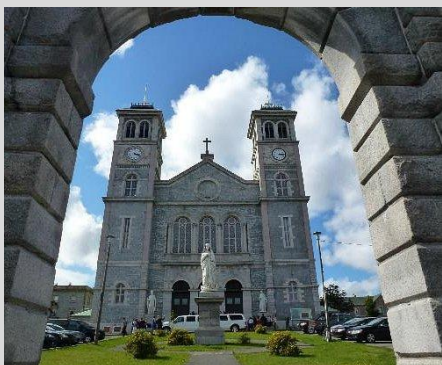


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

## 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.)

Email: [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org)

[www.thebasilica.church](http://www.thebasilica.church)

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

***Let us know your email address.***

March 3, 2024



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, Donna Power, Francis Xavier Doyle,  
Charlie Conway, Margaret Roach, Anita Flynn,  
Michael Doucette, Kimberly MacDonald, Keith Smith,  
Florence Earle, 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,  
Father Philip Melvin, John O'Dea,  
Martin Squires, Angela Dillon, Joyce Dillon,  
Catherine Keough, Evan Murphy, Father Nelson Boren,  
Sister Margie Taylor, George Andrew Stillman,  
Gerald Murphy, Rosemary Butt, Joseph Dobbin,  
Esther Lane, Yvonne Steiner

#### 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 – Luke 4.24-30**

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **O'Brien** family, Darrin **McGrath**, Sandra **Conway**

## **Tuesday – Matthew 18.21-35**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Neil **Flynn**, Father Pat **Power** & deceased family members, Richard **Barnes**

## **Wednesday – Matthew 5.17-19**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Jamal **Tracey**, Con **Bennett**, Norma Elizabeth **Forbes**

## **Thursday – Luke 11.14-23**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Father John **Hanton** & deceased family members, Fred **Reeve**, deceased members of the **Chewning** family

## **Friday – Mark 12.28b-34**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Claude **Ring**, Wayne **Conway**, Kevin **Dormody**

## **Saturday – Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Richard **Field**, Gerald **Stone**, Robert **Luttrell**

5:00 p.m. Mass for Edna **Hefferman**, Mondella **Healey**, Edward **Noonan**

## **Sunday – LENTEN RETREAT BEGINS (March 10, 11 & 12)**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Gertrude **Daley**, Pat **Hayward**, Louise **Foley**

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

**\*5:00 p.m.** Mass for Bill, Sheila & Brendan **Kelly**, Jerry & Mercedes **Maher**, Fred & Anne **Kendall**

*(\* due to 7:00 p.m. Lenten Mission Retreat)*



***Each Friday during the Lenten Season, Stations of The Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m.***



**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.



**DEARLY DEPARTED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **David Perry**. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's holy peace. Our most sincere condolences to his family.



**Could God be calling you to become a Priest? Come and see.** A vocation discernment group, led by Fr. James Fleming, meets regularly on the **last Sunday of every month at the Basilica**. 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](mailto:vocations@rcsj.org).

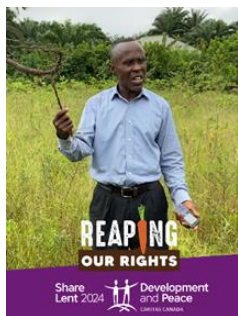
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## **ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE BASILICA**

**THE SEARCH PROGRAM:** Please note that the **SEARCH Program** has been moved to Tuesday evenings from April 9 to May 21. 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/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 Parish Office to register **(709-754-2170)**.

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Denouncing Oil Pollution in Nigeria -**



Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**The Roman Catholic Church Wants Your Thoughts and Opinions:** To help prepare for the **2024 Synod meetings** in Rome in October, the Archdiocese of St. John's invites you to participate in a series of 3 Listening and Input Sessions. These sessions will introduce you to the next stage of the ongoing Synodal Journey, and offer you an opportunity to learn about, discuss and respond to the Synthesis Document. Led by the Redemptorist Adult Faith Formation Team (RAFFT), these sessions will be offered both in person and online. All are welcome to join in all three sessions, or any you are available to attend. Come and invite a friend!

**IN PERSON:** The Lantern, 35 Barnes Rd, St. John's  
Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**ONLINE:** offered by Zoom  
(To register, email: [rafftcssr@gmail.com](mailto:rafftcssr@gmail.com))  
Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**LEGION OF MARY:** The Annual Acies Ceremony for Active and Auxiliary members of The Legion of Mary will take place in the Marian Chapel of St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish on **Sunday, March 24, beginning at 2:30 p.m.** (S. Reddy)

**CENTRE FOR LIFE:** We are offering a virtual income tax preparation for seniors with modest incomes who qualify under the guidelines of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. For any inquiries or to make an appointment please contact the office at **709-579-1500**.

### **PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS**

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

**February 25, 2024:**

Ash Wednesday \$255.00, Assessment \$75.00, Candles \$292.00, Collection \$7,156.00, Funeral \$100.00,

In Memoriam \$710.00, Lent \$435.00, Mass Requests \$180.00, Other \$244.00, Tap \$315.00

Winter Financial Campaign \$500.00



**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH  
PRESENTS  
A LENTEN RETREAT (PARISH MISSION)  
MARCH 10, 11 and 12, 2024**

**RETREAT TALKS AT 7:00 PM EACH EVENING**

**Theme: "PRAYER- AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS"**

**OUR PARISH RETREAT PRESENTER**



**ANDRÉ REGNIER, is co-founder, along with his wife Angèle, of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO). CCO is a university student movement engaged in the new evangelization for over thirty years. While a student on campus, André was a nationally ranked varsity wrestler; but what marked his life more than his studies or athletics was how his faith came alive while he was a student. André has led CCO missions to places such as the Philippines, Poland, Mexico and Uganda. Andre's strengths play to coaching parishes and Dioceses in a strategy for discipleship and evangelization through an intentional accompaniment model that has come out of CCO's expertise on campus. He is a motivating and engaging presenter who speaks nationally and internationally. He desires to draw people to a deep conversion to the person of Jesus Christ and to be a catalyst for them to embrace the Church's evangelical mission.**

**He recently received his Master of Arts in Theology. He is the author of Catholic Missionary Identity, Five Tenets to Renew the World and Clear and Simple, as well as co-author of Brick by Brick - a book he wrote with his wife, children and in-laws- on how to raise an evangelizing family. In fact, the whole family presented at the Vatican on this topic in 2019. He and Angèle have five children and eight grandchildren. They reside in Ottawa, where CCO's National Headquarters is located, but he is a Saskatchewan boy at heart. In December 2015, André and Angèle received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal for distinguished service to the Church. It is the highest medal awarded to the laity by the Pope.**