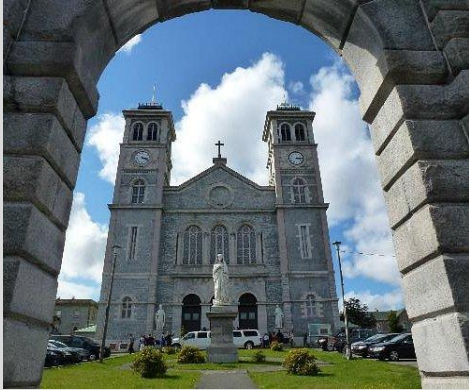


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

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,](http://www.thebasilica.net)
[or on our parish website:](http://www.thebasilica.church)
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.

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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, 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, Evan Murphy, Father Nelson Boren, Sister Margie Taylor, George Andrew Stillman, Gerald Murphy, Rosemary Butt, Joseph Dobbin, Esther Lane, Yvonne Steiner, Denise Carter, Norma Saunders, Cathy Melee, Ida Roberts, Ellen St. Croix, John Barry

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 of Holy Week – John 12.1-11

9:00 a.m. Mass for Lisa **Tobin**, Patricia **Powell**, Thomas **Brewer**

Tuesday of Holy Week – The Mass of Chrism (There is no 9 a.m. Mass today.)

7:00 p.m. Mass for Annette **Evans**, David **Perry**, Ruby **Rose**

Wednesday of Holy Week – Matthew 26.14

9:00 a.m. Mass for Frank **Fowler**, Bernard **Kavanagh**, Richard **Williams**

Holy Thursday – Mass of The Lord’s Supper (There is no 9 a.m. Mass today.)

7:00 p.m. Mass for Avelino S. **Garcia**, Sister Mary Elizabeth **Jamieson**, John **Quigg**

Good Friday, The Passion of The Lord

3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m. Stations of The Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. Mass for the Intentions of All Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY - The Lord is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! (There is no 7 p.m. Mass today.)

9:00 a.m. Mass for Alban & Catherine **Daley**, Pat **Hayward**, Jim **Power**

11:00 a.m. Mass for Leslie Francis **D’Arcy**, Michael **Hines**, Blair **Leonard**

1:30 p.m. Syro-Malabar Easter Liturgy



The 2024 Archdiocese of St. John’s CHRISM MASS: Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mass of Chrism is *one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year.*

This Mass is a celebration of the institution of the Ministerial Priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the Sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the Priests to take back to their parishes.

The 2024 Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish on Tuesday,

March 26th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this celebration.

It will be live-streamed at www.thebasilica.net and at www.thebasilica.church.

Please note, there will not be a 9:00 a.m. Mass on this day.

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY: The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the church’s holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on March 29, 2024. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac, e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us.

DEARLY DEPARTED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Evangeline McGrath and Elizabeth Perry.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God’s holy peace. Our most sincere condolences to their families and friends.



EASTER FLOWERS: *Easter celebrates the resurrection to new life! If you would like to donate towards our easter flowers, please consider a donation in memory of a loved one.*

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ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT THE BASILICA

THE SEARCH: The SEARCH is a 7-week Program which includes a meal, video presentation, and small group discussions that tackle questions of happiness, our purpose in the world, our relationship with God, what happens when we die, why we attend Mass, and the relevance of the Bible. The SEARCH runs from **6-8 p.m. for 7 Tuesdays from April 9th to May 21st**. It is open to all adults. This Program is ideal for anyone who may wish to be more motivated to pray, more trusting in God's perfect plan for each of us, or anyone who wishes to learn more about the faith. If you are looking to grow closer to Christ, or if you are feeling a little down during this season and want to meet other members of our community, it is an ideal Program for you. The SEARCH is open to individuals who are new to the Church and individuals who are lifelong practicing Catholics. Registration is free, but you must register in advance online at <https://thebasilica.church/thesearch>

Volunteers Wanted: *If you previously participated in The SEARCH and would like to volunteer with this Program, volunteers are being accepted. Please contact Megan at 709-682-7206 for more information.*

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: Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the **Reaping our Rights Campaign** with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected **\$2,458.00**. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

CCCB WEBINAR SERIES: "A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER" - The CCCB *Ad hoc* Committee for the Preparation for the Jubilee 2025, is pleased to announce a two-part webinar series titled, "A Great Symphony of Prayer" which will enable the faithful a meaningful way to participate in the Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis on 21 January 2024. The Jubilee Office in Rome has prepared a series of booklets on prayer, the themes of which will be taken up during the webinar series. "A Great Symphony of Prayer" will include one four-part webinar series in the Spring and one more four-part webinar series in the Fall. Dr. Josephine Lombardi (St. Augustine's Seminary) will present these eight English-language webinars on prayer: The theme for the Spring series is entitled "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life" and sessions are scheduled for April 2, 9, 23 and 30. Each session will be held from 1:00-2:30 pm EST. A link for registration can be found on our Archdiocesan webpage: www.rcsj.org. (Ed Connolly, Director of Family Catechesis, Archdiocese of St. John's)

STORY OF THE PARISH WOODEN CROSS as told by Tom Fowler: My father (Frank Fowler) and I selected two old deadfall spruce, straight, branchless and bleached almost white, from the acre lot behind our home in St. Phillips. Dad was the Carpenter and Artisan. I was the labour and company. His table saw did the heavy work. His hand tools, the finishing to give us two rough boards. These we joined with a carefully cut notch and two heavy dowels to secure the crosspiece. By the time we brought the seven-foot, 40-odd-pound, wooden cross through the doors of the Basilica, it had seen a couple of improvements. Smaller dowels were cored at irregular intervals to withstand future warping stresses. The surfaces were sand-blasted and, finally, the exposed grain was stained a natural brownish-grey. I can no longer speak for Dad but, for me, this modest gift we made to the Basilica Parish taught me many lessons, including the importance of (seemingly) *simple things needing to be done properly*. I guess pride is a sin, but it is hard to otherwise express how I felt witnessing our successive Archbishops and Pastors carrying the Cross down the Basilica's main aisle to its place in the Sanctuary on Good Friday. (Patty Fowler)

PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS

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

March 17, 2024

Assessment \$290.00, Candles \$358.00, Collection \$6,897.00, D & P \$2,458.00,
Lent \$115.00, On-line \$664.25, Other \$540.00, Tap \$585.00



The summit of the Liturgical Year is the **Easter Triduum** — from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the Unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten Season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of The Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of The Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of The Lord's Passion
- Mass of the Resurrection of The Lord

7:00 p.m., March 28, Holy Thursday

Mass of The Lord's Supper

3:00 p.m., March 29, Good Friday Service

Good Friday of The Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m., March 29, Good Friday

Stations of The Cross

8:00 p.m., March 30, Holy Saturday

Mass of the Resurrection of The Lord – Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. & 11 a.m., March 31, Easter Sunday Masses (There will not be a 7 pm Mass today.)

1:30 p.m. Syro-Malabar Easter Liturgy

THE LORD IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!



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