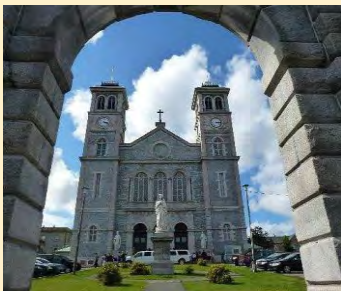


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Welcome to Our Parish!



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.

The Holy Rosary is recited 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 www.basilicafoundation.ca,](http://www.basilicafoundation.ca)
[or on our parish website: www.thebasilica.church](http://www.thebasilica.church)

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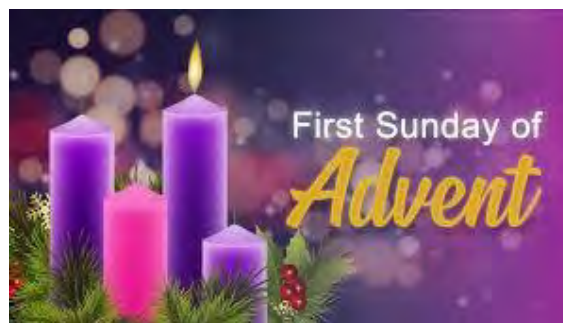
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LET US KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

November 30, 2025



THE HOLY ROSARY is recited **30 minutes before each weekday Mass.** Please, come and pray for **Our Heavenly Mother's intercession.**

Prayers for the Sick:

Theresa **Bruce**, Madge **McDonald**, Patricia **Quigley**,
Mary **Rice**, Donna **Power**, Charlie **Conway**,
Florence **Earle**, Mary Ann **Lewis**, Isabella **Dye**, Catherine
Butler, Madonna **Wheeler**, Isabel **Goodridge**,
Charlie **Furey**, Patrick **Redmond**, Debbie **Lucas**,
Rick **Cooper**, Faith **Nuna**, Christopher **Anthony**,
Father Philip **Melvin**, John **O'Dea**, Sister Margie **Taylor**,
Gerald **Murphy**, Rosemary **Butt**, Esther **Lane**,
Yvonne **Steiner**, Denise **Carter**, Norma **Saunders**,
Cathy **Melee**, Tony **Skinner**, Robert **Redmond**,
Betty **Redmond**, Sister Roisin **Gannon**, Brenda **Skanes**,
Malcolm & Mary **White**, Larry **Whitten**,
Donald **O'Neill**, Agnes **Hewitt**, Anne **Lilly**,
John & Edward, Margie **Lawlor**, John **Aylward**,
Harold **Saunders**, Terry **Williams**, Mary **Kelly**,
Margaret **Ryan**, Albert **Williams**, Gerard **Quigley**,
Karen **Bearns**, Nicole **Cutler**, Sister Elizabeth **Davis**,
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Harold **Hancock**, Gary **Daley**, Martha **Ward**,
Mary **McCarthy**, Sister Lorraine **Power**, Bob **Melee**,
Ed **O'Leary**, Don **Rolfe**, Jamie **Halleran**, Albert **Rosariu**,
Rose **Barrett**, Judy **Oliver**, Julia **Nash**, Jenita **Norman**,
Devin **Johnson**, Mary Margaret **Hanrahan**,
Josephine **Woodfine**, A. **Kenny**, Rita **Parsons**,
Father Joe **Schuck**, Nicolas **Alacoque**, Blanche **Wells**,
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George **Stillman**, Bridget **Hughes**, Dean **Abbott**,
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Parish Team

Archbishop of St. John's

Most Reverend Peter J. Hundt

Rector, Parish Priest

Very Reverend Cecil Critch, P.P., V.G.

Receptionist: Ms. Geraldine Boland

Music Director: Ms. Patty Fowler

THIS COMING WEEK IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Monday – Matthew 8.5-11, 13++

9:00 a.m. Mass for Meta **Farrell**, John-Michael **Mackay**, Peggy **Bishop**

Tuesday – Luke 10.21-24

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Hillier family**, Raymond **Murphy**, Robert & Margaret **Drake**

Wednesday – Matthew 15.29-37

9:00 a.m. Mass for Catherine **Henley**, Father John **Hanton** & deceased family members, Mary **Hearn**

Thursday – St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Squires family**, Dan **Mahoney**, Catherine **Smart**

Friday – Matthew 9.27-31

9:00 a.m. Mass for Marie **Mackey**, Dr. Robert **MacDonald**, deceased member of the **Baird & Codner family**

Saturday – Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Bearns family**, Reuben **Warren**, deceased members of the **Mallon family**

5:00 p.m. Mass for Joan **Hundt**, deceased members of the **Dominic family**, Richard & Mary **Roche**

Sunday – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Mass for Hugh **Kielly**, Dorothy **Hancock**, Anne **McDonald**

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

7:00 p.m. Mass for James & Geraldine **Bouzane**, Patrick (Paddy) **Kennedy**, Margaret **Maloney**

PARISH EXPENSES		
	Per Year	Per Month
Rent (including utilities)	\$360,000.00	\$30,000.00
Salaries & Benefits, Staff	\$180,000.00	\$15,000.00
Archdiocese Assessment	\$102,195.72	\$ 8,516.31
Insurance (tenants, liabilities)	\$ 63,962.40	\$ 5,330.20
Office & Church Supplies	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$766,158.12	\$63,846.51
Total Needed Per Week	\$ 14,733.81	Thank you!
Collections This Week:	\$ 6,508.00	
Other Income This Week:	\$ 7,901.00	
Electronic Donations:	\$ 2,802.17	
Total This Week:	\$ 17,211.17	

The continuing operation of the Cathedral Basilica Parish is dependent on **all of our parishioners remembering to donate** towards the daily operations of our Parish. The **MAIN source of revenue** is from the collections/donations of **EVERYONE** who attends Masses, ***as well as our online viewers***. All collections for the Parish go **directly to our daily operating costs**. We have tap machines, parish envelopes, on-line donations, automatic deposits, as well as collection baskets. **Another very convenient option for your donation is by E-TRANSFER (basilicafinance@rcsj.org)**. If you would like to receive a box of offertory envelopes, please feel free to drop in to the Parish Office. **Also, please know that your donation (*large or small*) makes a significant difference to us.**

Please support **Cowan Plaza BINGO**

They regularly support our Parish, as well as the following:

Emmaus House Food Bank, Cystic Fibrosis Canada, Our Lady Queen of Families Parish, Health Care Foundation, Cancer Care Foundation, and Holy Trinity Parish.

Let this Sacred Season in your life create new promises, new dreams and new hopes.
Happy Advent!



DEARLY DEPARTED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **James Finn and Sister Regina Quigley**. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in God's holy peace. Our most sincere condolences to their families.

CATECHETICAL FORMATION: We are continuing to register families for the Catechetical Formation of children for the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist. We invite you to **register by calling 754-2170**. Registrations received after December 2025 will prepare for the 2026-2027 program.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA): This is a journey *welcoming adults interested in preparing for the Sacraments* of Initiation in the Roman Catholic Church - Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist. We also *welcome Catholics who wish to further explore their faith*. **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** To register, please contact **Michelle Bennett, Coordinator (michelle.hse.bennett@gmail.com)**, or contact the Parish Office at 709-754-2170.

Official Notification of the Extinctive Union of Holy Rosary Parish, Portugal Cove with Holy Trinity Parish, Torbay

On November 18, 2025, the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of St. John's, was consulted regarding amalgamation of Holy Rosary Parish, Portugal Cove with Holy Trinity Parish in Torbay. The motive for an amalgamation being:

- the *de facto* closure of the Parish Church in 2022,
- the subsequent sale of the properties of the Parish, and
- the resulting extinction, for all practical purposes, of the parochial life that characterizes the present condition of the Parish.

The Presbyteral Council having been consulted, a decree for the extinctive union of Holy Rosary Parish in Portugal Cove with Holy Trinity Parish in Torbay was issued on November 24, 2025.

A copy of the decree is available on request via post at Suite 402, 33 Pippy Place, St. John's, A1B 3X2 and via email at: archdiocese@rcsj.org

Official Notification of the Extinctive Union of St. Patrick's Parish, St. John's with St. John the Baptist Parish, St. John's

On November 18, 2025, the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of St. John's, was consulted regarding amalgamation of St. Patrick's Parish, St. John's with St. John the Baptist Parish in St. John's. The motive for an amalgamation being:

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250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS CONGREGATION IN IRELAND:



This coming Christmas Eve will mark the **250th Anniversary of the founding of the Presentation Sisters by the Venerable Nano Nagle in 1775**. At the time, British Law governed Ireland, denying Catholics and other "dissenters" the right to practice their faith, vote, own property and get an education. For the past 250 years, the Presentation Sisters have spread throughout the world, working to combat injustice by providing education as a path out of poverty and oppression. Presentation People around the globe will commemorate this Anniversary throughout the coming year. We hope you will join us at the 11 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, December 21st, in the Basilica, St. John's, to begin our year of celebrating the work and legacy of the Presentation Sisters since 1775, and especially of the Presentation Sisters of Newfoundland since their arrival here in 1833 – the first Presentation community founded outside of Ireland.



INVENTORY: Please consider buying your Christmas cards & gifts of religious articles from the Basilica Parish Gift Store located in the lobby of the Parish Office (assorted cards, statues, rosaries, Bibles, Christmas ornaments, Sacramental gifts ...). Also, the December and January editions of **Living with Christ Missalettes**, as well as **The St. Joseph Sunday Missals**, are now available. Both cost \$5.00 each.

ADVENT VIDEO SERIES: We are pleased to announce that the **Journey through Advent** Video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, will be available again this year. This is a project from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). This year's spiritual reflections are delivered by the Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Moncton (in French), and the Most Reverend Wayne Lawrence Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton (in English). These reflections can be found on our Archdiocesan webpage: www.rcsj.org

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

***You are invited to embrace the warmth of Christmas and celebrate the
BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR***

***with us at St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish.
Join in festive joy, love and community. Celebrate with us!***

Christmas Eve at 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and midnight. Christmas Day at 10 a.m.



November 27 was the **Feast Day of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**. The Miraculous Medal is special as it was **designed by Mother Mary!** Our Lady appeared to Sister Catherine Laboure (who is now a Saint) at the Convent of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Paris, France, in 1830, telling her, "God wants to give you a Mission". The Blessed Virgin showed her an image saying, "Have a medal struck on this model. The persons who wear it will receive great graces; the graces will be inexhaustible for those who have confidence". The image was of Our Lady with her arms outstretched with rays of light coming from her hands. The Blessed Mother said, "Those rays that you see are the graces which I pour out on those who ask me for them with trust, and the fingers where there is an absence of rays represent the graces that people forget to ask me for". Encircling the medal were the words, "Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee". Thus, it was originally known as the *Medal of the Immaculate Conception*, but when the medals were distributed, as per Our Lady's request, so many cures and conversions occurred that it became known as **the Miraculous Medal**. It is not the medal itself, but wearing it with trust in our Heavenly Mother's intercession, that brings these graces about. The reverse side of the medal includes 12 stars on the outer edge, the letter "M" surmounted by a cross, and The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary. St Catherine Laboure's incorrupt body still rests today in the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Paris, France, as a witness to God's Mission for her: bring The Blessed Virgin's medal and it's associated blessings to the world. **After all Masses on November 29 and 30, blessed Miraculous Medals will be distributed by the Legion of Mary.** (Citations from Miraculous Medal Shrine Booklet, Paris, France: Catherine Laboure, The Saint of Silence)



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DON'T FORGET: Due to **The 30th Annual Advent Festival of Carols & Scripture** being held at 6:30 p.m. on **Sunday, November 30, 2025**, **THERE WILL NOT BE A 7:00 P.M. MASS ON THIS DAY.**



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