

Background on the Gospel Reading:

Today we continue to read from Mark’s Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu’ fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus’ reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus’ attention. We notice how quickly the crowd’s reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus’s sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark’s Gospel, actions accompany Jesus’ words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus’s faith has saved him. Throughout Mark’s Gospel, the success of Jesus’ healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus’ help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark’s Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—“Son of David.” Many in Jesus’ time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus’s words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark’s Gospel, which begin with Jesus’ preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS:

Available to all students who graduated Grade XII with Honours in June 2024 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. **Application deadline:** October 31, 2024. Information and applications under scholarships on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org.

SYMBOLON MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 31st at 7pm in the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

October 27th, 2024
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart Parish
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 10a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled 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 on October 19 & 20	
Regular Sunday	1691.00
Loose Offering	105.00
Parish Dues	50.00
Building Fund	15.00
Advent Folders	10.00
Votive Candles	80.00
In Memorium	260.00
Mass Stipends	70.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	5.00
Sunday Missals	57.00
World Mission Sunday	345.00
Shepherds Fund	10.00

MASS INTENTIONS Oct. 29 - Nov. 3	
Oct. 29	Special Intentions
Oct. 30	The Late Wayne Callahan
Oct. 31	Special Intentions for Cora Ochoa
Nov. 1	Lohnes Complex – 2pm
Nov. 2	The Late Gus & Irene Rumbolt
ALL SOULS	The Late Basil Donahue
Nov.3	The Late Hubert Hall & Jim Jayes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
November 2	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Linda Tarbett	John Carroll
November 3	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Anna House	Eileen Moore
Communion to the sick – Tony Griffin	

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
The meeting is rescheduled for **October 29th**,
at 6:30pm in the meeting room at the church.
Hope to see everyone there.

SACRED HEART BINGO:
Our next bingo is this Sunday **October 27**, at Sacred Heart Elementary School in the cafeteria. Doors will open at 1pm and bingo will start at 2pm. Bring your friends and family.

ALL SOULS DAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024:
Is a day to pray for the souls of our faithful departed. If you have loved ones from this past year that you would like remembered, **please contact the office with their name as soon as possible** and remember to select someone to light a candle in their honor on that day.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:
Thank You for Supporting World Mission Sunday
On behalf of the missionary men and women serving in over 1,150 mission territories, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Your contributions ensure that the Gospel continues to spread, bringing hope, love, and salvation to those in need.

This year's theme, "Go and invite everyone to the banquet," reminds us of our universal call to evangelize and support our brothers and sisters around the world. Your generosity helps build churches, train clergy, and provide essential services in mission territories. Thank you for being part of this vital mission and for making a lasting impact on the global Church.

MARY’S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS:
Sacred Heart Parish is volunteering at Mary’s Kitchen on Fridays in the **Month of November**. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church or contact Marie Pennell. Thank you for supporting this effort.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET DONATIONS:
Father Lainey’s Christmas Parish fundraiser idea this year is a **Giant Gift Basket**. We will be selling tickets at various store locations and **are asking for Volunteers** for Nov/Dec. We have already received some donations and are **asking our parishioners to help finish filling this basket**, it can be gifts or monetary donations. You can drop off your donations at the church or the parish office. Please contact Elizabeth Carew at 709-785-5094, Lisa Myles at 709-632-9148 or the parish office 709-785-5025 for further information regarding volunteering and donation ideas. Thank you.

IN MEMORY DONATIONS:
For: **Alvina (Tiny) George:**
David & Dorothy Brake, Pat Allen
Gerard & Linda Deveaux, Marjorie Rowsell
Clarence & Florence Gallant,
Angela & Roy Temple, Mike & Linda Leonard
Tops #NL1255 Curling, Maureen Cyr
Ina & John Hunt, Theresa Dobbin
Jim & Brenda Griffin, Tom & Karen George
Leah & Richard Byrne

ALL SAINTS DAY: November 1st is All Saints Day for remembering our revered Saints. A partial prayer “...I ask our patron saints and every saint who has become especially dear to me to intercede for us. I ask them to help us journey safely on the narrow path that leads to heaven. O Lord, give us their protection. Grant us their assistance in overcoming temptation and gaining the fullness of life with you.”
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POOR BOX COLLECTION:
SSVP will be collecting donations this weekend during mass on October 26 & 27. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

STOCKING STUFFERS: SSVP is currently accepting stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested gift donations/gift cards for all age groups can be found at the back of the parish. The collection box is located at the back of the parish. For those who prefer to make cash donations, envelopes are available on the parish table and tax receipts can be provided. Additionally, if you or your family are interested in sponsoring a hamper or can help in any way, please contact the Society at 709-638-9010. We are sincerely appreciative and grateful for your ongoing generosity.

Reflection: *The gift of sight*
Helen Keller, who went blind and deaf at nineteen months, said:
“One day I asked a friend of mine who had just returned from a long walk in the woods what she had seen. She replied, “Nothing in particular.”

“How is this possible?” I asked myself, “when I, who cannot hear or see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate shape and design of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly over the rough bark of a pine tree. Occasionally, I place my hand quietly on a small tree, and if I’m lucky, feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.

“The greatest calamity that can befall people, is not that they should be born blind, but that they should have eyes, yet fail to see.”