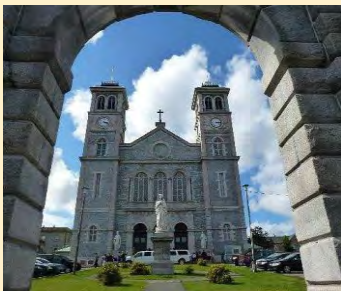


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL BASILICA PARISH

## 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](mailto: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)

### **Please, contact us at:**

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**E-transfers are gratefully accepted at [basilicafinance@rcsj.org](mailto:basilicafinance@rcsj.org)**



**LET US KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.**

December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**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, Mary O'Neill, Jason Walsh, Inez Marche, Glen Benson, 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, Joe Baker, Robert Pitcher, Mary McCarthy, George Stillman, Bridget Hughes, Dean Abbott, Paula Squires, Rose Barrett, John Handrigan

#### 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 – Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Sidney **Bearns**, Brian **Fitzgerald**, Father Pat **Power** & deceased family

**Tuesday – Matthew 18.12-14**

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Alleyne** family, Eileen **Kent**, Anna **Lip**

**Wednesday – Matthew 11.28-30**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Josephine **Traverse**, Lar **Rossiter**, Catherine **Doyle**

**Thursday – Matthew 11.11-15**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Fred & Ann **Kendall**, Peter **Miskell**, Leo **Edwards**

**Friday – Feast of Our lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Dr. Shannon **Ryan** & deceased family, Richard **Woods**, Catherine **Smart**

**Saturday – Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**

9:00 a.m. Mass for deceased members of the **Healey** family, Margaret **Roach**,  
deceased members of the **McCarthy** family

5:00 p.m. Mass for Mary **Royle**, deceased members of the **Dunphy** family, Ruby **Mclsaac**

**Sunday – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00 a.m. Mass for Peter **Butler**, James **Lambe**, Archbishop A.L. **Penny**

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

7:00 p.m. Mass for Sam & Susan **Hanaford**, Clyde & Betty **Burt**, Debbie **O’Toole**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$766,158.12</b>	<b>\$63,846.51</b>
<b>Total Needed Per Week</b>	<b>\$ 14,733.81</b>	Thank you!
Collections This Week:	\$ 6,099.00	
Other Income This Week:	\$ 4,848.00	
Electronic Donations:	\$ 2,737.20	
Donation:	\$ 5,000.00	
<b>Total This Week:</b>	<b>\$ 18,684.00</b>	

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](mailto: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 **Margaret Roach, Flora Baker, Samual Short, Margaret Bishop & Edwina MacDonald**. 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. Please pray for our adults on this OCIA Journey.

**VIGIL: TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO DIED BY SUICIDE** – **Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025 at 3pm** This candlelight vigil is held to support family and friends who lost loved ones to suicide. Join in-person or livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksnl/>. To **add a new photo to the post-vigil slideshow**, email Juanita at [juanita.marie.simmons@gmail.com](mailto:juanita.marie.simmons@gmail.com) or Kim at [kakelly@mun.ca](mailto:kakelly@mun.ca) by **December 9, 2025**. To **add a new name to be read aloud** email Kim at [kakelly@mun.ca](mailto:kakelly@mun.ca) by **midnight on December 13, 2025**. Vigil music by Shelley Neville and Peter Halley. Photo slideshow music by Judy Brazil, Shannon Power and the Ennis Sisters. Those joining in person are invited to bring a framed photo of your loved one to be displayed and sandwiches/cookies for tea/coffee while you share in conversation to music by Dan Dillon. All are welcome! **Date: Sunday, December 14, 2024. Time: 3:00 pm. In-Person Location: St. Mark's Church, 203 Logy Bay Rd., St. John's. Livestream Location** <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksnl/>

**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 (CCCB). 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](http://www.rcsj.org)

### **250<sup>TH</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.



**TERRA NOVA COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: ANNUAL RAFFLE** in aid of Christmas hampers will take place **between 1 and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7th and December 14<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held at Columbus Hall on St. Clare Avenue. **Turkeys, Christmas cheer and cash spins! All are welcome!**

**Congratulations to all who made the Advent Festival such a GREAT success!**

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - Come join the yuletide fun at Holy Trinity Church in Torbay on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with lots of great entertainers from throughout the Parish area! We are going to have Christmas Sweeps on a Gift Card Tree valued at \$500, and a Gift Basket with lots of great prizes drawn for at the concert! Come along and bring a friend! Hope to see you there!

**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.***

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



**PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL**

Walk where St. Paul preached, taught and founded early Christian communities on this unforgettable 11-day pilgrimage through **Greece, August 21–31, 2026**. This journey combines sacred sites, rich history and the beauty of the Greek Isles – with Spiritual Director Archbishop Martin W. Currie bringing Scripture to life in a powerful and inspiring way. An optional extension to **MEDJUGORJE** (August 31–September 4, 2026) is also available for those wishing to continue their spiritual experience. **\$7,199 Canadian**, per person, from Halifax (double occupancy). Optional Medjugorje post-tour: \$1,445 CAD per person. [www.206tours.com/marcel](http://www.206tours.com/marcel) Booking Code: MA082126. **TOUR LEADER:** Marcel Arsenault. For more information, contact [katherine@206tours.com](mailto:katherine@206tours.com) 1-800-206-8687



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The Cathedral Basilica Foundation is looking for volunteers to assist with upcoming events and Heritage Projects on the Basilica Block. Whether you can offer a few hours here and there or take on a more regular role, your help makes a real difference in preserving and sharing this *treasured landmark*. If you're interested, **scan the QR code** to sign up, or email [info@basilicafoundation.ca](mailto:info@basilicafoundation.ca) /call **709-793-4411** and leave a message. We'd love to hear from you!





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