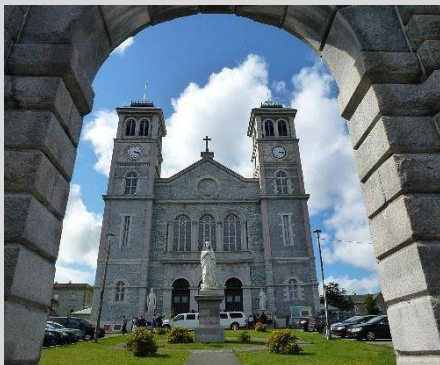


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

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

www.thebasilica.church

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Let us know your email address.

December 17, 2023

THIRD 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, Angela Dillon, Joyce Dillon

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 – Matthew 1.18-24

9:00 a.m. Mass for Blair **Leonard**, Marie **Pynn**, Helen **Lang**

Tuesday – Luke 1.5-25

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Legion of Mary**, deceased members of the **Reddy & Ennis** families, deceased members of the **Kendall & Ozon** families

Wednesday – Luke 1.26-38

9:00 a.m. Mass for Richard **Raymond**, Father John **Hanton** & deceased family members, Gladys **Matichuk**

Thursday – St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of The Church

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Muscolino & Charette** families, John **Ducey**, Father Pat **Power**

Friday – Luke 1.46-56

9:00 a.m. Mass for John & Margaret **Power**, Corinne **Tungate**, John **Quigg**

Saturday – St. John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 a.m. Mass for Brendan & Marie **Hurley**, Louise & Maureen **Doyle**, Douglas **Currie**

5:00 p.m. Mass for Kevin **Dormody**, Neil **Flynn**, Fintan & Ann **Aylward**

Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent

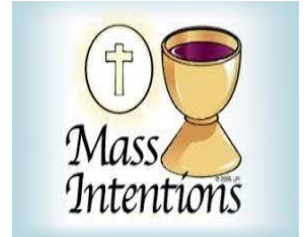
10:00 a.m. Mass for Dawn **Sullivan**, Hannah **Smith**, Louise **Foley**

Sunday – CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. Mass for **ALL of our departed loved ones**

8:00 p.m. Mass for **ALL of our departed loved ones**

Midnight Mass for **ALL of our departed loved ones**



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please join us in welcoming **Omoreda Zoe Uyi** to our parish community. She was Baptized into our Church community last weekend. Please pray for this new Catholic, as well as her parents and family.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is scheduled for **May 4, 2024**, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 200 Military Road, St. John's. Couples can register using the following link: [Marriage Preparation Registration | Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's \(rcsj.org\)](https://www.rcsj.org/marriage-preparation-registration). Once registered, couples will receive additional information outlining the session and schedule.

PRAYER BOOK: We still have several copies of "Good and Generous God – Catholic Prayers for all Occasions" by Reverend John G. Hillier, PHD. The cost is **only \$20.00 each.** (**LOVELY CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA.**)

CCCB VIDEO SERIES: Journey through Advent - **Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (cccb.ca)** This year's Presenter is the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSSR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. The video reflection for the Third Sunday of Advent: [Journey through Advent - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(cccb.ca\)](https://www.cccb.ca/journey-through-advent)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7405 is holding its **Annual Christmas Coloring Contest** from **December 2 to 31**. Prizes will be awarded in the three age groups: 5 to 7, 8 to 10, and 11 to 12. Coloring sheets can be found at the front and side entrances of the Church. Please return entries to the trays provided. Thank you and good luck to ALL those who enter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Please join us for **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament** at the Basilica this 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**. It is now set-up outside for all to reflect upon and enjoy.



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)

DID YOU KNOW? All of our Sacristans are volunteers. We feel very blessed to have 8 fantastic Sacristans. Thanks Sharon, Shirley, Phil, Bernie, Brother Rick, Jim, Mary & Sheila for the *fabulous* job you do every single day in preparing our Altar for the Celebration of The Holy Mass.

PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS

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

For the weekend of December 10, 2023: **Advent** \$290.00, **Candles** \$395.00,

Christmas Flowers \$160.00, **Christmas Hampers** \$2,225.00, **Dues** \$1,290.00, **Offertory Collection** \$6,148.00,

On-line Donations \$829.80, **Other** \$85.00, **SEARCH Program** \$1,365.00, **Tip Tap** \$500.00,

Winter Financial Campaign \$150.00

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.