
| Wed. 7pm | Late Bill & Betty McCarthy |
| Thu. 7pm | Late Rod and Nicholas Joyce |
| Fri. 2 pm | Gerald Rowsell (Lohnes Complex) |
| Sat. 4:30pm | Late Basil Donahue |
| Sun. 11am | Parish Community |

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a meeting on **Tuesday November 2nd** at 6pm in the parish meeting room.

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

CHILDRENS LITURGY: The Children Liturgy room has been sanitized and the Covid-19 protocols will be in place for this years Children's Liturgy Program. You are invited to bring your children to take part in children liturgy if you feel comfortable.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2021: Forms for registration for Sacramental Preparation are now available at the back of the church.



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, which honours every saint, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints and have specific feast days to celebrate them, there are many unknown saints, who may have been forgotten or never honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy people and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The Gospel reading on All Saints Day is the Sermon on the Mount, from the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus gives us the Beatitudes to teach us what we must be like in order to inherit the Kingdom of God.



LADIES GROUP BINGO DRAW: Thank you to everyone who supported October's bingo draw. The draw will take place Saturday October the 30th. The winner's name and the list of donors will be published next week.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on Thursday, November 10th at 7pm. Family members of persons whose funerals we have celebrated since November last year will be contacted and offered special roles in the mass of that day. If you have had family members/friends who have died within this last year, and whose funeral/burial has taken place outside this parish, please contact the parish office if you want their names included at that mass.

ALL SOULS DAY: All Souls Day, November 2, is a day to pray for the souls of our faithful departed. Envelopes are available in our church for parishioners to list the names of their family members and friends who they would like remembered. Throughout the month of November there will be masses in commemoration of All Souls and the persons you have named will be prayed for in our petitions.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: As we are fast approaching the Christmas Season, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be preparing for requests received for Christmas Hampers. To this end, we will again be putting boxes for donations of knitted goods, toys, mitts, scarfs, socks, and the like in the back of the Churches. We fill hampers with turkey, vegetables, gift cards, and the like to help those in need during the Christmas period. We also invite people or organizations who want to sponsor a family to submit their request and we will assign a suitable family for their support. Next week Sunday offering envelopes are available and we encourage you to be generous in your support, for those without envelopes, you may use the SSVP Poor Boxes located in the Church to insert your gift. The Society has been very active this year helping with food requests, furniture requests and now with Mary's Kitchen re-opened are in an all-out mode. We will announce dates for taking hamper requests next week. Please be generous in your support of this worthy cause. Thank you.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION: We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the gospel.

ESTATE PLANNING & IN MEMORIAM

REQUESTS: We encourage parishioners in their Estate and Funeral planning to consider donations to their parish or the Shepherds' Fund Foundation in memory of a loved one

SPECIAL THANK YOU: We offer a special thanks to John Hancock for his work on the gardens this summer and for the cleanup completed for this fall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Archbishop Howley Council 2581 will be meeting at All Hallows' Parish Humber Road Tuesday November 2nd at 7:45 P.M. upstairs. Could Brother Knights please try to attend.

PARKING LOT PAVING: As you can see our parking lot is finally paved. This special project was possible because of the special donation made by the estate of the Late Doctor Kevin and Doctor Marjorie Smith. May they rest in peace.

