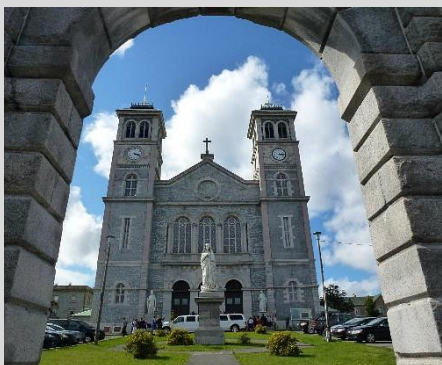


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

## YEAR OF OUR PARISH: NEW BEGINNINGS - JUNE 2023 TO JUNE 2024

### Welcome to Our Parish!



#### Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**Rosary 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.**

#### Confession Times

Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m. to noon.

Confessions available Monday to Thursday by appointment.

#### Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Saturday: Immediately following 9 a.m. Mass until 12 noon in the Marian Chapel.

#### Vocations

Father James Fleming: [jjfleming@gmail.com](mailto:jjfleming@gmail.com)

**All Masses are live-streamed on basilica.net,  
or on our parish website:  
[www.thebasilica.church](http://www.thebasilica.church)**

#### Please, contact us at:

Telephone (709) 754-2170, or Fax (709) 754-5608  
Office hours are Mon. to Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(closed from noon to 1 p.m.)

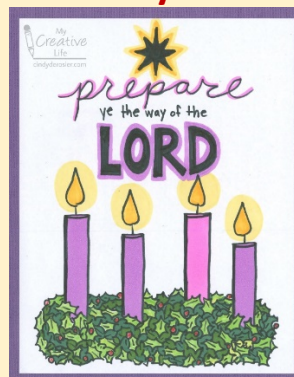
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**Let us know your email address.**

### December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent



We welcome you to worship with us.  
If you would like to register with our Parish,  
please contact the Parish Office (754-2170),  
or pick-up a registration form at the back of the Church.



**THE HOLY ROSARY** is prayed **30 minutes before each weekday Mass.** Please, come and pray for Our Heavenly Mother's intercession.

**Prayers for the Sick:** David Fleming, Theresa Bruce, Madge McDonald, Patricia Quigley, Mary Rice, Gerard Carey, Mary Ring, Donna Power, Francis Xavier Doyle, Rose Casey, Charlie Conway, Margaret Roach, Anita Flynn, Michael Doucette, Kimberly MacDonald, Keith Smith, Elizabeth Laurie, Florence Earle, Dr. Frank Duff, Mary Ann Lewis, Dave Keough, Isabella Dye, Evangeline McGrath, Catherine Butler, Chelsea Coombs, Madonna Wheeler, Isabel Goodridge, Charlie Furey, Mary Melee, John Abbott, Patrick Redmond, Debbie Lucas, Rick Cooper, Faith Nuna, Christopher Anthony, Fr. Philip Melvin, Patricia Rumsey-Field,

#### Parish Team

Archbishop of St. John's  
Most Reverend Peter J. Hundt  
Rector, Parish Priest  
Father Cecil Critch, P.P., V.G.

#### Administrative Assistant

Ms. Geraldine Boland  
Music Director  
Ms. Patty Fowler

# This Coming Week In Our Parish Community

## Monday – St. John Damascene

9:00 a.m. Stewart Cook, Neil Flynn, George and Bernice Furey

## Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Mass for Wayne Bulger, Molly Donovan, Gordon Sheehan

## Wednesday- St. Nicholas

Mass for Jack and Rita Fagan, Philip and Bill Keough, Nancy Eddy

## Thursday- St. Ambrose

Mass for Gus Etchegary, Paul Ronayne, Matthew Prim

## Friday Immaculate Conception

Mass for: Wilfred Carey, Ciaran Tracey, Mary Wall

## Saturday St. Juan Diego

9:00 a.m. Mass for Edward Clemens, Maddison Fleming, Gladys Matichuck,

5:00 p.m. Mass for Andrew Norris, Robert and Frances Colbert, Gordon Holden

## Sunday – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Mass for Dr. Shannon Ryan, Fr. Patrick Power and parents-Timothy and Julia, Vince Fleming

11:00 a.m. Mass for the **Intentions of All Parishioners**

7:00 p.m. Mass for Don Halleran, Claude Ring, Francis O’Leary, Jr.

**ADVENT IS COMING!:** Confessions and Adoration Saturday, Dec. 2, 7-9PM



n., Sunday, December 3, we will be celebrating the **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Festival and Scripture!** On this night, we are inviting parishioners and people of all faith

to come, leave their worries at the door, and experience some of the evocative **ADVENT**. Our hope is that we can help each other take a step back from the consumer-driven hype leading up to Christmas. We will try to recapture the *exquisite joy* of anticipation at the coming of the Messiah – rather than celebrating Christmas before Christmas even comes! Please join us for an hour of song and reflections. Live Streamed [thebasilica.net](http://thebasilica.net)

**NOTE: Our regular 7 p.m. Mass on this day will be cancelled.**

On 12 December, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the Holy Father’s Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne:

“Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters. In this blessed place, where harmony and peace reign, we present to you the disharmony of our experiences, the terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children. Lord, help us to be healed of our wounds. We know, Lord, that this requires effort, care and concrete actions on our part; but we also know that we cannot do this alone. We rely on you and on the intercession of your mother and your grandmother. Yes, Lord, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of your mother and your grandmother, because mothers and grandmothers help to heal the wounds of our hearts.”

**“Year of Our Parish: New Beginnings – June 2023 to June 2024”**

**What did you learn today?**



## Information Night

Please join us  
to learn about  
all the amazing programs  
at St. Bon's  
including our:

**Innovative Academic Programs**

**Music and Band Programs**

**Hockey and Athletics Programs**

Thursday, December 7th, 2023 6:30pm  
in the Aula Maxima in Mullock Hall  
Please RSVP to [vgreen@stbons.ca](mailto:vgreen@stbons.ca)

**wine and cheese will be served**



ST. BONAVENTURE'S  
COLLEGE

### **THANK YOU**

We want to say a very sincere thank you to all parishioners who supported our Flipper/Chicken Dinner. We are delighted to announce that there was a profit of 2422.00 which will go directly to support Cathedral Basilica Parish projects. Once again we thank Terra Nova Council #1452, Knights of Columbus, for their continued support of our Parish. In turn, we can support Terra Nova support Terra Nova Council by attending their Lunch served from 11:30-2pm on Thursdays at the Knights Building 49 St. Clare Ave.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

**St. John the Baptist Cathedral Parish Collection for Our Annual Christmas Hamper Project. This is coordinated with Emmaus House Food Bank as we provide food for the poor and needy this Christmas Season. Please be generous. There are special envelopes available for you to use if you so wish.**

If you would like to donate towards our Christmas Flowers for the Altar in memory of departed loved ones, that would be much appreciated.

Thank you to all who donated to our outdoor Christmas Nativity Set. You can see it set up this week outside.



**Vigil: to remember those who died by SUICIDE**

**Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**Time: 3:00 pm**

**In-Person Location: St. Mark's Church, 203 Logy Bay Road, St. John's**

**Livestream Location: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksnl/>**

This vigil is held to support family and friends who lost loved ones to suicide. Share in music, poetry, prayer and candle lighting. Join in-person or livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksnl/>. To **add a new name to be read aloud** email Kim at [kakelly@mun.ca](mailto:kakelly@mun.ca) by **midnight on December 9, 2023**. To **add a new photo to the slideshow**, email Juanita at [juanita.marie.simmons@gmail.com](mailto:juanita.marie.simmons@gmail.com) or Kim at [kakelly@mun.ca](mailto:kakelly@mun.ca) by **December 5, 2023**. Vigil music by Shelley Neville and Peter Halley. Photo slideshow music by Judy Brazil, Shannon Power and the Ennis Sisters. Those joining in person are invited to bring along sandwiches/cookies for tea/coffee while you share in conversation to music by Dan Dillon. All are welcome!

**PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS**

All your weekly collections *solely* to pay for parish operations – (heat, light, salaries, etc.).

For the weekend of November 26, 2023: **Candles** \$355.00, Bequest: \$4000.00

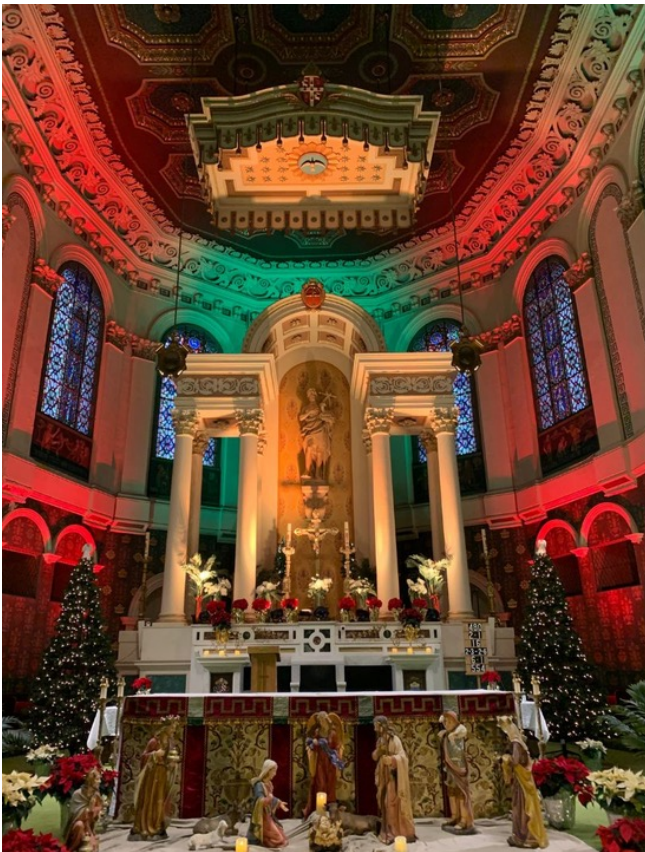
Donation from Cowan Plaza Bingo: \$4165.15 Dues: \$4995.00

**Dues** \$440.00, **Offertory Collection** \$6843.00

Donation Search Program: \$555.00 Nativity Set: \$890.00

**Thanks, everyone, for your continued kindness and generosity!**

**Our current monthly expenses include: Archdiocesan assessment: 8516.31per month; Property Insurance: 16,622.92per month; Salaries and benefits for clergy and lay staff per month: 21,287.19; supplies: average-3,000.00; and heat and light winter months average 8,000-10,000 per month.**



**2023 Christmas Week  
Mass Schedule at the  
Cathedral Basilica of  
St. John the Baptist**

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada

Saturday 23 Dec.: 9am and 5pm (Vigil of Advent IV)  
Sunday 24 Dec.: 10am (Advent IV)  
Sunday 24 Dec., Christmas Eve: 5pm, 8pm, and 12am  
(Midnight) (Solemnity of the Nativity)  
Monday 25 Dec., Christmas Day: 10am  
Tuesday 26 Dec.-Saturday 30 Dec.: Daily at 9am  
Saturday 30 Dec.: 5pm (Vigil of Holy Family)  
Sunday 31 Dec.: 10am (Holy Family) & 7pm (Vigil of  
Mary Mother of God)  
Monday 1 Jan.: 10am (Mary Mother of God)