# January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel . . ."

[Jesus] said to [Simon and his brother Andrew], "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1: 14-20

"Te absolvo . . . "

In his book **How the Light Gets In**, the late poet and essayist Brian Doyle reflects on "the one sweet thing about being Catholic": Confession, asking for and receiving forgiveness. But, Doyle learned, the "crucial part" of the sacrament comes "after you leave the church." Doyle writes:

# "...You walk

To the river and while you are pretending to watch for herons You envision each person against whose holiness you did sin, And to each you apologize, and ask for forgiveness. Some of Them are long gone from this world but not from the Infinite Mercy who remembers all levels and forgetteth not a sparrow. You are absolved not when a man says so but when you have Asked, with every fiber of your being, to be forgiven, to walk Home clean, to start again, to be possible. What we really ask For in the sacrament of reconciliation is to be a question mark Again, to be verb, to be not what we did but what we might Yet be able to do; a map of the unknown, an unfinished song."

When Jesus calls us to "repent," he's not calling us to cease and desist; he's not calling us out for our sins and failures. "Repentance" is a call to change, to look at our lives and our world in a new light, to become the person of hope and faith we seek to be. The Eastern Orthodox theologian Kallistos Ware writes that, correctly understood, repentance "means, not self-pity or remorse, but conversion, the re-centering of our whole life upon the Trinity. It is to look, not backward with regret, but forward with hope — not downwards at our own shortcomings, but upwards at God's love. It is to see, not what we have failed to be, but what by divine grace we can now become; and it is to act upon what we see. To repent is to open our eyes to the light. In this sense, repentance is not just a single act, an initial step, but a continuing state, an attitude of heart and will that needs to be ceaselessly renewed up to the end of life." [From The Orthodox Way by Kallistos Ware.]

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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>: Dianne Russell

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday

between 9 am and 1 pm.

**Reconciliation:** By request

Mass During the Week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm

Friday at 10 am.

<u>Holy Hour of Adoration</u>: Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages: Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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#### **RECEIVED WITH THANKS**

January 17, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1404.50
E-transfer	215.00
Building Fund	35.00
Envelope Cost	25.00
New Years Day	75.00
Votive Candles	97.00
Sunday Missals	15.00

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tue. 7pm	Late Rita Hall	
Wed. 7pm	Special Intention	
Thu. 7pm	Late Joan Barriault	
Fri. 10am	Late Joan Hearn	
Sat. 4:30 Late Raymond & Rita Barriault		
Sun. 11am	Parish Community	

<u>BIBLE STUDY:</u> Continues this Sunday at 7:00pm All are welcome.

**PARISH DUES:** Received with thanks from: Regina Brown, Linda Cashin, Don Gallant, and Catherine Musseau.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2021: We thank you for your generosity in past years. Envelopes for 2021 are available in the church at this time. Please ensure you pick up your box of envelopes. Remaining boxes will be taken back to the parish office. If you are looking for them, and cannot be found in the church, please call or drop by the parish office. If you do not have a box of envelopes and would like some, please contact the parish office.

RECEIPTS FOR 2020: Your 2020 receipts are now available at the parish office. *Parish office is open 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday.* Please examine your receipt and if there is discrepancy please check with the parish office. We apologize for any errors.

**FACE MASKS:** These masks should be worn at all times. They may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing from others.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** Are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

**<u>VOTIVE CANDLES:</u>** Are now available in the church. \$5 each.

# **LADIES FUNDRAISING:**

Congratulations to our winners in the December draw. Peggy Young and Mona Specker each won



\$56.00, while Linda Tarbett and Barbara
O'Blenis each won a turkey complete with all
veggies for a boiled dinner. The names of
people who donated for the draw are posted
on the inside door of the church. Our draw for
January will return to 10% of the money
received for the month. Deadline for
donations will be Sunday, Jan 23. Draw will be
made on Sunday, Jan 30. Those whose last
names begin with A through E will be asked
for a donation, but all are invited to take part.
On behalf of Sacred Heart Ladies Group, I
would like to thank you for your past support
and wish you all a happy, healthy new year.

LENT-ADVANCE NOTICE: Please remember that Lent begins with the celebrations of Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday takes place on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Easter Sunday this year is April 4<sup>th</sup>.

LAST YEAR'S PALMS: Every year parishioners are invited to return to the church the palms they used last year. These palms are burned, and their ashes are used in the Ash Wednesday service.

## 4 YOUTH - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS:

January 28th is the feast day of St Thomas Aquinas. He was a very good student, tops in his class. He joined the Order of Saint Dominic against his



parents' wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and he began teaching and publishing his first works at the age of 22. He received his doctorate at age 31. He wrote and preached often, and his works are still studied today, He was one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time. As you continue your student work this month - be it exams, projects or presentations - say a prayer to St Thomas since he is the patron saint of all universities and students. You can find A Students Prayer (by St Thomas Aquinas), published by Catholic Online.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: Poor Box Sunday for donations to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to do their charitable work will be collected next weekend the 30th and 31st of January. Please be generous to help this charitable program. Society of St. Vincent de Paul helps people with your help. You donate furniture and household items, and we distribute them to people in need. Presently we have run short of beds, bed frames, couches, tables and chairs, dressers, and the like. If you are willing to donate such things that are in good shape please call our phone 638-9010 and we will gladly pick up any household items, you may have to offer. Thank you for your continued support and may God bless you.

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL: This

is a privately funded school dedicated to educational excellence in a Christian environment. It is operated independently of the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador by the Catholic School Foundation of Corner Brook Inc.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School **collects Coleman's Receipts** as a fund-raiser.

They can be dropped off at the main door of our church in the box labelled "Coleman's Grocery Receipts".

## **PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION - Human**

**Fraternity:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

#### **HUMOUR:**

What did the icy road say to the truck? Want to go for a spin?

What is an Ig?
A snow house without a loo!

