

January 25th, 2026: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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Sunday of the Word of God

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. 17 & 18, 2026

Regular Sunday	1355.00
Loose Offering	114.80
Parish Dues	50.00
Envelope Cost Contributions	25.00
Building Fund	20.00
New Years Day	20.00
Christmas	20.00
Votive Candles	49.00
Sunday Missals	25.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Indian Residential School Fund	170.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 27 – Feb. 1, 2026

Jan. 24 – Sat.	Special Intention – Pat Moore
Jan. 27 – Tues.	The Late Marie Hutchings
Jan. 28 – Wed.	The Late Annie Griffin The Late Ada Myles
Jan. 29 – Thurs.	The Late Percy Joyce
Jan. 31 – Sat.	The Late Dorothy & Henry Keough The Late Shirley Dunphy
Feb. 1 – Sun.	The Late Father Buckle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Jan. 31 – Saturday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Art Hall	Don Gallant

Feb. 1 – Sunday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Basil English	Marie Pennell

Communion to the Sick: Eileen Moore

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.**

“ON TRACK FOR JUSTICE” SHARE LENT

DEVELOPEMENT & PEACE CAMPAIGN:

Building a world of justice

Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and sharing. For Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, it is an opportunity to call on your generosity in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Your contributions create a bridge of solidarity between our mobilization in the Global North and our partners’ transformative work in the Global South.

This Lent, join us On Track for Justice, walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South that are mobilizing so that their rights and the environment may be respected.

“Justice becomes concrete when it reaches out to others, when each person is given their due, until equality in dignity and opportunity among human beings is achieved.” Pope Leo XIV
<https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/>

SSVP – POOR BOX COLLECTION:

This weekend the Poor Box Collection will be held 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Birthday wishes are sent to Pat Moore who is turning 85 years old this Saturday, January 24th. We wish you peace and happiness for the years to come.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:

Caritas Canada warmly invites you to participate in our upcoming Share Lent Workshop, On Track for Justice.

This regional gathering is open to members of DPCC and all those interested in social justice. Participants will hear from Anne Catherine Kennedy and Normand Comte, Program Officers for Latin America, who will share insights from their work with partner organizations featured in our recent campaign, Turn Debt into Hope, as well as our upcoming campaign, On Track for Justice.

This workshop offers an opportunity to deepen your understanding of global justice issues, engage with Development and Peace’s mission, and connect with others committed to faith-based social action.

When: Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. In person at Our Lady Queen of Families Parish, Ashford Drive, Mount Pearl or Virtually via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/ShareLentnl>

To register and for more information contact Patricia Walsh Warren, Regional Animator for Newfoundland and Labrador at pwalsh@devp.org 1 800 494-1401, ext. 234 We look forward to your participation as we continue the journey toward justice and solidarity.

“LIFE TO BE LIVED”:

An educational documentary on MAID.

This is a 60-minute documentary released in January 2026 on euthanasia. It will be presented by Zoom on Monday **January 26th** by Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

There will be a discussion following the film. The documentary has been named as a finalist at the Cannes World Film festival. To register go to the: [Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](http://EuthanasiaPreventionCoalition.com) site. Watch the powerful Life Worth Living film on January 26.

REFLECTIONS:

An instrument of his love

Lord, make me an instrument of your love.
Where the darkness of loneliness reigns
let me bring the light of friendship.
Where the darkness of bitterness reigns
let me bring the light of forgiveness.
Where the darkness of hurt reigns
let me bring the light of healing.
Where the darkness of discord reigns
let me bring the light of harmony.
Where the darkness of sadness reigns
let me bring the light of joy.
Where the darkness of doubt reigns
let me bring the light of faith
Where the darkness of despair reigns
let me bring the light of hope.
And where the darkness of hatred reigns
let me bring the light of love. Amen.