

July 6th, 2025: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 70 people or more to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply “peace.” The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m. (starting July 15, 2025)
Daily mass is cancelled & Office Closed any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

<u>Lohnes Complex*</u>	Will start again September 5 th , 2025.
<u>Bible Study:</u>	To be determined at a later date.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Postponed until further notice.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request.
<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 June 28 & 29	
Regular Sunday	1247.00
Loose Offering	181.00
Building Fund	60.00
In Memory	40.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS July 12 & 13	
<i>July 1 to 11 – No Weekday Mass</i>	
July 12	The Late Theresa Joyce
July 13	The Late Jackie Griffin

LITURGICAL MINISTERS July 12 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jerome Dicks	John Carroll
July 13 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Sherri Lynn Brake	Margaret Dalley
Communion to the Sick: Barbara Neville	

PARISH PICNIC:

This past **Sunday, June 29th**, we had our parish picnic at Barlett’s Point Park. The turnout was excellent and the food was great. The parish would like to thank everyone for their time and energy who helped put this together and to all who attended. Have a safe and happy summer. God bless.

MISSING ITEM: We are still missing one of our **portable organs** from the church. Anyone knowing where it can be found, please contact the office.

GROTTO TRIP:

This **Monday, July 7th, 2025**. We will be leaving at **8a.m.** from Sacred Heart church on our pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Grotto on the Port au Port Peninsula. Please arrive about 15 minutes early.

Don’t forget your Rosary beads. Rosary will be held in the Grotto weather permitting, followed by Mass inside the Church. Lunch will be held in the Parish Centre and a donation for the upkeep of the grotto will be gladly accepted.

IN MEMORY – The Late Bernice Rowsell:

From: Family and Friends

SACREMENTAL PREPARATION:

Sacramental Preparation will commence in September. Registration forms are now available at the back of the church or you can contact Julia Myles-Hackett at juliahackettmyles@gmail.com

READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & ALTER SERVERS NEW SCHEDULE:

A new schedule is available for the above, at the back of the church for the months of July 2025 to January 1, 2026. Please check your name off the list after receiving a copy. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Griffin.

NO MORNING MASS (Father Lainey is away):

From **July 2-11** there will be no morning mass. Father Lainey will return on July 12, 2025 for weekend mass. Regular morning mass will resume on July 15, 2025, at 10:30a.m.

JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Signs of Hope:

A sign of hope should also be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. Exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means they need to find their place in a new social context.

May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future.

May the Lord’s words in the great parable of the Last Judgement always find an echo in our hearts: “I was a stranger, and you welcomed me” for “just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me” (*Mt* 25:35.40).

Excerpt of Letter from: Pope Francis

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation towards the June Bingo: Joe Hayes, John Hayes and Karen Roche. Bingo will start again in September. Have a great summer everyone.

DEATH OF SISTER BETTY DANIELS

The Presentation Sisters of Newfoundland has let us know that **Sr. Betty Daniels**, pbvm. passed away very peacefully, on Thursday, July 3rd at the Motherhouse on the Nano Nagle Floor. Sister Betty ministered in schools and parishes throughout western Newfoundland.

The Parish wishes to extend our heartfelt prayers and deep sympathy to Betty’s family, and to the Sisters in her Motherhouse Community, as together we all learn to experience Betty’s presence in a new way. We also extend a very special blessing to Betty on this next phase of her continuing sacred personal journey.

Details regarding the reception, wake and funeral will follow at a later date.

Reflection: Instruments of the Lord

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
(St. Francis of Assisi)