

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

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

April 21, 2024



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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, Chelsie 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, Ellen St. Croix, John Barry, Tony Skinner, Susan Kelly, Robert Redmond

### 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 – John 10.1-10

9:00 a.m. Mass for Janet **Tobin-Watkins**, deceased members of the **McKenzie** family, Edward **Clemens**

## Tuesday – St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 a.m. Mass for Gladys **Matichuk**, Norma **Forbes**, Seamus **O'Regan** (Sr.)

## Wednesday – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

9:00 a.m. Mass for Frank **O'Leary**, Claude **Ring**, Apollonia Daley **Teats**

## Thursday – Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

9:00 a.m. Mass for Jim **Donovan**, Edward **Noonan**, Mary **Craig**

## Friday – Our Lady of Good Counsel

9:00 a.m. Mass for William **Spurrell**, Sister Kathaleen **Burke**, Florence **Tarrant**

## Saturday – John 14.7-14

9:00 a.m. Mass for Kenneth **Oates**, deceased members of the **Fernandes & Kendall** families, Sheila **Martin**

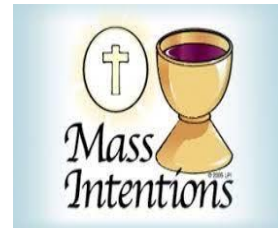
5:00 p.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Hurley & Thompson** families, Mary **Seward**, Dorothy **Gibbons**

## Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Mass for Betty **Hamlyn-Hearn**, Robert **Tucker**, Jean **Roley**

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

7:00 p.m. Mass for Greg **Dalton**, Lorraine **Coleman**, Robert **Rowe**



**DEARLY DEPARTED:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mary Whalen and Barbara Shave**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's holy peace. Our most sincere condolences to their 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 \(rcsj.org\)](https://www.rcsj.org/marriage-preparation-registration). Once registered, couples will receive additional information outlining the session and schedule.

**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 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](http://www.rcsj.org). (Ed Connolly, Director of Family Catechesis, Archdiocese of St. John's)

**PRAYER JOURNAL:** *My Personal Prayer Time*, \$25.00 each, limited number available in the Parish Office. *First come, first served. This is a TREMENDOUS resource for those who want to draw closer to Jesus.*

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

**THE SEARCH:** The Search Program has now begun with a full house! *If you weren't able to join up for these current sessions, stay tuned for future program dates!*

**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)**.

## **GLOBAL IRISH FAMINE WAY PROJECT**

On May 10, 2024, in St. John's, Newfoundland, the Basilica Heritage Foundation Inc. and the Embassy of Ireland in Canada will host two events open to the general public at St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish to launch the **Global Irish Famine Way Commemorations** and celebrate the arrival of the Bronze Shoe monuments in Canada. The Ambassador of Ireland to Canada, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda (His Excellency, Dr. Eamonn McKee) will speak at both events.

The Global Irish Famine Way Project traces the journey of the 1847 Irish famine emigrants around the world with a series of sites marked by Bronze Shoes and QR codes accessing local information and links to the National Famine Way website in Ireland. Locations will include sites in the UK, Canada, the United States, South Africa and Australia. Further information is available at [bhf.inquiries@thebasilica.net](mailto:bhf.inquiries@thebasilica.net)

In collaboration with the Marine Institute of Ireland, the cargo of Bronze Shoes will depart on May 1 or 2, 2024, from Galway, Ireland, aboard the RV Celtic Explorer, arriving at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, on May 8. At 11 a.m. on the morning of Friday, May 10, 2024, the Bronze Shoes will be brought to the Basilica for a national commemorative event that includes an ecumenical prayer service of thanksgiving for all who gave aid to those who suffered from the Irish Potato Famine in 1847. This will be the first installation in Canada of a pair of Bronze Shoes. All are welcome to attend this event in-person, or to watch the ceremony live at [www.thebasilica.net/live/](http://www.thebasilica.net/live/)

At 1:30 p.m. on the afternoon of May 10, 2024, the general public is again invited to attend a historical Symposium in the Basilica on the events of 1847 and associated links between Ireland and Canada. This event, also, will be livestreamed at [www.thebasilica.net/live/](http://www.thebasilica.net/live/). The Bronze Shoes will remain on display for visitors at the Basilica with information panels and associated exhibits. Please join us!

**BINGO: PLEASE SUPPORT THE COWAN AVENUE PLAZA BINGO THAT DIRECTLY SUPPORTS THE BASILICA.**  
(BINGO is also held at 8 p.m. on Monday at St. Kevin's Parish.)

## **PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS**

All your weekly collections go directly to pay for parish operations – (assessment, insurance, salaries, supplies, etc.): Assessment \$95.00, Canada Helps \$523.43, Candles \$357.00, Collections \$6,401.00, Easter \$165.00, Funerals \$500.00, On-line \$3,942.51, Other \$206.00, Tap \$645.00

Would you please consider increasing your donation, even by a small amount? In order to meet our new financial obligations, we have a necessary weekly goal of \$14,000.00. **This past week, we were \$1,165.06 short of our goal.** Your support is very much needed, fellow parishioners, and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

**Message to Catholic Families**  
**from the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops**  
**on National Family and Life Week**

**13 to 19 May 2024**

Dear Catholic families,

National Family and Life Week (NFLW) this year will take place from 13 May to 19 May 2024. The theme for this year is “Love hopes all things,” which is taken from Saint Paul’s hymn on love in 1 Corinthians 13.7: “[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” This description of love is also at the heart of Pope Francis’s reflection on the dynamics of spousal and family love in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, chapter 4. Through this theme, families are encouraged to cultivate, deepen, and renew Christian hope by drawing on scriptural reflection, family prayer, and the Sacraments.

The CCCB Standing Committee for Family and Life and its corresponding Office have developed a pastoral toolkit specifically designed for the “domestic church.” Each day of the NFLW 2024 celebrates a specific theme, accompanied by prayers and activities for different ages, cultures, and circumstances. The toolkit includes: the logo for the 2024 National Family and Life Week; catechesis; prayer intentions and daily activities for families and parishes; graphic resources with quotes on Christian hope for daily social media campaigns; as well as pastoral suggestions for a Mass to celebrate Family and Life.

Dioceses/Eparchies, parishes, and Catholic movements and associations are encouraged to make good use of the pastoral toolkit in their own planning of activities to mark this Week, which concludes on Pentecost.

May the Holy Spirit lead us into a “Love [that] hopes all things” during this Week. May our thoughts, words, and actions be inspired by the same Spirit, and may God hear the prayers of our Catholic families and grant them the hope that only He can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of Calgary  
President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops



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