

April 20, 2025: Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

MARY’S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS:

May month is Sacred Heart Parish’s turn to help with Mary’s Kitchen. We need 4 Volunteers, at least two desserts to be provided, plus a few hours of your time. If interested, please sign the volunteer sheet at the back of the church. SSVP thanks you for your help.

April 20th, 2025
Easter Sunday
Resurrection of the Lord
Sacred Heart Parish
A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: Fr. Lee Lainey

Office Administrator: Roseann Janes

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

465 Curling Street
Corner Brook, NL, A2H 3K8
Tel: (709) 785-5025
curlingparish@hotmail.com

www.sacredheartrcparish.ca

e-transfers:
sacredheartrcparish@hotmail.com
Password "Church"
Note: include your envelope #

Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.
April 29 to May 2, only evening mass at 7pm

Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.
Lohnes Complex* First Friday of each month - 2 pm Only - No morning mass.
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 Apr. 5 - 6

Regular Sunday	1480.00
Loose Offering	154.35
Building Fund	55.00
Lenten Folders	280.00
Votive Candles	22.25
In Memorium	40.00
Mass Stipends	140.00
Baptism Fees	60.00
Development & Peace	65.00
Good Friday (Holy Lands)	10.00
Flowers in Memory	70.00
Living with Christ	13.00

MASS INTENTIONS Apr. 26 - 27

Apr. 22 to Apr. 29 – No mass during this time.	
Apr. 26	The Late Marie C. Byrne The Late Annie Griffin The Late Laura Wells
Apr. 27	The Late Stella Cave & Doris Moore Special Intention: Joseph Power

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 26 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	Donna Mitchell
April 27 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Basil English	Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Sick: John Carroll	

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED:

We have had to reschedule the next meeting for **Wednesday, May 7th**, at 6:30pm in the church meeting room at Sacred Heart. Thank you for your patience.

NO MORNING MASS:

From **April 29th to May 2nd**, we will be having **evening mass at 7pm**, there will be no morning mass as the **Pilgrim Cross** will be at Sacred Heart Parish. **Rosary** will be held on those days at 6:30pm. On **May 2nd** after evening mass, we will be having **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**.

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION:

A reminder that our POOR BOX collection will take place during the weekend masses of **April 26 - 27**. Members will be located at all entrances to accept your donations. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING:

The Corner Brook and District Labour Council will hold a National Day of Mourning **Wreath-laying Ceremony** this year. It will be held at the Holy Redeemer Cathedral, Mt. Bernard Ave. **Monday, April 28th at 2:00 P.M.** The National Day of Mourning Monument with engraved names on it, will be provided to accompany those wishing to lay a wreath. It is open to the public. For further information, or if you wish to lay a wreath on behalf of a loved one or organization, please contact Jim O'Neill at (709) 634-3695 or by email: jloneill@nf.sympatico.ca

SACRED HEART BINGO:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding the next bingo on **Sunday, April 27, 2025**, at Sacred Heart Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00pm. Bingo will start at 2:00pm. See you there!

IN MEMORY - EASTER FLOWERS:

In Memory of:
The Late Lewis Family members,
from Brenda Lewis.
The Late Annetta & Joseph Hackett, &
The Late Jenny Hackett
From Kathleen MacDonald.
The Late Mary E. Sooley,
From Mike & Linda Leonard
Anyone wishing to contribute in memory of a loved one to help towards the cost of the Easter flowers, can contact the office or put it in an envelope in the collection.

GIFT CARD TREE:

Our lottery license has arrived, and tickets are now available through the office. We still need volunteers to sell them at various locations. Call the office to volunteer or to purchase tickets. Remember the draw date is Father's Day June 15th, 2025. Call the office if you would like tickets or to volunteer to help sell tickets. Thank you for all the donations.

MOUNT PATRICIA CEMETARY(AGM)

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Greenwood Inn on Wednesday **April 30, 2025 @ 6PM**. The agenda will include the presentation of Annual Reports, including the Audited Financial Statements and the election of officers and directors for 2024 – 2025. If you are a member of any of the church congregations of the Bay of Islands Ministerial association and would like to attend the AGM please call the MPCA office at 709-634-4774 or email us at: info@mountpatriciacemetery.com
Letter from: Maxine Park, General Manager

EASTER GREETING:

Thank you to everyone who worked on preparing the Easter liturgies and with all the help during Lent.
Everyone, including musicians, choirs, servers, and all who took special roles, are being commended for your dedicated service.
This time of year; represents the very best of what Church is all about; full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy.
Well done everyone and thanks for your active Faith, Hope and Love.
May your Easter be a time of joyful celebration with your faith, your family, and your friends.
God's Blessings,
Sincerely, Father Lainey

Reflection: *A quiet joy and peace*

On Easter Day we still feel pain,
our own pain and the pain of others.
But a new element has been introduced.
It doesn't remove the pain,
but gives it a meaning,
and lights it up with hope.

All is different because Jesus is alive
and speaks his words of peace to us.
Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us,
and a deep sense of peace.
Jesus has broken the power of death
and given us the hope of eternal life.

Lord, guard this hope with your grace,
and bring it to fulfilment
in the kingdom of heaven.