

March 9, 2025: 1st Sunday of Lent

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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WELCOME FATHER PRAVEEN:

The diocese is pleased to announce that Father Thomas Praveen who is originally from Kerala but is a priest from the Diocese of Jagdalpur (like Fr. Amarjith), has joined us. Jagdalpur is a missionary diocese in the northeast of India, requiring some of the same charisms as in Corner Brook and Labrador. Father Praveen has expressed an interest in serving the Innu in Natuashish, and he will be given that opportunity, beginning in Easter. Everyone please welcome Fr. Praveen and let us all thank the diocese of Jagdalpur for his service.

Email from Bishop Bart Van Roijen

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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.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.

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

Lohnes Complex*

First Friday of each month - 2 pm

***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:

To be determined at a later date.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed 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 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS Mar. 1 & 2	
Regular Sunday	1892.00
Loose Offering	56.50
Building Fund	300.00
Envelop Cost Contribution	10.00
Word Among Us	10.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	50.00
February Bingo Proceeds	530.00

MASS INTENTIONS Mar. 11 - 12	
Mar. 12	The Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Mar. 13	The Joyce Family In Memory -The Late Bernice Rowsell
Mar. 14	Lohnes Complex Mass – 2pm
Mar. 15	The Late Basil Donahue
Mar. 16	The Late Mary & Joe Gallant The Late Pierce (P) Brake The Late Nellie & Joe & Jim Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
March 22	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Linda Tarbett	Marie Pennell
March 23	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Veronica Stone	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the Sick –	



The time will move ahead one hour this Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 am.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP MEETING:

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 11** at 3:30. New members are welcome.

IN MEMORY: Bernice Rowsell

From: Diane & Carl Bennett

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting is rescheduled for **Tuesday, March 11th**, 6:30pm at the church.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Will be held at Sacred Heart Parish on **March 12th** at 7pm.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY SOCIAL:

The parish will be having a St. Patrick’s Day social from 7 to 10 PM on **Friday, March 14th** at Sacred Heart School.

LENTEN SEMINARS RETREAT NOTICE:

WITH THE IMAGE OF THE SACRED HEART:

The first **four Saturdays** in the season of Lent have been earmarked as a special time for retreat and renewal. The Knights of Columbus invites us to come to the Cathedral, **lower level 10:00 to 11:30am.**, for this special retreat encounter. Just come as you are, no registration required. This is our core program. We began it last year and it reaped many blessings. Count yourself into the group this year and take every opportunity to participate. See you at the gatherings **starting Saturday, Mar. 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.** MAKE IT A SEASON OF GRACE IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER.

JUBILEE CHRISM MASS:

The mass will be held on **April 9th at 7pm** at Holy Redeemer Cathedral. All are welcome. Let us make the Chrism Mass a part of our Parish’s Jubilee pilgrimage plans.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

Sacred Heart is pleased to announce the return of the Children’s Liturgy every Sunday morning. Parents and grandparents, we welcome the children back to mass to enjoy the Word of God. We look forward to seeing all the children at mass.

SSVP ACTIVITY REPORT:

Furniture: For the Month of February, we made 15 furniture deliveries and picked up 25 furniture donations. 17 mattresses, 7 boxsprings, 7 dressers, 6 sofa chairs, 7 kitchen tables and 20 kitchen chairs were distributed, among many other items. Of the 15 deliveries, seven were to households of New Canadians, all from India. Storage cleanup, furniture repair, bagging of bedding and other tasks were also completed during this time. Gratitude and thanks go out to all our SSVP members and friends for your volunteer efforts.

Mary’s Kitchen: 74 clients were fed a variety of delicious meals during the month. Appreciation is sent to the Presentation Associates who volunteered their time during February, with a total of 106 volunteer hours.

Poor Box Collection: This past weekend March 1-2, at Sacred Heart Parish masses our members collected a total of \$523.75 of which \$370.00 was in addressed envelopes.

GIFT CARD TREE:

We are starting to collect **gift cards/certificates or cash donations** towards the Gift Card Tree and ask for your help in achieving our goal to raise funds to replace the oil tank system, you can hand them in at Mass or drop them off at the office.

WORD AMOUNG US:

We have a few copies available for purchase at \$3.00 in the back of the church for the Lent season.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Signs of Hope:

Be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. I think of *prisoners* who, deprived of their freedom, [detained and restricted, with lack of affection and sometimes harm to their persons]. In every part of the world...we should be demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and abolition of the death penalty, ...which is at odds with the Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. *Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis*

Reflection:

Repentance alone is not enough

Repentance of itself is not enough – grace must be available. But if grace is offered and not accepted, then nothing comes of that either. There is no point in putting up a sail if there is no wind. There is no point in planting a seed if the ground is frozen. There is no point in pruning the tree if spring does not come. It is not enough to cut into people’s hearts in order to save them – they must be touched by grace, Lord, touch our hearts with your grace, so that we may produce the fruits of repentance.