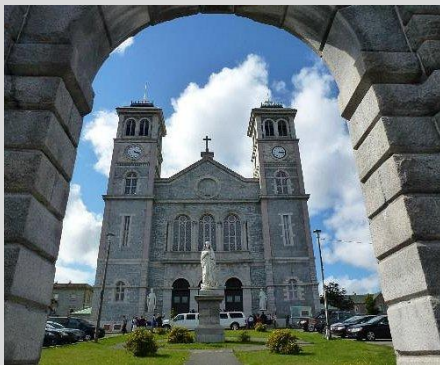


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

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

**All Masses are live-streamed on basilica.net,
or on our parish website:
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.)

Email: basilica@rcsj.org

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Let us know your email address.

December 10, 2023

SECOND 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, Isabella Dye, Evangeline McGrath, Catherine Butler, Chelsea Coombs, Madonna Wheeler, Isabel Goodridge, Charlie Furey, John Abbott, Patrick Redmond, Debbie Lucas, Rick Cooper, Faith Nuna, Christopher Anthony, Fr. Philip Melvin, Patricia Rumsey-Field, John O'Dea, Martin Squires

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. Damasus I, Pope

9:00 a.m. Mass for Bruce **Hurrell**, Kari **Druken**, Elom & Edem **Attikpoe'**

Tuesday – Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Indigenous Peoples Day

9:00 a.m. Mass for George & Bernice **Furey**, Bernadine **Parsons**, Barbara **Downey**

Wednesday – Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

9:00 a.m. Mass for Frank & Ida **Power**, Mary **Wall**, Marg **O'Neill**

Thursday – Memorial of St. John of The Cross, Priest, Doctor

9:00 a.m. Mass for Patrick, Nora & Eileen **Flynn**, Neil **Tisdale**, Meta & Jennifer **Farrell**

Friday – Gospel: Matthew 11.16-19

9:00 a.m. Mass for Edward & Iris **Kendall**, Gerry **LeDrew**, Coady **Dempsey**

Saturday – Gospel: Matthew 17.10-13 7:00 p.m., Confessions, Adoration & Benediction

9:00 a.m. Mass for Father Pat **Power** & deceased family members, deceased family members of the **Murphy** family, Lena **Raju**

5:00 p.m. Mass for Donald **Simmonds**, Henry & Bridget **Thistle**, Joan **Adams**

Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Mass for John **Best**, Rose **Phillips**, Maureen **Doyle**

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

7:00 p.m. Mass for John **Dunphy**, Bridget **Whiffen**, Robert **Tucker**



CCCB VIDEO SERIES - Journey through Advent: **Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (cccb.ca)** This year's Presenter is Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY – FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12: It has been customary for the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (CCIC) to develop a prayer or reflection piece, in consultation with its Indigenous members, to mark this National Day of Prayer. This year, since the CCIC is undergoing a process of restructuring, the Episcopal members have proposed, and the Permanent Council has agreed, that a simpler approach be taken; namely, that the prayer spoken by Pope Francis at Lac Ste Anne during his penitential pilgrimage to Canada be the text for the 2023 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. The text of Pope Francis' prayer, therefore, is now available on the CCCB's website:

In English: [National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples 12 December 2023 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cccb.ca\)](#)

In French: [Journée nationale de prière en solidarité avec les peuples autochtones 12 décembre 2023 - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cecc.ca\)](#)

Bishops release "Template for Pastors on the Evangelization of Young People in Canada today: *Praedica Verbum*." This template, titled *Praedica Verbum* ("Preach the Word") and developed by the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine, is intended as a resource for pastors, officially mandated pastoral agents, and others in the Church who work with young people. Focusing on what the Church calls "the initial proclamation of the Gospel," it is intended to provide helpful information on the *how* and *what* of evangelization. The template was developed following consultations with numerous Catholic organizations in Canada engaged in the evangelization of young people. More information can be found on our Archdiocesan website: www.rcsj.org (Edward Connolly, Director of Family Catechesis)

"Year of Our Parish: New Beginnings – June 2023 to June 2024"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Please join us for **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament** at the Basilica on Saturday, **December 16**, from 7-9 p.m. The Sacrament of Confession will be available.
- **Christmas Hampers:** Please support 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 at the back of the Church 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 very much appreciated.
- Thank you to all who donated to our outdoor **Christmas Nativity Set**. You can see it set-up this week outside.

As the season of Advent is upon us, I would like to take this moment to invite you to embrace the warmth of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Our Savior with us at St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish. Join in festive joy, love and community. **Celebrate with us!** God Bless (Father Critch)



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)

Visit us online at **thebasilica.church** for all the latest information on upcoming events, Mass schedule and livestreams.

Donate Online

[This Christmas, please consider giving a gift to St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish.](#)

[Donate online by clicking here.](#)

THE BASILICA COMMUNITY BUILDER'S (BCB's) would like to thank everyone who helped make the summer Afternoon Teas and the Women of the Bible Storytelling event such tremendous successes. Under the banner of "Year of Our Parish: New Beginnings", both these events were truly community-building activities. Thank you to everyone, with a special thank you to Father Critch for his *unwavering* support!! We are pleased to report that we raised **\$6,207.33**. We have made financial donations to the *Basilica Emmaus House Foodbank, St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish, St. Pat's Dancer, The Basilica Heritage Foundation, Iris Kirby House, The Geraldine Rubia Centre, and the Basilica Environment Committee*. We have also purchased personal care items for the clients of *Gathering Place*. We wish everyone an Advent filled with the *joyful anticipation* of *hope* and a Christmas filled with the *peace* found in the birth of the baby Jesus. (*On behalf of all the BCB's, Kay Barrington*)

VIGIL: A Vigil to, lovingly, remember those who died by suicide. It will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 10, 2023, St. Mark's Church, 203 Logy Bay Road, St. John's. Livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksnl/>. Share in music, poetry, prayers and candle lighting. Join in-person, or livestream. To **add a new name** to be read aloud, please email Kim at 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, or Kim at 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!

THE 28TH ADVENT FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE was a great success! A special thank you to: **Elizabeth Fowler** for the *beautiful* script, assisted by her mom (**Patty Fowler**) and Editor (**Mickie Pitcher**); **Jacinta Mackey-Graham** (Choir Director); **Arlene Transue** (Assistant Choir Director); and the **Choir** and **Instrumentalists** for the beautiful, inspiring and prayerful music; the **readers** from our own parish and from the different denominations; the **Environment Committee** for the decorations; and the **Hospitality Committee** for the lovely social following the Festival (and for collecting the donations). A total of **\$1,225.00 for the Christmas Hampers** at the Emmaus House Food Bank was received. Wow! A huge thank you to all involved in this *fantastic* occasion!



PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS

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

For the weekend of December 3, 2023: **Advent** \$1,135.00, **Advent Festival** \$1,225.00, **Candles** \$331.00, **Christmas Flowers** \$100.00, **Christmas Hampers** \$1,945.00, **Dues** \$1,045.00, **Offertory Collection** \$8,108.00, **On-line Donations** \$1,561.24, **Other** \$1,490.00, **Tip Tap** \$260.00

Our current monthly expenses include: Archdiocesan Assessment \$8,516.31; property insurance \$16,622.92; salaries and benefits for clergy and lay staff \$21,287.19; supplies (average) \$3,000.00; and heat & light (winter months average) \$8-10,000.00.

ALL donations, great & small, are very much needed & MOST appreciated.