

January 18th, 2026: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

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.

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First Friday of each month at 2pm.

Bible Study:

To be determined at a later date.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or 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.

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Jan. 10 & 11, 2026

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| Regular Sunday | 1479.00 |
| Loose Offering | 173.51 |
| Parish Dues | 510.00 |
| Envelope Cost Contributions | 18.00 |
| Building Fund | 60.00 |
| New Years Day | 20.00 |
| Christmas | 80.00 |
| Votive Candles | 35.00 |
| Sunday Missals | 21.00 |
| Mass Stipends | 140.00 |
| Miscellaneous Donation – Dance | 100.00 |

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 20 – 27, 2026

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| Jan. 16 – Fri. | Special Intention to Percy Joyce |
| Jan. 21 – Wed. | No Mass - Funeral - Benoit’s Cove |
| Jan. 22 – Thurs. | The Late Bernard Cave |
| Jan. 24 – Sat. | The Late Zachary Stroud |
| Jan. 25 – Sun. | The Late David Basha |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Jan. 26 – Saturday

| Reader | Eucharistic Minister |
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| Joan Penney | Art Hall |

Jan. 27 – Sunday

| Reader | Eucharistic Minister |
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| Mike Leonard | Calvin Gillis |
| Communion to the Sick: Joan Penney | |

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The parish council meeting is rescheduled for **January 20th, 2026, at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

BAY OF ISLANDS MINISTERIAL ASSOC.:

Come celebrate a week of prayer for Christian unity. **Ecumenical Worship service** will be held on **Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm** at **St Michael and All Angels Church on Park Drive, Corner Brook.**

JANUARY BINGO:

We are pleased to announce that the Sacred Heart Ladies Group will be holding the next bingo on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**, at Sacred Heart Elementary School, starting at 2pm. Doors open at 1pm. All are welcome. Please remember **this is a SCENT FREE area.**

January 10th, 2026, DANCE:

Thank you to everyone who came out to the dance last weekend. As some of you said, it was like a large party, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

A special thank you to everyone involved in putting this event together. The Parish would like to thank **Newfoundland Comfort Food Restaurant** for donating some of the finger foods and to **Park West Restaurant** for their donation towards the dance.

READERS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS LIST:

The **2026** Readers/Eucharist Ministers **List** is available at the back of the church. Please sign the form to indicate you have received your copy. Thank you.

DONATION ENVELOPES 2026:

Please remember to pickup your envelopes at the back of the church for the 2026 season, if you have not already done so.

BISHOP O’REILLY ASSEMBLY:

The next meeting will be at **All Hallows Parish** Humber Road Corner Brook on **Tuesday, January 20th at 7:45 P.M.** could Sir Knights please try to attend.

ORDINARY TIME EXPLAINED:

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord’s Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord’s Resurrection.

Today’s Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

HOLY REDEEMER TICKET FUNDRAISER

– ONE WEEK LEFT TO BUY TICKETS:

Tickets are \$5.00 each and the draw date is **January 25th, 2026.**

Prizes are:

- 1st prize -\$10,000.00,
- 2nd - \$5,000.00, 3rd - 2500.00,
- 4th -\$1000.00.

To buy tickets, contact their office 709-634-5161 or Marjorie Deckert 709-632-2051 or Elizabeth Coleman 709-640-5241.

SSVP – POOR BOX COLLECTION:

Our monthly Poor Box Collection will resume during the weekend Masses of **Jan 24-25**. SSVP members will be at the entrances after each Mass to accept your donations. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

HOLY FATHERS INTENTION - JANUARY 2026:

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

REFLECTIONS:

Healing the wounds of the Heart

All of us are wounded by sin.

The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin is the heart.

The heart is so beautiful, so innocent, but it can be betrayed, scorned and broken.

Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all.

Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all.

A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all.

A broken heart is the most painful wound of all.

Only love can heal the wounds of the heart.

Lord, send your Holy Spirit to us, to heal the wounds of our hearts

so that we may produce the fruits of love.