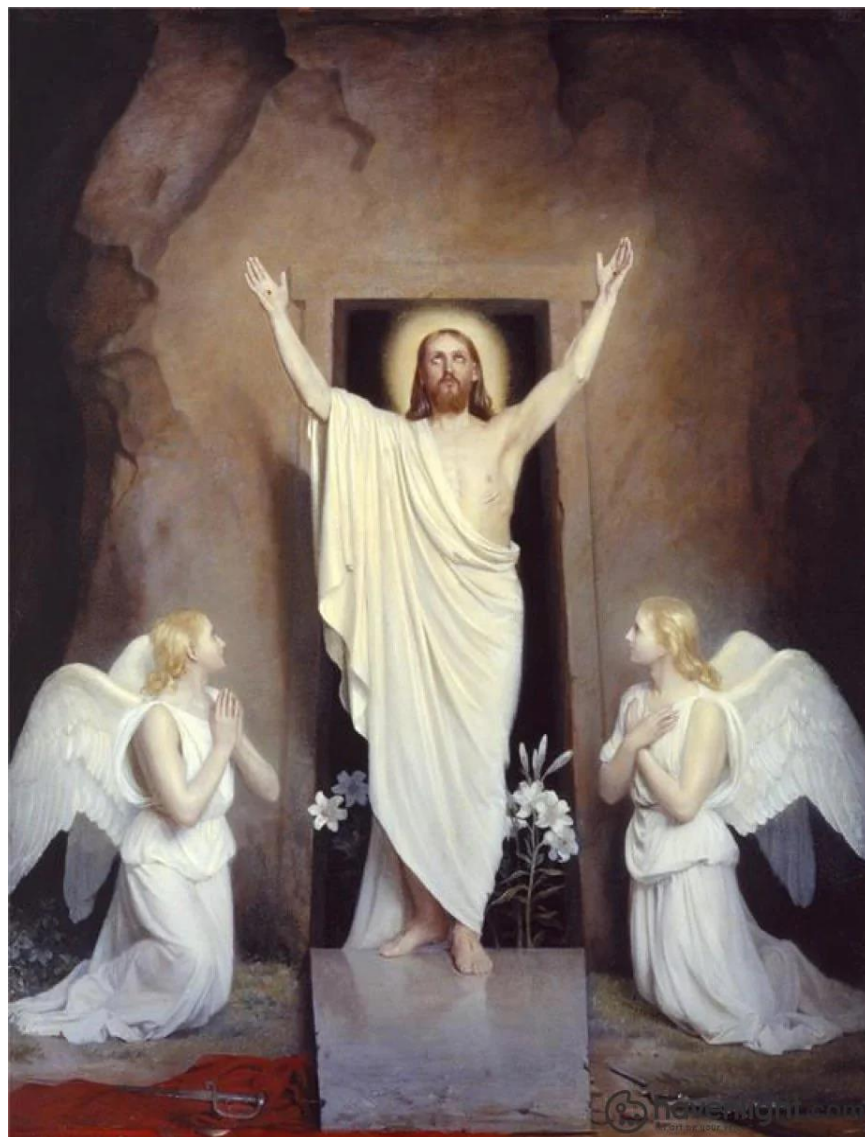


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Happy Easter

Christ the Lord
is risen today!



This Coming Week In Our Parish Community

***Monday, Solemnity, Easter Octave – Matthew 28.8-15**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Pat **Hurley**, Josephine **Hewitt**, Louise **Doyle**

Tuesday, Solemnity, Easter Octave – John 20.11-18

9:00 a.m. Mass for Anthony **Boland** and deceased family members, Hanna **Smith**, Patrick **Dempsey**

Wednesday, Solemnity, Easter Octave – Luke 24.13-35

9:00 a.m. Mass for Geoffrey **Murin**, Father John **Hanton** & deceased family members, Mrs. **Hawco**

Thursday, Solemnity, Easter Octave – Luke 24.35-48

9:00 a.m. Mass for Maureen **Fleming**, Walter **Tobin**, Agnes **Dohey**

Friday, Solemnity, Easter Octave – John 21.1-14

9:00 a.m. Patricia **Butler**, Barbara Anne **Surrency**, Kathleen **Keough**

Saturday, Solemnity, Easter Octave – Mark 16.9-15

9:00 a.m. Mass for Edward **Dunne**, Wayne **Furlong**, Harold **McGrath**

5:00 p.m. Mass for Ruth **Alivo**, Bernadine **Horan-Sorenson**, Ida **Roberts**

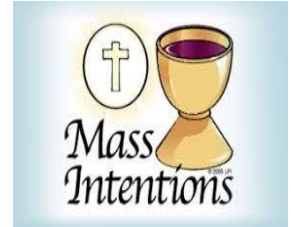
DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY, John 20.19-31

9:00 a.m. Mass for Mary-Anne **O’Leary**, Dennis **Hanford**, Mary **Craig**

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

7:00 p.m. Mass for Kevin **Dormody**, deceased family members of the **Chewning** family, Betty **Hearn**

***(Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday.)**



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is next Sunday, April 7. There will be a prayer service held at 3:00 p.m. in the Basilica with Exposition and Benediction. Everyone is invited to attend. To learn more about DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, please visit <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/john-paul-ii>

“Jesus, I trust in YOU.”



DEARLY DEPARTED: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ida Roberts**. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God’s holy peace. Our most sincere condolences to her family and friends.



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 \(rcsj.org\)](#) . Once registered, couples will receive additional information outlining the session and schedule.



Many blessings to you and all your family during this Holy Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season. May the Resurrection of Jesus to New Life bring you and your family much peace and joy. Happy Easter, everyone! (Father Critch)

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).**

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)

PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS, MARCH 24, 2024

All your weekly collections go *solely* to pay for parish operations – (heat, light, salaries, etc.)
BINGO \$1,194.00, Candles \$542.00, Collection \$6,197.00, Easter Flowers \$100.00, Other \$677.00, Tap \$330.00



Archbishop's 2024 Easter Message

*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.*
(Isaiah 60: 1-2)

Dear People of the Archdiocese of St. John's:

The Easter Vigil liturgy begins in darkness and then light comes into that darkness, light that is prayed over, blest, shared and praised in song. The person carrying the newly blest and lighted Paschal Candle that symbolizes the Risen Christ sings: "Christ our Light!" to which all respond: "Thanks be to God!"

Everyone present is invited to share in this "Light of Christ" by holding a taper lit from the Paschal Candle. This lighted taper is a symbol of the lit candle presented on the day of baptism, a symbol of the "Light of Christ" passed on to them to be cherished, protected and shared through a life lived as a disciple of Christ, as a "Child of the Light".

In this year's *Message for the Month of Ramadan and 'ID Al-FITR'*, entitled "Christians and Muslims: Extinguish the Fire of War and Light the Candle of Peace", the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue wrote:

As believers, we are also witnesses to hope, ... Hope can be symbolized by a candle, whose light radiates security and joy, whereas fire, uncontrolled, can lead to the destruction of fauna and flora, infrastructure and the loss of human lives.

Dear Muslim brothers and sisters, let us join in extinguishing the fires of hatred, violence and war, and instead light the gentle candle of peace, drawing upon resources for peace that are present in our rich human and religious traditions.

Our world is very much in need of "Children of Light" and of "Witnesses to Hope". All around us there are uncontrolled "fires" of hatred, violence and war; physical "fires" in some regions of the world and verbal "fires" in our social media.

In the gospels, "Peace be with you" was the frequent greeting of the Resurrected Christ. It was a peace that he wished for all people and a peace that he wishes us as witnesses of hope and children of light to share with our world.

In their recent *Pastoral Letter on the Use of Social Media*, the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops included the following prayer:

***Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.
Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.
You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:
where there is shouting, let us practice listening;
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.***

Asking that you join with me in opening yourselves to the peace Jesus wishes for each of us, and in being, especially during this Easter season, a "Child of Light" and a "Witness of Hope" for our world and all its people.

Yours in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ,

+Peter Hundt
Archbishop of St. John's.