# December 14, 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS MASS:**

**Christmas:** 

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday:

4:30pm - Our Lady Star of the Sea 7:00pm - Sacred Heart Parish

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Thursday:

11:00am – Sacred Heart Parish

December 28, 2025:

JUBILEE OF HOPE - CLOSING MASS.

Sunday, 11:00a.m. - Holy Redeemer Cathedral.

# **HOLIDAY HOURS:**

The <u>church and office</u> **will be closed** on December 26, 28, 29, and 30, there will be no Mass on these days, but the Lohnes Complex Mass will be held January 2, 2026 at 2pm.

**New Years:** 

**December 31st - Wednesday:** 

4:30pm – Sacred Heart Parish 7:00pm – Our Lady Star of the Sea

January 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, 2026: 11:00am – Sacred Heart Parish

The office is also closed Christmas Eve & Day, & New Years Day.

There **IS regular mass** on **Saturday December 27**<sup>th</sup>, at Sacred Heart Parish & Our Lady Star of the Sea.

### **SSVP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:**

SSVP Christmas hamper registration is closed. Hampers will be **delivered** on **Saturday, December 20th,** between **9:00-12:00**. Hamper recipients from the **North Shore** can **pick up** their hampers on **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00** at All Hallows Parish church basement.

# **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:**

Christmas carol service will be held at the **Salvation Army Temple**, **O'Connell Drive**, on **December 21**, **2025**, **at 7pm**. Featuring Noah Hamilton and The Corner Brook Community Church Band. You can bring an offering to support the Soup Kitchen Ministry.

# **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

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

#### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:**

Help turn debt into hope by **signing the petition** sheet at the back of the church or **sign at devp.org/debt!** To learn more, read the Action Sheet or visit devp.org/campaign.

## **ADVENT ENVELOPES:**

Advent envelopes can be found at the back of the church.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

# A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



# Parish Information

Pastor: Fr. Lee Lainey

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

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Pre-authorized debit can be arranged with your
own bank — call us for our banking info.

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.

Lohnes Complex\* 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:** 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 Dec. 6 & 7**

Regular Sunday	1515.00
Loose Offering	50.00
Building Fund	180.00
Advent Folders	110.00
Votive Candles	57.00
Bingo Proceeds (Other)	122.52
Sunday Missals	15.00
Living with Christ	6.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Christmas Flowers	65.00

#### MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 16 – Dec. 22

Dec. 17 – Wed.	For the Living
	of the Parish & Diocese
Dec. 18 – Thurs.	The Late Jessie Barry
Dec. 19 – Fri.	The Late Dominic Park
Dec. 20 – Sat.	The Late Theresa
	& Marg Joyce
Dec. 21 – Sun.	The Late Nellie Hayes

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Dec. 20 – Saturday		
Reader	Eucharistic Minister	
Jacqueline Neville	Eileen Moore	
Dec. 21 – Sunday		
Reader	Eucharistic Minister	
Veronica Stone	Marie Pennell	
Communion to the Sick: Tony Griffin		

#### **CHURCH CLEANING CHRISTMAS:**

Thank you to the following for coming out and helping get the church ready for Christmas: Tony Griffin, Jim Griffin, Barb Neville, Eileen Moore, Mona Specker, Linda Cashin, Joan Penney, Cliff & Kim Preston, John Carroll, Gerard Deveaux & Linda Greene, Madonna & Basil English, Linda Tarbett, Margie McCarthy, Margie Pennell.

### **AFTER MASS - 50/50 TICKET DRAW:**

This Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is our draw for the 50/50 ticket prize. It will be held in the church after mass. Thank you to everyone for all your help.

#### **BINGO – CHRISTMAS TIME:**

This **Sunday December 14th** at **2:00 p.m.** is the **Christmas bingo** at Sacred Heart School, Doors open at 1pm. Please remember this is a SCENT FREE area.

#### **BISHOP O'REILLY ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

Bishop O'Reilly Assembly will be meeting at All Hallows Parish Humber Road Corner Brook on Tuesday December 16th we will be having our Installation of Officers after the 7:00 P.M. Mass. Could Officers wear their uniform or black suit with tie or black tuxedo with bow tie, and the Master will be attending. Family and friends are invited. The regular meeting will take place after the Installation.

#### **SSVP ACTIVITY REPORT:**

Furniture: Between November 1-30, we made 28 furniture deliveries and picked up 34 furniture donations. 15 mattresses, 9 boxsprings, 12 dressers, 8 kitchen tables ,18 kitchen chairs and other items were distributed. Storage cleanup, furniture repair, bagging of bedding and other tasks were attended to as well. Total volunteer hours for the month were 92. Thank you volunteers and much appreciation to those who donated items.

Mary's Kitchen: An average of 25 - 35 people were on hand each Friday in November to enjoy a hot meal and dessert. Thanks to everyone from Sacred Heart Parish who volunteered to assist with serving and cleanup during the month.

# 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:

The Sisters of the Presentation are celebrating their 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. They will mark the beginning of their year-long celebration with a Mass at the Basilica in St. John's on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m. We will do the same at our own Holy Redeemer Cathedral in Corner Brook on December 21<sup>st</sup> at the 11 a.m. Mass, accommodating those who may want to mark the occasion, but are not able to travel to St. John's. The Mass at the Basilica will also be live streamed on the Basilica website. Please remember the Presentation Sisters in your prayers this year.

#### **JUBILEE YEAR CLOSING MASS:**

As part of our Diocesan Jubilee Closing Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday, **December 28**<sup>th</sup> at **11a.m.**, we ask that you please bring a nonperishable item for the food bank as a symbol of sharing the blessings we have received during this year of grace, and as a sign of hope to those who are in need. We invite all the people of Corner Brook and surrounding area to attend this Mass and the reception that follows.

#### **NOVEMBER BINGO:**

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation towards our November Bingo: Vivian Donahue, John Hancock, Donna Mitchell, Marie Mitchell, Brenda Lewis, Helen McCarthy, Edmund McGrath, Shirley McGrath, Ann McHugh, Kathleen MacDonald, Sherry Musseau, Valerie O'Connor, Daniel O'Connor, Jim Park, Mary Ann Park, Margie Pennell, Mary Jo Perrett, Kim Preston, Rita Pye, Linda Randell, Martha Roberts, Annette Rowell, Maxine Staples, Linda Tarbett, Derm Traverse and Peggy Young. A total of \$1870.40 was made.

#### MASS OF THANKSGIVING:

Is on Monday, December 15th at 11:00 am at Maria Regina Parish in Port au Port East for the life of Sister Regina Quigley. Following the Mass there will be a reception at THE GALE, the former Presentation Convent next to the Church.

#### SSVP MEETING:

The next general meeting is on **Wednesday**, **December 17 at 2pm** in the lower level of the Holy Redeemer Cathedral. There'll be a number of items on the agenda for discussion, including the Christmas Hamper program, so all members are asked to make a special effort to attend. New members are always welcome.

#### REFLECTIONS: A reed in the wind

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.

A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of those who are easily influenced, who go along with whatever is popular, and who have no convictions of their own.

But the humble reed can teach us something.

The fact that it is light means that it is at the mercy of every wind that blows.

But is has great strength too.

The greatest storm cannot uproot it.

Even when giant oaks come crashing down,

The slender reed still stands secure.

Lord, teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness, and give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year A, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.27