

August 9th, 2026: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel directly follows last week’s account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew’s Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples’ growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week’s Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today’s Gospel is also about what the disciples’ faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week’s Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter’s fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter’s example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God’s only Son.

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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 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

<u>Lohnes Complex*</u>	First Friday of each month at 2pm. *Sept. to June
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	<u>Before Mass or by request.</u>
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>Family Connections:</u>	At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

August 1 & 2, 2026

Regular Sunday	1512.00
Loose Offering	121.00
Building Fund	215.00
Votive Candles	35.00
Cemetery Fund	20.00
Living with Christ	41.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	20.00
Venezuela Earthquake Relief	55.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 11 - 16, 2026

Aug. 13 -Thurs	The Late Brian Canning
Aug. 14 – Fri.	The Late Cameron Carew
Aug. 15 - Sat.	Deceased Members – Griffin & Hynes Families
Aug. 16 - Sun.	The Late Nellie, Joe & Jim Hayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Aug. 15 – Saturday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Don Gallant	Joan Penney

Aug. 16 – Sunday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Veronica Stone	Barbara Neville

Communion to the Sick – Tony Griffin

NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTOR

– EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION:

Bishop's Update to the Parishes:

Angela Dolomount has begun her work for the Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador. Her responsibilities as Diocesan Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation include: 1) serving as resource person for the various faith formation programs in the Diocese (family catechetics, sacramental preparation, RCIA, adult faith formation, youth programs, young adult ministry), 2) Ensuring that the responsible ministry policy is being implemented in all parishes. She is the contact person for all documentation and questions dealing with the responsible ministry policy, and 3) help initiate parish and diocesan efforts to bring the Good News to those who may not have fully heard it or do not know what it is about. In order to familiarize herself with her new position, Angela Dolomount will be reaching out to all the parishes in the coming weeks. She can be reached at our Diocesan Office: (709) 639-7073.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE –

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN VENEZUELA:

On June 24, 2026 twin earthquakes hit Venezuela. Which caused widespread damage across much of the country. Development and Peace has stepped in to help and have already donated \$50,000 in relief aide. **Anyone wishing to contribute** to the relief efforts can do so by marking a blank envelope: “Venezuela Earthquake Relief” (add your envelope #), place your donation in the Saturday or Sunday Collection. Make cheques payable to Sacred Heart Parish, so that we can send all donations together in one lump sum for this worthy cause.

SEPTEMBER DANCE:

Our fundraising dance is **Friday, September 11th, 2026 (doors open at 8pm**, music starts at 9pm) at the Royal Canadian Legion, **\$15.00 advance tickets** and \$20.00 at the door (only 200 tickets available). **Midnight Crescent** will be playing this event, and it is open to 19 years of age and up. All proceeds go towards the church's new heating system. **Tickets available** at the parish office (709-785-5025) or from Elizabeth Carew at 709-660-3509 or Marie Pennell at 709-388-5090 or marie.pennell.mp@gmail.com

WALK-A-THON: September 19th, 2026:

Our walk-a-thon will take place on **Saturday, 10:30 a.m., September 19th, 2026.**

We will be walking along the trails in Curling from the church parking lot.

There is a **registration form** at the back of the church for those interested in participating. Once you sign-up please take a sponsor sheet. Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish. Remember we can issue a tax receipt for anyone who sponsors you.

DIOCESAN OFFICES MOVING:

Bishop's Update for the Parishes:

Some of you may have heard that the Diocese is in the process of renovating the old parish office space and housekeeper's suite at the Cathedral Residence in order to move its offices in the early Fall. Once the renovations are complete, the move will centralize both parish and diocesan offices in one convenient and accessible location, consolidate expenses and maximize our use of space, and create a stronger bond between the Bishop and the Cathedral Parish.

MAINTENANCE – CHURCH/HOUSE & GROUNDS:

As our maintenance person has recently retired, we are now **in need of volunteers** to step forward to maintain the church, house and grounds. This is mainly regular maintenance such as mowing, vacuuming, cleaning of the church, etc... We only need someone about 30 hours a month. Experience is preferred but someone will be available to train you if required. If you know of anybody or are interested yourself, **please let Father Lainey** know or **contact the office** and leave a message.

GRAND IN THE HAND:

Knights of Columbus are once again selling tickets on a grand in your hand. Draw date is **September 8th, 2026** with only **200 tickets at \$10 each**. Please contact Garry at 709-660-6316 or see any member of the Knights of Columbus.

REFLECTION: *Courage! Do not be afraid*

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life.

However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink.

Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may hear your gentle voice saying to us, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid’.

In that moment, Lord, may your divine power uphold us, calm our fears, steady our nerves, and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.266

YARD SALE - AUGUST:

Our yard sale was a great success. We had an excellent turnout and what did not sell was donated to the Salvation Army. We managed to raise **\$1586.40**. Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and bought items, it was greatly appreciated.