November 21st, 2021 - Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"My kingdom does not belong to this world . . . my kingdom is not here . . .
"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18: 33b-37

Above heaven . . .

Many years ago, there was a village synagogue served by a rabbi beloved by his congregation. But the villagers became concerned because the old rabbi began to disappear from the synagogue after the opening of the Sabbath. Some were afraid that he was forgetting his responsibilities; some even worried that he was actually breaking the Sabbath; but some insisted that their holy rabbi must be being spirited up to heaven by Elijah himself, to discuss the holy books in the presence of the Holy One.

One Sabbath night the villagers dispatched one of their number to follow the rabbi.

No sooner had the Sabbath candles been lit when the rabbi slipped out of the synagogue, walked quietly down the path and through the woods and up a tall mountain. The villager followed at a distance, careful not to be seen. The rabbi finally arrived at a small cabin. The spy watched as the rabbi entered the cabin, illuminated by a dying fire.

From a small window on the side of the cabin, the spy saw an old Gentile woman lying on a cot, her breathing slow and her face sallow.

The villager was stunned by what he saw next. After greeting the sick woman, the rabbi swept the floor. Then he chopped new wood and fed the fire. Next the rabbi drew fresh water from the well and gently helped her drink. Finally, the rabbi made a kettle of fresh soup and set it by the small table near the woman's cot.

As the rabbi was preparing to leave, the villager immediately raced down the mountain and through the woods back to the synagogue where the congregation waited.

"Well," they asked, some with disdain, some with hope, "did our rabbi go up to heaven?"

Their spy stopped for a moment before answering. Then he said, with respectful awe, "The rabbi did not go up to heaven. Our rabbi went much higher than that."

"Heaven" is realized here on earth when the compassion and generosity that God envisions for God's beloved humanity is lived. We end this liturgical year celebrating the reign of God's Christ — but the Messiah's reign is not a future, cosmic event but has already begun in every village, in every home, in ever heart. Heaven becomes a reality here and now when we embrace God's vision of humankind as a family made in the image of God, a vision of one another as sisters and brothers, a vision of the world centered in the spirit of hope and compassion taught by the Gospel Jesus. May we be about the work of realizing heaven as the old rabbi understood: to serve God by service to one another, to honor and care for and about one another as fellow citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of God.

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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 **Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 2pm.**

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

To Register, please call the office $\underline{\text{Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm}}$.

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

Friday at 10 am.

<u>Lohnes Complex</u> First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, *closed to public*.

Bible Study: Sunday at 7pm in parish meeting room.

<u>Holy Hour of Adoration</u>: 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.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS November 14^h, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1294.00
In Memoriam (Michael Basha)	245.00
Building Fund	45.00
Sunday Missals	105.00
Word Among us	15.00
Shepherds Fund	125.00
St. Vincent de Paul	170.00
All Souls	40.00
Wage Subsidy	885.64
Saint Anne's Oil	17.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late Mike Basha
Wed. 7pm	Late Rodrick Blanchard
Thu. 7pm	Late Bill & Betty McCarthy
Fri. 10 am	Late Thomas Grant
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Joseph & Annetta
	Hackett
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

PARISH DUES: Received with thanks from Patricia Payne.

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

WORKBOOKS: The workbooks for readers are now available at the back of the church.

ADVENT: The season of Advent begins on the weekend of November 27th -28th. Advent folders are no longer available; however, we are using instead a special advent envelope. We are hoping that the contribution of \$20 that was usually placed in the folder will instead be placed in the envelopes. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Maybe take one for other parishioners that might not get one at church.

SUNDAY MISSALS: The new missals are available at the back of the Church. \$5 each.

BINGO DRAW REMINDER The draw for November will be held on Sunday, November 28. Entries must be received by Sunday, November 21. Parishioners being asked for a donation are those with last names beginning with N through Z. Your continued support of our parish is much appreciated.

MEMORIAL MASS: Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for our annual Memorial Mass held on Wednesday November 10th. It was a great celebration and remembrance of those who died this past year.

UPDATE - EXTERIOR CHURCH TOWER LIGHTS:

The work was scheduled for this week but has been postponed by the company for late next week.

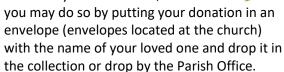
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – Christmas

Hampers Registration: Your Society of St. Vincent de Paul encourages you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially in this uncertain time. We will again be offering Christmas Hampers to those who need the help. To this end, we will be taking registrations in the entrance to the Cathedral on Wednesday, November 24th, Friday, November 26th, and Wednesday, December **1st.** Times will be 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM and from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. Registrants must provide their address and MCP numbers for all family members. COVID-19 Vaccine Passport will be required. If you do not have a passport you may register by phone at 638-9010. Registrants may only register for one Christmas Hamper in the city, and we will be checking for duplication of the Assistance Program.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If

you would like to donate toward flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one,



CHRISTMAS MASS REGISTRATION: We are unsure of what the schedule of masses will be for Christmas. Much will depend on Government regulation and diocesan guidelines. Still, we must be ready. Please call the parish office to register as soon as possible. The following is a <u>tentative</u> schedule:

Friday, December 24

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 25

11:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 26

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Friday, December 31

4:30 pm New Years Eve Mass - Curling 6:00 pm New Years Eve Mass - Benoits Cove

Saturday, January 1

11:00 am New Years Day Mass

Sunday, January 2

11:00 am Sunday Mass - Curling

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.

ALL HALLOWS PARISH/Christmas Draw: All Hallows Parish is having a Christmas 50/50 draw. Win up to \$20,000. Tickets are \$5 each. The draw date is December 19th. There are also two more bonus draws coming up; a \$250 Dominion grocery gift card drawing Nov. 28th, and a \$500 Corner Brook Plaza bucks drawing Dec. 19th. If interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Bill Peddle at 640-2696/639-9900 or Alicia Carey at 639-8128. Thank you for your support.

HUMOUR:

- What's an ig?A snow house without a loo!
- What sort of cakes do snowmen like?
 The ones with thick icing.
- What do mountains wear to keep warm?
 Snowcaps.



REFLECTION: At Christmas and Easter do we see Jesus as the center of our celebration? Is Christ the King in your heart and in your home?