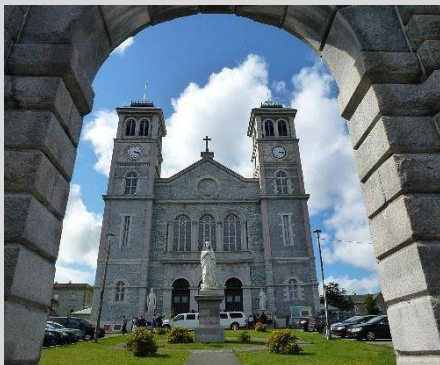


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

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

200 Military Road, St. John's, NL Canada A1C 2E8

Let us know your email address.

December 31, 2023

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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

New Year's Eve Mass-

Sunday, December 31, 2023 - 10:AM Feast of Holy Family

Mass for Gloria **McHugh**, Alexandra **Ferguson**, Richard **Delahunty**

7:00PM Vigil Mass Mary, Mother of God

Mass for deceased members of the **Baird** and **Nolan** Families, Henry **Thistle**, deceased members of the **Chewning** family

Monday –January 1, 2024- Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 a.m. Mass for Edward **Clemens**, Marie **Whelan**, Rosemary **Coady**

Tuesday – Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

9:00 a.m. Mass for Charlie **Heale**, William **Lambe**, Thomas **Mason**

Wednesday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 a.m. Mass for Helena **Frecker-Moore**, Father John **Hanton** and deceased family members, Mildred **Coffey**

Thursday – St. Elizabeth Seton, Religious

9:00 a.m. Mass for Christopher **Whelan**, William & Christine **Thistle**, Jamal **Tracey**

Friday – John 1.43-51

9:00 a.m. Mass for Issac and Fernanda **Montez**, Walter **Jamieson**, Moya **Griffiths**

Saturday – St. Andre Bessette, Religious

9:00 a.m. Mass for Theresa **Marshall**, William **O'Reilly**, Jennifer **Farrell**

5:00 p.m. Mass for Andrew **Norris**, Carl **Boland-Gushue**, Darrin **McGrath**

Sunday – Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord

9:00 a.m. Mass for Molly **Donovan**, Jack and Olga **Fardy**, Caran **Tracey**

11:00 a.m. Mass for **the intentions of all parishioners**

7:00 p.m. Mass for David **Neary**, Patricia **O'Brien**, Gail **Buckingham**



DEARLY DEPARTED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Sister Angela McGrath (pbvm)**, **Sister Barbara Phelan (pbvm)** and **Sister Carmelita MacNeil (pbvm)**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's holy peace. Our most sincere condolences to their families.



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.



FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: Please join us for *Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament and Confession* usually held on the **First Saturday of the month from 7-9 pm**.



PRAYER LIST: Would you like a loved one who is sick prayed for? If so, please contact the parish office (754-2170). The name of your loved one will be added to the front page of our weekly bulletin. *As prayers go up, blessings come down!* Also, if you'd like a name removed from this list for any reason, please let us know. Thank you.



Could God be calling you to become a Priest? Come and see. This is a vocation discernment group, led by Father James Fleming, meets regularly on the **last Sunday of every month**. Single Catholic men, 18 years and older, who are open to considering a call to the Priesthood are invited to attend. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. to pray, share a meal, and discuss a topic related to discerning a call to the Priesthood. To register or find out more, please contact Father James Fleming at (709) 834-9481, or vocations@rcsj.org.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

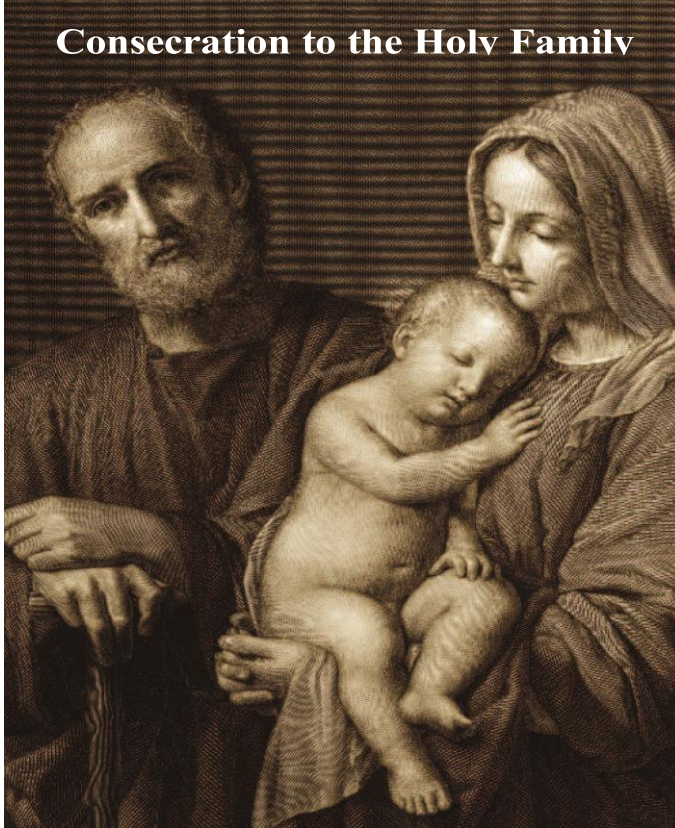
ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE BASILICA - THE SEARCH PROGRAM: Another session of **THE SEARCH** Program will begin January 18th for 7 Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm until February 29th. Each session begins with a delicious meal, followed by a video presentation and small group sharing. **Registration is available online at <https://thebasilica.church/thesearch>.** If you are looking to find Jesus in your own life, or if you are struggling to find motivation in faith, this program is for you. Join us as we tackle life's big questions.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA): If you are an adult and wish to become fully initiated (a Baptized and Confirmed member of the Catholic Church), or, as a Catholic, you would like to learn more about your faith, please join our RCIA Program on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Please call the office to register (709-754-2170).

THANK YOU: To all those who helped to make our Christmas Masses so beautiful: our Music Ministry, our Ushers, Sacristans, Decorators, Servers, Gift Bearers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors/Counters, Live streaming, Security, and to all who helped in any way—May God bless you all for your work, and for your generosity.

May you be blessed. Thank you!! Fr Critch

Consecration to the Holy Family



O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us! Building the Domestic Church

KofC.org/DomesticChurch Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.
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PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS

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

For the 4th Sunday of Advent - December 23/24

Collection \$5,553.00, Hampers \$605.00, Rentals, \$2,000.00, Donations \$800.00, Other \$110.00

Christmas Eve/Day:

Collection \$11,566.00, Dues \$1,360.00, Candles \$1,053.00, Donations \$3,750.00

Hampers \$2,035.00

Winter Financial Campaign \$4,820.00, Other \$1,744.69

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.